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to Freedom

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Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library.
- Hub City Citizens meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (at each center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association For Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Twentieth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

The State Of The Southwest Digest In Like A Lion And Out Like A Lamb?

By Eddie P. Richardson

In like a lion or out like a lamb can well be the legacy of the Southwest Digest. This can easily happen with the massive cost increases of doing business. This high cost of doing business has become an obstacle for the Southwest Digest, which has fallen victim to the times. September 11, 1977 when the Digest was born, it cost approximately \$150.00 to print an issue. The cost has continued to rise, and currently, costs approximately seven times that original amount. We did not increase our advertising prices or subscription prices. Our subscription pricing in 1977 was \$15.00 per year. We finally increased subscriptions to \$20.00 while postage continued to rise. Now our subscription price does not even pay the postage. So we lose!

Our advertising rate has been \$7.50 per column inch for over twenty years. We have always been reluctant to raise our prices. However, survival dictates that we must raise that price to \$12.00 per column inch. At this rate, we were still extremely competitive with other local media.

There is no doubt about it, the

Southwest Digest is still a community newspaper. We will still be of service to the community, but we need the Community's Help! The way the community can help is by placing advertisements and subscribing to the paper. By doing business with and shopping with those that support the Black community, the Southwest Digest included; we are making a statement about our significance in the community and our economic impact. To do otherwise or to lose the Southwest Digest undermines the community cohesiveness.



The Southwest Digest is the only Black oriented newspaper within a 300 mile radius of Lubbock. This circumstance has given us the unique responsibility

of serving our community and being its voice, it's our only voice, and we feel we passionately served that purpose. Maybe we have served it too well. We have always given church and service groups free advertising. Those advertisements still cost money. We will continue to publish those announcements, in text form at no cost to the group, but there will be a minimal charge for fundraising events. Now if you are going to subscribe, do it now! The subscription rate is now \$37.50 per year. That rate only covers the costs. But the key issue is do you want the Southwest Digest to continue to serve you and plead your case? It's up to you. The ball is in your court. If you want it, prove it. If you don't, we can go to the house. This writer has worked himself into bad health over the years. T. J., as well, has also paid some heavy dues and has some health issues.

So if you really want the Southwest Digest, we will continue to strive to improve and be of even more service to the community.

If we are to survive, there will be changes in the near future. They will be for the betterment of all concerned. More later! But until then, thanks for what you will do in the future.

Richardson applying for Nurse Manager Position at Lubbock Heart Hospital

Prayers from the Lubbock Community are sent on behalf of Angela Richardson, RN, BSN, upon her applying for the nurse manager position at



Richardson

the Lubbock Heart Hospital. She is loved and respected by many of her community peers.

At was time, she was a former employee of the Lubbock Heart Hospital as a charge nurse and resigned last September due to circumstances beyond her control. She has always felt as though the best cardiologists and surgeons in Lubbock and surrounding areas are on staff at Lubbock Heart Hospital.

When asking her about the new position she is seeking, she stated: "If I receive the position, it will be a great honor. I am always recommending the physicians to friends, family and community members. It will be a joy to be able to visit them if they are ever admitted to the Heart Hospital."

She continues, "I tell people, all the time, the physicians are the best in the world!! I love all of them, and I respect them greatly and their work. I have worked with them since graduating from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in 1998. They are a great group to work for and the best! The physicians are so knowledgeable, and I learned so much from them over the past few years. As I have always said, seek them and you won't be disappointed!"

Known to many of her friends, family and neighbors as "Community Nurse," because of the advice she so freely offers. "When you are a nurse, people will always ask you for advice on physicians and hospitals. After being hospitalized for quite a while in the Lubbock Heart Hospital, I was able to gain even more respect for the physicians. I was very sick, and I know I was able to survive because of them. The physicians and nursing staff were wonderful."

It will be such a blessing if she receives the position as nurse manager at Lubbock Heart Hospital. It will be a giant step in the right direction. She will continue to educate others. She will also be in a position to recruit other minorities to seek employment opportunities at Lubbock Heart Hospital. There's no doubt about it, Angela Richardson has the personality, skills, knowledge and the education to fill the position.

Braxtons honored at 4th Annual African American History Month reception



Mr. and Mrs. James Braxton

A full house was in attendance Saturday afternoon, February 25, 2006, at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library, to honor two retired teachers, Mr. & Mrs. James Thomas Braxton. Mr. Braxton is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wiley College in

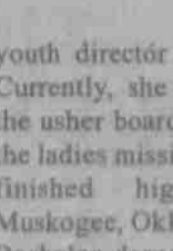
Marshall, Texas, and Master of Music Education degree from Denver University, Denver, Colorado, and studied at the University of Nebraska and Texas Tech University. He taught school for 36 years. He is a member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church of Lubbock where he has served with the choir, Methodist Men, trustees and the Pastor Parish.



Barrow



Thomas



Walker

He is also a member of the Hub City Kiwanis and is a World War II veteran. His wife of 61 years, Mrs. Bernice Robert Braxton, is also a member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church where she has taught Primary Sunday School classes and served as youth director for many years. Currently, she is a member of the usher board and serves with the ladies mission. Mrs. Braxton finished high school in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and has a Bachelor degree in Elementary Education from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. She has done graduate work at Texas Tech University. A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., she retired after 36 years of teaching in Oklahoma and Lubbock public schools.

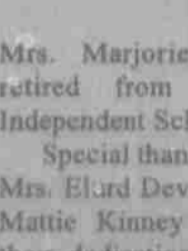
They are proud parents of a daughter, Ruby Jewel; and a son, Thomas Roy. Thomas Roy is married to Sharon Whittaker



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and together they have two sons: Ian James who is eight, and Julian Thomas, age five. A special recognition was given to three retired educators for their untiringly work in Lubbock. They were Mrs. Lottie Fay Barrow, Mrs. Edna Raye Walker, and Mrs. Marjorie Thomas. All retired from the Lubbock Independent School District.

Special thanks were given to Mrs. Elard Devenport and Mrs. Mattie Kinney McKinney for their dedication to the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library where they have served as volunteers. Serving as mistress of ceremonies was Mrs. Helen Fitzgerald, branch manager. Greetings were given by Ms. Jane Clausen, library director. Special music selections were given by the Alderson & Dunbar Middle Schools Choir. Special Black History demonstrations



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were done by the Black History Team of Alderson Middle School. The Jay Harris Quartet provided music for the afternoon. Also, Jay Harris and Quamon Fowler did a special selection.

Words of inspiration were given by Bobbie Gean & T.J. Patterson who also gave a special presentation to the honored guest, Mrs. Vernita Holmes and Mr. Clyde Wilson presented certificates to those who were recognized. Mr. Wilson, a first year teacher, was given special words from those being recognized.

Following the program, a reception was coordinated by the Patterson Branch Book Discussion Group. Rev. & Mrs. Charles Hankson served as caterer, while the cake was baked by Mr. James Young. Corsages for the special guest were done by Donna's Heavenly Scent Creations by Mrs. Donna Drones.

This event was sponsored by the Friends of the Lubbock Public Library and the Southwest Digest.

Special reception set for young photographers

A very special reception will be held to honor more than one-hundred & fifty great young people. These wonderful children, ages 10 to 14, took hundreds and hundreds of awesome pictures of East Lubbock, but only one photograph could be used in the "Take Pride in the East Side Contest and Image Campaign."

Friday evening, March 3, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00

p.m., at the Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Avenue K, each of the submitted pictures will be on display at the reception for all the participants. The top forty photographs will become a part of an elegant traveling exhibit, touring the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, the South Plains Mall, Texas Tech University, and other highly traffic locations in the city of Lubbock. These

photos are to remind the citizens of Lubbock of what many already know, East Lubbock is one of the most beautiful places in West Texas as well as Texas.

The public is invited to come and see the top 40 photographs as well as meet the young people responsible. There will also be thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes awarded at the reception.

The Inspirational Choir of Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church of Slaton will have a Spring Musical on Saturday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. Guest soloist will be Shantel Subblefield of Full Armour Ministries. Come and Be Blessed

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.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Spring break will be here shortly for the students in the Lubbock Public School. This year, the Guadalupe Parkway Neighborhood Center will sponsor its eighth annual "Spring Break Against Crime" camp March 13 thru 17, 2006 at Parkway Neighborhood Center, 405 North Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., from 9:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m.

Students enrolled will have an opportunity to attend field trips and receive information on exercising and staying drug free.

The camp is free. Registration will be from 5:30 p. m. to 6:30 p. m. Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Parkway Neighborhood Center. For more information, call (806) 763-3963.

If you need tax preparation, free tax services are available at 2710 Avenue Q at various times every Monday through Saturday until April 17, 2006. This service is to help low-to-moderate income people. This service is being provided by the Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers. For more information, call 687-2228.

If you haven't voted at present time for the upcoming Primary Elections, Democrats and Republicans, you have until tomorrow, Friday, March 3,

2006, to vote early. If you miss that deadline, don't miss the election date on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. Don't forget, voting is very important as so many have died so that none of us who remain can utilize their precious vote. Please vote!! If you know of someone who hasn't voted, take them with you to the polls!

The Missionary Society of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will be hosting an Area Missionary Society program on Saturday, March 18, 2006, at the church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Missionary Society Sisters will be coming from Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Abilene and other West Texas areas to participate in this program. Sister Bessie Cox is president of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Missionary Society. Rev. Eddie L. Everline is pastor.

This writer has learned that if you are a Senior Citizen, you have an opportunity to get a hot and well-balanced lunch Monday thru Friday at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens, 2064 East Oak Avenue. For more information, call 767-2708. Adults who are 60 and older are asked to donate \$2.00 per meal. But Seniors not able to pay will not be turned away.

There are other Senior

Citizens Centers also. They are: Lubbock Senior Center, 2001 19th Street, Maggie Trejo Supercenter, 3200 A. J. Anders Avenue, Cooper Rawlings Community and Senior Center, 2137 40th Street and Homestead Senior Center, 5401 56th Street.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in. Today, they are shut-in, and who knows it should be one of us tomorrow.

At the same time, let us not forget those families who have lost a loved one. Among them is the family of Sister Clara Lawson who passed away February 23, 2006. Funeral services were held at the New Hope Baptist Church Monday morning, February 27, 2006.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, February 26, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, "The Church Where The People Really Care". Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then visit New Hope.

Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "God Is Still In Control." His text scripture was Exodus 2:1-10.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Celestine Kyle, and Sister Dorothy White welcomed the visitors.

In Remembrance

T.V. Biscoe

Funeral services for T. V. Biscoe were held Wednesday afternoon, March 1, 2006, at Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Ciara Eddington Lawson

Funeral services for Ciara Eddington Lawson were held Monday morning, February 27, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

The wife of the late Cleo Lawson, she passed away Thursday, February 23, 2006.

She is survived by her mother, Gracie Eddington of Bryan, Texas; her children: Glenda Sims (Billy Hines), Bessie Walker (Rodney Lewis, all of Lubbock, Shirley Williams (Ray) of Dallas, and Cleo Lawson, Jr. (Teresa) of Oklahoma City, OK; a sister, Dorothy Willis; two brothers, Jessie and the Rev. S. L. Morris, Sr., a special nephew, Clayton Morris (Clara); brother-in-law, Charlie Taylor; and friend, Robert Cork.

Felice "Dean" Mable

Washington, Texas — The homegoing of Felice "Dean" Mable was held February 11, 2006, at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church with Rev. Benjamin Martin, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the Washington Cemetery in Washington under the direction of Jones Funeral Home of Navasota, Texas.

Active pallbearers were Allen Mable, John Winters,

Brutus Jones, Glenn Winters. Honorary pallbearers were family and friends.

She was born November 11, 1932 to the late Katie P. Winters and the late Lester Winters, Sr. She was raised and attended public school in Washington. Upon completing school, she married Oscar Mable and both moved to Houston.

While in Houston, she joined Friendship Baptist Church, where she was known for her melodious voice. After retiring from Houston Christian Home, Felice decided to return to what she called "Old Washington." Upon her return, she joined the fellowship of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church until her homegoing. Felice departed Monday, February 6, 2006.

She leaves to mourn her passing: three sons: Allen, Robert Eul (Jennifer), and Alexander (Jennette); one sister, Jewell Jefferson of Houston; a brother, Lester Winters, Jr. and a sister-in-law, Beulah Winters, both of Lubbock; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; three nieces, a nephew, and a host of relatives and friends.

Louvia Nunley

Funeral services were held for Louvia Nunley Tuesday morning, February 28, 2006, at the

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson
GIVENCHY
IRREGULAR
HEARTBEATS

Spring is almost here and fashion GIVENCHY is getting to the heart of things, you are going to see a lot of hearts. Hearts represents romance, fun, excitement, and hearts will be leading the fashion scene this spring. Ladies this is your chance to really display exactly where your heart is. From beautiful hearts on your skirts, jackets, hats, jewelry, belts, and ladies whats really cool is large heart shaped sun glasses, preferably white, look like a movie star. HOW GREAT IS THAT! JUST LOOK FOR THE HEARTS!

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile! FASHION - Just for the fun of it!

Griffin Mortuary Chapel. Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock. She passed away here Friday, February 24, 2006, at her residence.

Maedgen Elementary celebrates 50th Anniversary



On February 24, Maedgen Elementary celebrated the 50th anniversary of the school with several special events. The renovated courtyard at the school was dedicated to current Deputy Superintendent for Elementary Education, Ann Graves. Graves also was principal of the school from 1990-1993.

Shown (L to R) are former Maedgen Principal Frank Mullican, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Larry Mullican, Deputy Superintendent for Elementary Ann Graves (holding the scissors), former Principal Toza Nelson, LISD Superintendent Wayne Havens and current Maedgen Principal Glen Teal. Ralph Madrid, assistant superintendent for personnel, is partially visible behind Graves and Fred Hardin, deputy superintendent for secondary, is partially visible behind Toza Nelson.

Alpha Kappa Alpha hosts local banquet

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. sponsored a banquet last Saturday evening, February 25, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Plaza South on Loop 289.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was founded on the campus of Howard University in 1908. The sorority is a service organization. Alpha Kappa Alpha has raised thousands of dollars and returns the money to the community through scholarships and by supporting families in need.

Currently, Christa Christopher is attending the University of Chicago with the help of an AKA scholarship.

Reva Alexander is the president of the local chapter, Eta Delta Omega. For additional information, concerning the chapter or to purchase a ticket, please call Mrs. Alexander at 765-9274 or Mrs. Nora Hutchinson at 744-0174.

Manhattan Heights Church of Christ

763-0582 - Tyrone N. DuBoise, Minister
1702 E. 26th St. (corner of E. 26th St. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.)

Sunday:
Bible Class - 9:00am
Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm
Wednesday:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Man
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:38
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:9
How do we obey him?
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
Be faithful until death - Rev. 2:10

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Church School 9:30am
Morning Worship 11:00am

Wednesday Bible Study
12:00 Noon and 6:00pm



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MAN OUR BROTHER"

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office - 8+ years 1989 - 1998 : Misdemeanor, Felony and Grand Jury Attorney, Misdemeanor Chief, Juvenile Prosecutor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hele County Criminal District Attorney's Office (length of employment not known)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge Lubbock County Court at Law #2 1999 - Present 22,000+ Cases Presided Over 129% Case Disposition Record 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office 9/10/01 - 1/23/03 (16 months) Quit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.7 million collected in the last 5 years by instituting a new Collections System for Lubbock County that requires defendants to pay court costs, fines, and repay court-appointed attorney fees in a timely manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office Misdemeanor Chief 8/02/04 - 1/04/06 (17 months)*** Quit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Lubbock Drug Court Drug Court is much more intense than probation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *** As Misdemeanor Chief during 2005 he dismissed 2,161 misdemeanor cases or six (6) misdemeanor cases per day which is 39.3% of all the misdemeanor cases filed for 2005.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed by the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ Lubbock Professional Police Association ☑ Lubbock Professional Fireman's Association ☑ Lubbock Board of Realtors ☑ Lubbock Avalanche-Journal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *** From 8/02/04 - 1/04/06 he tried only one (1) case in County Court at Law #2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always Ready for Trial 	

Re-Elect Judge Drue Farmer

Judge Drue Farmer subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. Pol. Ads. paid for by the Campaign to Re-Elect Judge Drue Farmer, Lubbock County Court at Law #2, in compliance with the voluntary limits of the Judicial Campaign Fairness Act, L.B. Hall, Treasurer, 1001 Texas Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79401

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Special Guest soloist
Shantel Scubfield of Full Armor Ministries
Bishop L. Chatman

March 11, 2006
7:00pm
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
887 First, Station
Rev. C.C. Peoples, Pastor



Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Thank God, It Could Be Worse!

Written by Evangelist Jilly "D.J." Morrison, III - You, a brother in Christ, Jesus always.

Proverbs 27:20 - Hell and destruction are never full. So the eyes of men are never satisfied. I cannot calm the pain of a headache. The pain is great, and we began to curse. We hear of the person who has a brain tumor. Thank God it could be worse!

Psalm 92:1-2 - It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto his name, O' Most High. To show forth your loving kindness in the morning, and your faithfulness every night.

We say it is cold outside, and it can be only 12 degrees, and we began to curse. We know of Alaska's temperatures of 80 below. Thank God, it could be worse!

Psalm 118:23-24 - This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

West Texas farmers made a bumper crop, and prayed no rain would come. God heard their prayers, and since October, believe it there has not been none!!!

The farmers prayed no rain, and it hasn't since October, and they curse. In the northeast, they had over 60 days of non-stop rain. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

(The farmers wanted to get the cotton out of the fields, and

this was their prayer. No rain. So we must be careful of what we pray for. Lord's will, we'll get it!!!

*** Did The Farmers Say: "Thank You, Lord, We Got The Cotton In?" ***

The man robbed the store and took \$85. For that, he received 20 years, and he began to curse. A man robbed the store in Dallas, and was killed. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Proverbs 16:4 - The Lord has made all things for his end. Yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.

We go to the grocery stores and fill 7 sacks high. Then we begin to curse. We see many people busting the trash cans for food. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Deuteronomy 15:11 - The Lord said, for the poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore, I command you, saying, you shall open your hand wide unto the poor, and to your needy in your land.

And when it does rain all day and get to be 4 inches, and we begin to curse. We hear of the flooding in other states. We need to thank God, it could be worse!!!

Romans 14:6 - He that regards the day, regards it unto the Lord, and that regards not the day. To the Lord he does not regard it. He that eats, eats to the

Lord, for he gives thanks and he blesses him. To the Lord, he eats not, and gives God thanks.

*** Lord, Teach Us Not To Complain So Much!!! ***

We can go to the store and pull on the door. It's hard to open and we curse. We have seen the man in the wheelchair trying to get in. Thank God, it could be worse.

Psalm 105:1-2 - O' Give Thanks unto the Lord. Call upon his name. Make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him. Sing psalms unto him. Talk you of all his wonders works.

People will have an accident, and their car's tender becomes bent, and they curse. You and I have heard of an accident and a killing. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Psalm 107:1-2 - O' Give Thanks unto the Lord, for he is good. For his mercy endures forever. For the redemption of the Lord say so, whoso he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

We stomp our toe, the pain is great, and under our breath we curse. We see the person with no foot at all. Thank God, it could be worse!!!

Ephesians 5:20 - Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are reflecting on the scriptures Mark 11:28-36: "So Jesus answered and said to them, have Faith In God. For assuredly, I say to you, whosoever says to this mountain be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them!

And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him that your Father in heaven may forgive you, your trespasser, but if you don't forgive your trespasses.

Are you having problems in

your life? This scripture says you must speak to that mountain and tell it to move. God has left the pattern for us to follow. Having problems with you health? Tell it to move! Put your hand on yourself, and believe in God. Say, "Move mountain." If you believe, you sue can receive. But, Saints, if you have something against another, this won't work! For this to work, you have to have a forgiving Spirit! If you refuse to do so, He will not answer. Think about it, Saints. (God cannot lie!)

Let's Pray!
As we are well into this new year, Lord, let each of us look at the scriptures and receive it as a Pattern for us to go by. As these mountains come up in our lives, help us to remember to speak to

them. Lord, help us to be better stewards of your world. We need you in all we do. We can't do it by ourselves. We know how to love others. Give us the power to act on it. Such as getting oughts out of our hearts that we may be healed in all kinds of ways. Touch all the precious people who are sick and read and go by the Word! In your name, we pray! AMEN.

We want each of you to know we're praying for you, no matter the problem. We're all about Prayer! Thanks for reading.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burselon, vice president; Sister Elbora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

P. S. : What a mighty God we serve!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, February 26, 2006, was an outstanding day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services begun with Sunday School, beginning at 10:05 a.m. Our dedicated Superintendent, Sister Luella Harris, was in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris. It was

reviewed by Pastor Canady. It was another wonderful lesson. One learns so much from studying the word in Sunday School. If you are not attending your Sunday School, you should think about doing so.

Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Vincent Bailey were responsible for the morning devotion. The Voices of St. Matthew Baptist Church sang

several selections. Again, they sung out of their souls.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "I Believe, But Help My Unbelief." His scripture text was St. Mark 9:24-24. Praise God for the message and the messenger!

Thought For the Week: "To give your life to Christ now is to keep it forever."

DUNBAR ALL-CLASS REUNION VII Don't Miss It! July 13-16, 2006



• Plenty of Fun, Activities, and Memories! This year's reunion promises to top last year's!

• Remember: Fees must be paid by May 31st! NO MONIES will be accepted after that date or during the Reunion!

Send your fees to:
Dunbar All-Class Reunion VII,
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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Lubbock City Council: Taking a Stand

Lubbock City Council voted 5-2 to seal mausoleum deal with Austin-based back on February 24, 2006. As a citizen of Lubbock, I want to commend those five who listened attentively to Assistant City Manager Quincy White. You're intelligent in asking and giving input plus your vote express a great deal of respect and compassion for this great city.

Councilman Price answered the question I had previously asked. The question was who was representing District 2, Gary Boren or Tom Martin. By Mr. Price's parliamentary move, we all know who "the man" is. Furthermore, the call for reconsideration of the issue by Gary Boren and the "sign, seal, and delivered" pro 5-2 vote removed the iron clad parts of the objectors.

However, as a taxpayer, leader and citizen of this great community, I must say I take issue with how Gary Boren and Tom Martin express their opinions to those who would take a stand, question or differ with their objectives, pet projects or way of doing business.

Gary Boren's questioning of Mr.

White reminded me of a portmanteau word: "Dixiecrat." Dixiecrats was a term used to refer to conservative white Southerners who remain within the Democratic Party, and those who were formerly Democrats but later identified themselves as Republicans. These white Southerners from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina had a problem with Afro phobia. Their slogan was "Segregation Forever!"

Could it be that some Lubbock City Council persons have embedded within them some core values that are Dixiecrats that begin with Richard Nixon's "Southern Strategy" to the present president policies of more authoritarian government? If this is so, person of this nature should not be elected to serve in any of Lubbock's governments.

Lubbock is presently in a progressive mode. Blacks in the know speak well of Mayor Marc McDougal and would like to see him stay in politics. However, from a personal observation, two of the council members actions that are similar to those persons of Vider, Texas and Trent Lott's Mississippi, need to

back up their rugs and go! This writer has the pulse of many in the Lubbock community. We want to thank the Lubbock Police Department for presently doing a good job. What you are presently doing is making our city a safe place to live. Soon it will be so senior citizens will be able to get their exercise by walking in the community where they live. It means a lot to all of us to see children run, play, and not be threatened by the evildoers of our society.

The latest round up of those trafficking in illegal drugs by federal, state, county and city government police should serve as a reminder to those who would destroy the very fabric of our society, that their actions would not be tolerated. The present District Attorney is honorable, scholarly, and a man of his word. He and his staff will find a place in a correctional facility for those who commit evil toward the members of the Lubbock Society. West and South Lubbock are included in his agenda.

Please take the opportunity to VOTE!

League of Women Voters to hold public forum on school finance

"Why You Should Be Interested in a Special Session on School Finance" will be addressed by F. Scott McCown, Executive Director of Austin's Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP), at a public forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lubbock County on March 7, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Garden Room of St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University.

This is a timely forum to help inform the public about issues the

Texas Legislature faces this spring in a special session prompted by a November 2005 Texas Supreme Court ruling declaring the current property tax funding for primary and secondary education unconstitutional. Adequacy and fairness of education funding are also important issues.

Prior to joining CPPP as executive director in 2002, Judge McCown served 14 years as state district judge. In that time he decided some of the state's most

difficult cases involving financing of public education. CPPP which he now directs is a nonpartisan organization focusing on how public policy affects low- and moderate-income Texans. Public education is among CPPP's priorities.

The League of Women Voters, also a nonpartisan organization, is dedicated to the informed participation of citizens in government and to influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

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"BLACK. WHITE." examines race in a series that transforms two families using make-up effects in six part documentary



A screen capture from the series' website shows the families in their natural states, before being transformed by makeup and hair effects. The families lived together in the same house and experienced life from a different point of view.

Series Premieres in March '06

LOS ANGELES - Remember that old "Saturday Night Live" sketch where Eddie Murphy goes "undercover" as a white man? Imagine that happening in real life, and you have a sense of an upcoming documentary series on FX. March will bring a provocative and insightful new original series "Black. White.", a six-part documentary from Emmy® Award winning producer R.J. Cutler and actor/producer/writer Ice Cube.

"Black. White. examines race with an extraordinary approach by putting new faces on an African-American family, the Sparks, and Caucasian family, the Wurgels. Through the transformative power of make-up by Academy Award® nominated make-up effects artist Keith VanderLaan (The Passion of the Christ) the Wurgels become black and the Sparks become white, which challenges their beliefs and core values in ways they could have never imagined. The make-up process for each family member took 3 to 5 hours for every day of transformation.

In addition to the pressure of their newly assumed race, the Sparks of Atlanta (Brian, Renee and their son Nick) and Wurgel family of Santa Monica (Bruno, Carmen and their daughter Rose) shared a home in Tarzana, California for the duration of the six-week production, which wrapped last summer.

"Right after I first started at FX, I pitched R.J. the radical idea

of using make-up to racially transform a black and white American family," said John Landgraf, FX Networks President and General Manager. "He took that notion and, with his colleagues Ice Cube and Matt Alvarez, developed and produced an astonishingly compelling and original documentary series. This show took a long time to finish because the idea is so risky and difficult to execute, but the results are extraordinarily provocative, entertaining and deep."

The series was developed by Cutler who serves as Executive Producer along with Ice Cube and



Carmen, Bruno and Rose Wurgel are transformed into a black family.

Matt Alvarez. The show is produced by FX Networks, Actual Reality Pictures and Cube-Vision.

"I've never been more enthusiastic about a project than I am about Black. White.," said Cutler. "This series is an example of how television can be an extremely powerful and useful medium. I believe the Sparks and Wurgels

took a big chance but are better people for having done so."

"I'm really excited to be a part of a show that explores race in America," said Cube. "Black. White. will force people to chal-



Renee, Brian and Nick Sparks are transformed into a white family.

lenge themselves and really examine where we stand in terms of race in this country."

R.J. Cutler won the 2001 Emmy® Award for Outstanding Reality Program for his acclaimed FOX series American High. He also produced the Academy Award® nominated documentary The War Room, the behind-the-scenes look at Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. He also serves as an Executive Producer of FX's critically acclaimed 30 Days, FX's second documentary series under the recently revitalized brand of unscripted original programming. 30 Days, which was created by Academy Award® nominee Morgan Spurlock, returns for its second season next summer.

"Black. White. continues the growth, under the guidance of FX's head of unscripted development Eric Schrier, of FX's ambitious and distinctive documentary series brand which began with the launch last year of 30 Days," added Landgraf.

Ice Cube has made his mark as an actor starring in Barbershop, which he produced, XXX: State of the Union, Three Kings and Flyz in the Hood, and his films have generated over a half billion dollars at the box office. A double-platinum recording artist, Ice Cube has sold over 10 million records.

In addition to his work on The Passion of the Christ, Make-Up Effects Artist Keith VanderLaan has worked on films including Syriana, The Life and Death of Pier Sellers, Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl and Mrs. Doubtfire. Prior to the start of principal photography, VanderLaan and his team at Captive Audience

Productions conducted extensive make-up testing on both the Sparks and Wurgel families.

FX is the flagship general entertainment basic cable network from Fox. Launched in June of 1994, FX is carried in more than 87 million homes. The diverse schedule includes a growing

roster of distinctive original series and movies; an impressive roster of acquired hit series; an established film library with box-office hits from 20th Century Fox; and marquee sports such as NASCAR. For more information about FX, visit our web site at www.FXnetworks.com.

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SPC offering basic phlebotomy class

LEVELLAND - South Plains College is registering for a basic phlebotomy course that begins on March 20 through May 4. Classroom and clinical instruction in skill development of blood collection methods will be provided.

The classroom instruction will be March 20 through April 12 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. The clinical instruction will begin on Monday, April 17 through May 4 with times and location to be announced. The clinical instruction will be held Monday through Thursday.

The tuition is \$340 plus a required textbook. The textbook is The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy, 2nd Edition, by Lynn B. Hoelke. Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus, Hepatitis B series and a current negative TB test. Students must also provide their social security card and photo identification.

The course covers vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles, blood culture and specimen collection on adults, children and infants. A strong emphasis will be placed on infection prevention, proper patient identification, labeling of specimens, quality assurance, specimen handling, processing and accessioning.

Students that satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 4.8 continuing education credits. Enrollment is limited to 14 students. A full schedule and registration form can be found at www.southplainscollege.edu.

For more information on this course or other short courses, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at (806) 594-9611, ext. 2341.

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FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ("SPEC") THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO CONDUCT WITHIN THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS, AN ELECTRICAL LIGHTING AND POWER BUSINESS TO INSTALL, OPERATE, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, EXTEND, REPAIR, REPLACE AND REMOVE ON, UNDER, UPON, WITHIN, OVER, ABOVE, ACROSS AND ALONG ANY AND ALL OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE PUBLIC ROADS, HIGHWAYS, STREETS, LANES, AND ALLEYS OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, A SYSTEM OF POLES, POLE LINES, TOWERS, DISTRIBUTION LINES, TRANSMISSION LINES, WIRES, CABLES, CONDUITS, TRANSFORMERS, AND OTHER DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND APPURTENANCES NECESSARY OR PROPER FOR THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY INTO AND WITHIN FROM, ACROSS, AND THROUGH THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, AS NOW EXISTING OR AS SAID CITY LIMITS MAY HEREAFTER BE EXTENDED, AND GRANTING SPEC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE AUTHORITY TO USE SUCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION, DELIVERY AND SALE OF ELECTRICITY TO THE CITY AND TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS, WHEREVER LOCATED WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE CITY LIMITS OF LUBBOCK, FOR USE BY SUCH PERSONS OR PURCHASERS FOR ANY PURPOSE AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR WHICH ELECTRICITY MAY BE USED OR FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE OR USE WHICH IS OR MAY BECOME NORMAL OR CUSTOMARY IN THE RETAIL ELECTRIC INDUSTRY IN TEXAS, PROVIDING THAT THIS FRANCHISE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY (20) YEARS COMMENCING UPON AND EXTENDING FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AFTER FINAL PASSAGE HEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY RESCUE, RAISING OR LOWERING BY SPEC OF ITS WIRES AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHT TO, AND CONDITION OF, THE OPENING OF PAVEMENTS AND SIDEWALKS BY SPEC, RETAINING ALL RIGHTS OF CITY TO REGULATE THE LOCATION OF SPEC'S FACILITIES BY LAYING, ALTERING AND OVER THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF CITY, AS WELL AS TO REQUIRE THE RELAXATION OF SAME, PROVIDING FOR EFFICIENT ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND THE MAINTAINING OF SPEC'S FACILITIES, PROVIDING FOR THE USE BY CITY FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED OF POLES AND CONDUITS OF SPEC, PROVIDING COMPENSATION, AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH, TO THE CITY FOR THE USE BY SPEC OF THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND PUBLIC WAYS OF THE CITY, AND FOR SPEC'S RECEIPT OF SUCH FEE, PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTAINING OF RECORDS BY SPEC, WITH RIGHT OF INSPECTION BY CITY, RESERVING TO CITY ALL POWERS OF REGULATION, PROHIBITING ASSIGNMENT EXCEPT BY CONSENT BY CITY EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CASES, GIVING CITY'S CONSENT TO THE CUTTING AND TRIMMING BY SPEC OF OVERHANGING TREES, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING THAT THIS FRANCHISE SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO LAYING MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THIS GRANT OF FRANCHISE, REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS ELECTRICAL LIGHTING AND POWER FRANCHISE ORDINANCES AND RELATED RELEASE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE AND ITS ACCEPTANCE BY SPEC.

WHEREAS, the City Council of South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SPEC") a franchise to operate and maintain an electric system in the City of Lubbock via Ordinance No. 8871, filed by the City Council on February 13, 1996.

WHEREAS, the electrical lighting and power franchise previously granted by the City Council of the City of Lubbock in 1996 and appearing in this City Code as Ordinance No. 8871, and which will be amended to both SPEC and the City of Lubbock, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS,

Section 1. Title, Definitions. This subject to the terms, conditions, and provisions of this ordinance, the City of Lubbock, Texas, hereinafter referred to as "City," does hereby grant unto South Plains Electric Cooperative, an electric cooperative operating under the laws in the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as "SPEC," its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and franchise to conduct an electrical lighting and power business within the boundaries of the City of Lubbock, Texas, as such boundaries now exist or may hereafter be expanded.

SPEC shall have the right to enter upon, erect, construct, maintain, extend, repair, replace, and remove on, under, upon, within, over, above, across and along any and all of the present and future public roads, highways, streets, lanes, alleys and other public rights-of-way of the City now or hereafter owned or controlled by the City a system of poles, pole lines, towers, distribution lines, transmission lines, underground and above ground lines, wires, cables, conduits, transformers, and other distribution and transmission equipment, facilities and appurtenances, including but not limited to, but not restricted to, poles or structures erected for the transmission and distribution of electricity and its communication over its electric lines within, over, above, across and along any and all of the present and future public roads, highways, streets, lanes, alleys and other public rights-of-way of the City, as authorized to grant such by the City.

SPEC is authorized to use said poles, lines, towers, wires, cables, conduits, transformers, and other distribution and transmission equipment, facilities and appurtenances for the transmission, distribution, delivery and sale of electricity to the City and to the inhabitants of the City or any other person or persons, firms or corporations wherever located for use by such purchasers or purchasers for any purpose authorized by law for which electricity may be used or for any other purpose or use which is or may become normal or customary in the retail electric industry in Texas.

Section 2. Term and Duration. The term of this franchise granted to SPEC shall be for Twenty (20) years from the date the franchise becomes effective as outlined below. The franchise and its provisions shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Ordinance, provided SPEC has formally accepted this franchise as provided in Section 22.

Section 3. Franchise Fee Payment. As compensation and rental for the use of the streets, alleys and public ways of City in the conduct of its business under this franchise, SPEC shall pay the City each year of the life of this franchise, beginning March 1, 2006, a sum of money equal to five percent (5%) of the annual gross receipts of SPEC derived from its retail electric lighting and power sales for consumption within the corporate limits of the City.

All amounts payable to the City under this section shall be discharged to SPEC's credit when taking electric service within the corporate limits of Lubbock. The franchise payments shall be due and payable monthly with the first payment to be due and payable on April 15, 2006. Each subsequent payment shall be due on the 15th day of each month thereafter for the remaining life of this franchise. Each payment shall be based on the gross receipts of SPEC during the preceding calendar month. Such monthly payments above provided shall be exclusive of and in addition to ad valorem taxes.

All money due and payable to City by SPEC required under the terms of the previous franchise, shall be payable to the time that compensation began under this franchise.

Any and all such payments made by SPEC pursuant to this Section shall be credited on any amount payable, levied or assessed against SPEC by the City of Lubbock, pursuant to any ordinance or otherwise, at any time as a charge (whether designated as a fee, tax or otherwise) for the use by SPEC of City's streets, alleys and public ways.

The term "gross receipts" as herein used, shall include all receipts from the sale of electric lighting and power in SPEC's certificated territory in the corporate limits of Lubbock, Texas and shall also include all fees, commissions, collection, rental, royalties, and any income associated, directly or indirectly with the sale of electric lighting and power within the corporate limits of Lubbock, Texas. Notwithstanding the general definition above, "gross receipts" shall not include revenues collected for franchise fees, sales taxes, contributions in aid of construction, and does not include accounts written off as uncollectible. Any revenue subsequently received by SPEC that was previously determined to be bad debt by SPEC shall be subject to the franchise fee.

It is further understood and agreed to by SPEC that the franchise fee authorized herein shall form the basis for which any franchise fee is authorized and calculated according to state law after retail electric deregulation is authorized by the State of Texas in the region which encompasses the City of Lubbock. This includes, without limitation, Sections 33.008 (b) and 39.402(b) of the Texas Utility Code.

All franchise fees that SPEC fails to pay within the time period specified in this section shall bear interest according to the following formula: for the period January 1 through June 30, the prime rate last published in the Money Rates Section of the Wall Street Journal, Southern Edition, in the preceding December (the "Prime Rate") plus two percent (2%); and for the period from July 1 through December 31, the prime rate last published in the Money Rates Section of the Wall Street Journal, Southern Edition, in the preceding June, plus two percent (2%).

Section 4. Facility Location and Removal. Within the streets or other public rights-of-way of the City, the location and route of all poles, stabs, guys, anchors, lines, conduits, pedestals, underground duct lines, manholes, and cables placed and constructed and to be placed and constructed by SPEC in the construction and maintenance of its electrical lighting and power system in, within, through, or under the streets, alleys, or other public rights-of-way of the City shall be subject to reasonable and proper regulation, control and direction of the City, or of the City official to whom such duties have been, or may be delegated, including the obligation of SPEC to obtain any and all necessary permits as required by the City.

All poles, guys or anchors erected by SPEC shall be so set that they will not cause diversion of traffic or cause damage to adjoining property, and so that the same will interfere as little as practicable with the ordinary travel on the streets, sidewalks and other public rights-of-way of the City. The regulation and control reserved by the City in this Section shall include, without limitation, the right of the City to require SPEC, at SPEC's expense, to relocate its poles, lines or conduits so as to permit the following activities undertaken by the City on its behalf:

- a. The widening or straightening of any street, alley or public right-of-way located within the City.
- b. The closing, opening or relocation of any street, alley or public right-of-way within the City.
- c. The location or relocation of any water, sewer or drainage lines or other public improvements within the City.
- d. The changing of grade of any street, alley, park, sidewalk or other public right-of-way within the City.
- e. The construction, location and maintenance of streets and other public improvements owned by the City of Lubbock located within the City.

In all cases where SPEC is required to relocate, change the route of or the position of the poles, lines or the conduits within thirty (30) days of receiving notice unless the City Manager or his designee agrees, in writing, to an alternative time period, SPEC shall be entitled to be paid for its cost and expenses of any relocation, raising or lowering of its wires, required by the City, pursuant to this Section or Section 4, only if such expenses or costs are reimbursable or payable to SPEC or the City by the State of Texas, the United States or any governmental agency or subdivision of either, for reimbursement or payment of costs. The provisions of this section shall not apply to improvements made by SPEC on private easements purchased by SPEC and recorded prior to any dedication of any street, alley or public way. In this latter event SPEC shall be reimbursed its costs and expenses of relocating facilities.

SPEC shall, at its own expense, promptly remove any and all poles, stabs, guys, anchors, lines, conduits, pedestals, underground duct lines, manholes, cables or other property or equipment owned by SPEC (collectively referred to in the paragraph as "Property") located in the streets, alleys or other public right-of-ways that is no longer in service or being used by SPEC. In the event SPEC fails to remove the Property as required herein within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice from the City Manager or his designee to remove the Property, from the streets, alleys or other public right-of-ways, the City may remove the Property and return it to SPEC's place of business in the City of Lubbock and assess the cost of removing the Property to SPEC.

Section 5. Temporary Relocation. SPEC, or written reasonable request of any responsible person, firm, corporation or governmental authority, shall relocate, raise or lower its wires, where located on, in, or over the streets, alleys and other public ways of City, temporarily to permit construction work in the vicinity thereof, or to permit the moving of houses or other bulky structures. The expense of such temporary relocation, raising or lowering of such wires shall be paid by the benefited party or parties, and SPEC may require the payment in advance, being without obligation to remove, raise or lower its wires until such payment shall be made, provided, however, that no such payment shall be required of the City except as provided in Section 4. SPEC shall be given not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior written notice to arrange for such temporary wire changes.

Section 6. Pavement Excavation and Construction. If it becomes necessary in furnishing electricity as contemplated under this franchise, the City grants to SPEC the right and privilege to take up pavements and sidewalks, if any, in and upon said streets, alleys, highways or other public rights-of-ways in said City for the purpose of making such excavation and installation as may be necessary, provided, however, that SPEC shall not take up or excavate any pavement at any time, without first securing the written permission of the City Manager or his designated representative, which permission will not be unreasonably withheld; and provided further, that all excavations and installations made shall be performed in such manner as to cause the least reasonable inconvenience to the public, and SPEC shall promptly restore or cause to be restored to as good condition as before working thereon all such pavements, sidewalks, streets, alleys, highways or other public rights-of-ways excavated by it to the reasonable satisfaction of the City Manager or his designated representative, expeditiously, and in accordance to any and all applicable commission, standards or regulations adopted by the City.

Section 7. Waiver. If any of the facilities installed by SPEC hereunder shall be in any respect damaged or injured by the City or any of its officers, agents, representatives, or employees, in connection with the performance of any work or repairs that may be done upon the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places of the City of Lubbock, but not including work or repair for or related to the City's municipally owned electric utility, SPEC shall not be entitled to prosecute or maintain a claim against the City of Lubbock for any such damage, injury or impairment by it, except where such damages are the result of willful acts or gross negligence of the officers, agents, representatives or employees of City, and said right is hereby waived, provided, however, this section shall not apply where such property is damaged or injured as a proximate result of installing, maintaining or removing City's equipment upon or from SPEC's poles, or in or from SPEC's ductlines, as provided in Section 11 hereof.

Section 8. City's Sovereignty. The City, by the granting of this franchise, does not surrender or to any extent lose, waive, imperil or lessen the lawful powers and rights now or hereinafter vested in the City under the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas and under the Charter of the City to regulate the rates for services of SPEC, and SPEC, by its acceptance of this franchise, agrees that all such lawful regulatory power and rights as the same may be from time to time vested in the City shall be in full force and effect and subject to the exercise thereof by the City at the City's discretion.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this ordinance to the contrary, all work done in connection with the construction, repair, maintenance and operation of all facilities of SPEC is subject to the continuing police power of the City, and SPEC shall comply with all present and future laws, ordinances and regulations, except when such compliance is in conflict with that authority specifically surrendered by the City herein.

Section 9. Electric Service Provided. SPEC is obliged under this franchise to furnish efficient electrical service at industry standards for the area. SPEC shall serve every eligible consumer in the franchise of SPEC regardless of cost, amount of usage, customer deposits, return on investment, access and other reasonable factors. SPEC shall not discriminate against any person, corporation, firm, or association in the charge for such electrical current or in the service rendered under like circumstances. Nothing in this Section 9 shall be construed to limit or prohibit the assessment by SPEC of reasonable charges in the event of construction in accordance with SPEC's standard extension policies. SPEC shall not directly or indirectly grant any discount or rebate, or give things of value to circumvent the rate schedule as approved by the appropriate regulatory authority.

Section 10. Exclusivity. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be construed as conferring upon SPEC any exclusive rights or privileges of any nature whatsoever.

Section 11. City Use of SPEC's Pole/Duct Space. In addition to the consideration set forth above in this ordinance, SPEC shall hereafter hold itself ready to furnish free of charge, subject to the use of the City, such pole space as may be reasonably required from time to time for the installation of City-owned street light equipment, traffic, police and fire alarm system conductors, and alarm or other necessary signal boxes, data transmission and telecommunication equipment, provided that such space used by the City does not exceed the capacity of one cross arm space of any one pole, and provided that such space is available on existing poles also are not been requested three (3) days in advance in writing by the City Manager or his designated representative prior to installation of SPEC's facilities hereunder placed within any street, alley or public way. The location of the street light equipment, and police and fire alarm conductors and boxes on SPEC's poles shall be determined by SPEC, and will be allotted at the time specific applications for space are received from the City. Where a main underground ductline is hereafter constructed or installed between manholes by SPEC, SPEC shall, as a part of same, provide free space for the installation by City of its traffic, police or fire alarm cables, on request in writing by City Manager or his designated representative prior to construction, one top duct having one capped off entry channel and one capped off exit channel between such two manholes, such entry and exit channels leaving the duct bank enclosure outside of, but near to, such manholes, and no cable or other equipment of City shall enter SPEC's manholes. SPEC shall, prior to each addition by it to any duct now existing or hereafter constructed, notify the City Manager or his designated representative of the City of the nature and location of such intended addition; further, SPEC shall, along with its application for a permit to open a street for the purpose of laying a new duct, provide the City Manager and the City Engineer's Office each with a set of plans showing the type, number, and location in the street, of the ducts to be constructed. City, prior to the original installation by it of its equipment in any such top duct, shall notify SPEC three (3) days in advance of the time and place it intends to make such entry and installation. All cables installed by the City in SPEC ducts shall be of the non-metallic, sheath type to prevent corrosion or electrolytic action between the City-owned cables and SPEC-owned cables. All City-owned conductors and cables, whether on poles or in ductlines, shall be constructed, maintained and operated in such manner as to not interfere with or create a hazard in the operation of SPEC's electrical transmission and distribution system. Further, all City-owned traffic, police and fire alarm, conductors, and alarm boxes, and any City circuits on SPEC poles, and all cables installed by City in ducts constructed by SPEC shall be installed in strict compliance with the applicable provisions of the National Electrical Safety Code and other applicable federal, state and local codes.

Provided further, that no part or portion of this Section shall ever be construed as requiring SPEC to make any additional expenditures over and above its normal and ordinary cost, and if the City's requirements hereunder cause an additional cost or expense in enlarging, removing, adding to or otherwise changing SPEC's facilities, City shall reimburse SPEC for the full amount of such costs. SPEC shall not in any case be liable for damages or claims of damages to any person or persons arising from or growing out of the attachment of City's equipment, or arising from or growing out of the construction, operation or maintenance of such facilities. The City further agrees to indemnify and hold SPEC harmless from any and all damages or claims for damages by reason of the construction, maintenance or operation by the City of the City's facilities as set forth in this Section.

Section 12. Annual Receipts Report (Right to Audit). SPEC shall on the 1st day of February of each year of the life of this franchise, file or cause to be filed, a statement, certified by SPEC's external auditor and a duly qualified officer of SPEC, showing the gross receipts of SPEC within the City of Lubbock (as defined above) during the twelve months ending on the 31st day of December immediately preceding. For the purpose of determining the amount of the gross receipts of SPEC, SPEC shall keep in its office at the disposal of and open to inspection by any auditor authorized and appointed by City at all reasonable times, books of accounts and other records showing a full, true, complete and accurate account of the gross receipts of SPEC from its electric lighting and power sales for consumption within the corporate limits of the City for the prior three calendar years.

Section 13. Indemnification. SPEC shall indemnify and save the City harmless from all claims, demands or causes of action brought against the City occasioned by or arising out of the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of SPEC's electrical lighting and power system, or in any way growing out of the granting of this franchise either directly or indirectly; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not be applicable to any claims, damages, actions or causes of actions proximately resulting from the use by City, its officers, agents, representatives or employees, of SPEC's poles and ductlines for the installation, maintenance or removal of City's equipment, as provided in Section 11, or for which the City is otherwise liable as provided herein.

Section 14. Authority. In granting this franchise it is understood that the lawful power vested by law in the City to require all persons or corporations to discharge the duties and undertaking for the performance of which this franchise was made, is reserved; this grant is made subject to all the rights, powers and authorities either of regulation or otherwise reserved to the City by its Charter or by the general laws of the State.

Section 15. Assignment/Transfer of Franchise. The rights, franchises and privileges hereby granted shall not be transferred or assigned by SPEC with the consent of the City Council of the City of Lubbock expressed by Ordinance passed by the City Council.

Section 16. Tree Trimming. To the extent that the City has authority to do so, it gives to SPEC, during the life of this franchise, the right, license, privilege and permission to trim trees upon and overhanging the streets, alleys, sidewalks and public places of City, so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires or other equipment of SPEC. SPEC agrees that it will fully protect and indemnify City from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, damages and expenses arising because of such trimming by SPEC under the provisions of this Section.

Section 17. Notice of Default. The franchise rights and privileges hereinabove granted to SPEC, its successors and assigns are and shall be at all times, during the term and life of this franchise, contingent upon the faithful and punctual performance of and compliance with all acts, requirements and provisions of this Ordinance, and any amendment hereof, by SPEC, its officers, agents and employees on its part to be performed, complied with and abided by, and if at any time SPEC shall refuse or fail to keep, perform, comply with and abide by all and singular the acts, requirements and provisions of this Ordinance, or any amendment, within sixty (60) days from receipt of written notice from the City Manager setting forth in detail the facts constituting default of SPEC and what is required to cure such default, and upon continued failure of SPEC to keep, perform, comply with and abide by such acts, requirements and provisions of this Ordinance or any amendment or failure to cure the default set forth in such written notice, the City Council may terminate, at its option, this franchise and all privileges and rights herein granted to said SPEC. The notice herein mentioned shall be sufficient, if given to the Manager of SPEC in charge of its main office in the City of Lubbock.

Section 18. Removal of Dangerous Objects. The City shall have power at any time to require SPEC to remove and abate at its own expense any installation or structure that is dangerous to life or property, and in case SPEC, after reasonable notice, fails or refuses to act, the City shall have the power using reasonable means and methods to remove or abate the same at expense of SPEC, all without compensation or liability for damages to SPEC.

Section 19. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid (or for any reason unenforceable), the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 20. Right of First Refusal. In the event that SPEC should desire to sell, market or advertise for sale, SPEC's distribution system within the corporate limits of the City, then, and in this event, SPEC shall, prior to selling its distribution system to any unaffiliated third party, notify the City of the availability of SPEC's distribution system. The City shall, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such notification, provide SPEC written notice of the City's intention to purchase SPEC's distribution system. If the City provides SPEC with written confirmation of its intention to purchase SPEC's distribution system the City shall have an additional sixty (60) days to exercise due diligence and enter into a contract with SPEC to purchase the entire distribution system belonging to SPEC within the corporate limits of the City upon terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the City and SPEC. This Right of First Refusal shall be subject to any preexisting liens or rights of first refusal granted by SPEC prior to the execution date of this Ordinance.

Section 21. Subsequent Legislative/Regulatory Action. If, during the term of this Agreement, the legislature for the State of Texas or the United States of America or the Texas Public Utility Commission or other governmental authority having jurisdiction over the franchise fees passes any statute, rule or regulation ("Governmental Action") which would decrease the franchise fees below the amount established by this Agreement or would expressly prohibit the imposition by the City of the Right of First Refusal as set forth in Section 20 above, then this Agreement shall be deemed to be automatically amended, as of the effective date of such Governmental Action, to provide for the lower rate as established by such Governmental Action and, if applicable, to void the provision for the Right of First Refusal contained herein. Any provision in such Governmental Action which would "grandfather" any existing agreements shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Section 21 and any decreases in the franchise fees shall take effect immediately upon the stated effective date of the Governmental Action as if no existing franchise Ordinance were in place.

Section 22. Prior Franchise Repealed and Release. This franchise replaces all former franchise ordinances granted to SPEC or its predecessors, which are hereby repealed, which repeal is effective as of the time the franchise herein granted takes effect. There is specifically and particularly reworded, effective as of that time, Ordinance No. 8871 passed by the City of Lubbock on the second reading on February 13, 1996.

Section 23. Final Passage/Acceptance. SPEC shall, within thirty (30) days from the date of the final passage of this Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Lubbock, file with the City Secretary of Lubbock, a written statement signed in its name and behalf by an officer of SPEC, duly authorized by its Board of Directors in the following form:

"The Honorable Mayor and the City Council of the City of Lubbock:
South Plains Electric Cooperative, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby accepts the attached Ordinance finally passed by the City Council of Lubbock, the _____ day of _____, 2006 and agrees to be bound by all of its terms and provisions.

South Plains Electric Cooperative

By: _____ (Officer)

"Dated the _____ day of _____, 2006"

The full text of this Ordinance shall, after final passage by the City Council of the City of Lubbock, be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Lubbock, and the expense of such publication shall be borne by SPEC. Upon said publication being completed and the acceptance of this Ordinance by SPEC as herein provided, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its last publication.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Passed by City Council on first reading this 24th day of February, 2006.
Passed by City Council at second reading this _____ day of _____, 2006.

Mark McDougal, Mayor

ATTEST:
Rebecca Garcia, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Lee Ann Dumbauld, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew L. Wade, Assistant City Attorney



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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

CONGRATS TO MILWAUKEE AVENUE PROJECT, BUT! THIS N THAT is glad to see the new development at MILWAUKEE AVENUE when they have a special ribbon cutting on Friday morning, March 3, 2006 will open portion of the area from Brownfield Highway to 34th Street, but if the same kind of activity would move as fast in East Lubbock, just think of where we would be today in the area. We call this to your attention, since a portion of the funds for the development came from GATEWAY FUNDS, which were created by reallocating the funds for MAJOR STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, which a portion of franchise monies that are paid to the City of Lubbock. THIS N THAT would have thought a portion of these GATEWAY FUNDS would have been used to develop the FLY-BY ON MLK BLVD., since there is so much traffic from the Durham Bus System and the United Supermarket's warehouse. It would also serve a means for safety for the many citizens who drive daily down MLK Blvd. on their way to work or shopping in Southwest Lubbock. Anyway, CONGRATS to the Milwaukee Avenue Project, but let's be about the business of distributing these GATEWAY FUNDS in an equitable way, especially for needed projects since the works of the NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION are moving and perhaps these kinds of funds could be utilized to do more direct projects which would enhance the area.

SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS! THIS N THAT is glad to see the upcoming SPECIAL RECEPTION to honor 150 YOUNG PEOPLE ages 10 to 14 who have taken hundreds and hundreds of awesome pictures of EAST LUBBOCK, and were admitted in a contest which will be judged. Only one photo from each young person will be judged in the "TAKE PRIDE IN THE EAST SIDE PHOTO CONTEST AND IMAGE CAMPAIGN" this FRIDAY NIGHT, March 3rd from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at the Underwood Center for the Arts, located at 511 Avenue K, next to the U.S. Post Office at 4th Street & Avenue L. The photos will be on display at the reception, but only the TOP FORTY PHOTOGRAPHS will become a part of a touring exhibit at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, South Plains Mall, Texas Tech Library, and other highly trafficked areas in Lubbock. As the young people's photos display, EAST LUBBOCK is one of the most beautiful places in West Texas. THIS N THAT says thanks for a job well done!

FENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "EDUCATION is like a giant MOUNTAIN and we must teach our YOUNG PEOPLE to climb it!"

VERY GOOD PROGRAM! THIS N THAT had an opportunity to attend the FOURTH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM & RECEPTION At the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library, Saturday afternoon, February 25, 2006. What a refreshing

event it was to honor MR. & MRS. JAMES THOMAS BRAXTON, and recognize three retired educators, MRS. LOTTIE BAY BARROW, MRS. EDNA RAVE WALKER & MRS. MELJORIE THOMAS. Also a special thanks was extended to MRS. ELURD DEVENPORT & MRS. MATTIE KINNEY MCKINNEY for serving as a volunteer of the library. It was a very good program and to have those young people of ALDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL.

VOTE IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS! THIS N THAT is encouraging all of you who are REGISTERED VOTERS to go to the polls and cast your PRECIOUS VOTE on Tuesday, MARCH 7, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., as it is very important you go to the polls, whether you vote DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN PARTY. So take a little time and do so.

DELWIN JONES DESERVES YOUR VOTE! THIS N THAT wants all to know that we have known DELWIN JONES, who is seeking re-election to the STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 83. He has done an outstanding job in the past and needs to return to continue to serve the people of West Texas and Texas.... THIS N THAT supports you DELWIN JONES a man of experience and wisdom.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE MARCH 7, 2006! THIS N THAT is asking all of you who are registered voters to go to the polls and vote Tuesday, MARCH 7, 2006!



Think About It!

The Time Is Near, Vote!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Election time is near! This election or any election is very important. Remember a voteless people is a hopeless people. We live in an unusual political situation in West Texas for the State Representative District 83 slot—incumbent Delwin Jones and an unknown Van Wilson. At this time, Van has taken West Texas to a new low with mind and dirty politics against a proven friend of West Texas, farmers, Texas Tech University, University Medical Center, the working class and education. Then we have a Tom Delay clone who is known as an enemy of West Texas and Texas as a whole who cost a lot of seniority in the U.S. Congress with his taking over the governor's office and running his redistricting play. The culprit is in San Antonio who has put up

\$600,000.00 to defeat Republicans across Texas. These he does not like or approve.

Van ran some nasty advertisement, negative advertisement in the history of West Texas. He has since changed his campaign information which has more likely from the advice of advisors. But remember a leopard is a leopard. A zebra is a zebra, and their stripes do not change. When this man, Van Wilson, is financed from outside the district who will he owe his loyalty? Whose interest will he represent? Times are too serious. The stakes are too high for us to have influence from across Texas influencing West Texas' interest.

We also have Lubbock County elections up for March 7th. These are also important races. Be sure to

check the candidates and make up your minds and vote. Let us not forget to vote in May as we will be electing a mayor and three city councilpersons. Vote your choice, but do vote! If you fail to vote, the choice is theirs. We also have statewide elections coming up which will include the governor's race and others.

In Lubbock, there will be a new mayor as the present mayor, Marc McDougal, is not seeking re-election. Mayor McDougal will leave a very positive program, the North & East Lubbock Development Corporation which is set up as a catalyst to develop East Lubbock.

Closing Thought: "Look before you leap, think before you speak!"

Children's book targets ages six years and older to discuss the use of the controversial word "Nigga"!

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Children are being exposed to negative language. This book addresses the issue.

community. Your children will be able to enjoy and learn from a story about children who look like them, use the same language codes, and have similar viewpoints of the world. This book is a must read for all! It tackles responsibility for actions, responsibility, and the power of language.

Zekita Q. Tucker serves the community as an author and freelance writer. She is a lead person in the "Black Money Movement", a movement fighting for African Americans to appear on U.S. currency. She has written many controversial articles about the problems in African American communities for newspapers across the country.

After many insightful works have appeared in the Award Winning St. Louis American Newspaper, Black Star News, Emerging Minds, Westside Gazette, The Black Suburban Journal (NJ Ed.), The Jackson Advocate, the very popular black British website Tytecurl.com and Timbooktu. She has also authored a controversial and highly criticized blog about G8 relations with the continent of Africa titled "Bamboozled by the G8".

In Cinque

by Penetta Howard



Amid all of the excitable happenings during the early part of each year, it makes us wonder where do we get all of the energy that we need to enjoy everything that is going on. There is Mardi Gras or "Fat Tuesday" the last day before Lent, a tradition which had its roots in the New Orleans culture, but has spread to other cities and other states.

Because of Hurricane Katrina, it is believed by many that the festivities of years gone by will no longer be the same in New Orleans since so much of the city was damaged. There are those hopefuls who like some of the former residents, still have heart and plan to carry on just like they did before Katrina and Wilma. The crews are getting it together and many of the revelers simply think of Mardi Gras as party time, but many of us are aware that it is the carnival before a sacred holiday season, Lent.

Lent is the season from Ash Wednesday until Easter. During this time, many Christians make sacrifices of money for their religious organizations, or give up some unhealthy or obnoxious habit, praying that the willpower of this period will enrich their lives and the lives of those whom they love. Some

people use this period of time as an intense period of prayer leading up to the time in which Jesus was crucified on the cross of Calvary, to rise again on Easter.

There are many things that we Americans can pray for intensively and that is for all of the ills of this country and our relationships with other countries; our domestic policies that prohibit us from achieving our inherent rights as citizens; challenges to our freedom, here and abroad; blockades to financial comfort or success; access to medical competency; honest politicians and elected officials in government. Let us all get 'in cinque' and pray for positive changes in our local communities, states and our federal government.

Letter to the Editor

Thank You, Lubbock!

On behalf of the students, parents, faculty and staff of Wheatley Elementary School, please allow me to thank the citizens of Lubbock for the encouragement and support we received before and during our celebration banquet on February 17, 2006. The support we received verifies that we are indeed blessed to live in Lubbock.

As you know, Wheatley Elementary kicked off a year-long celebration by hosting the banquet. Upcoming events include a picnic and an outdoor learning center ground breaking on April 8th, and an opening house in September, 2006, to name a few.

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Sincerely,
Margaret Randle, Principal
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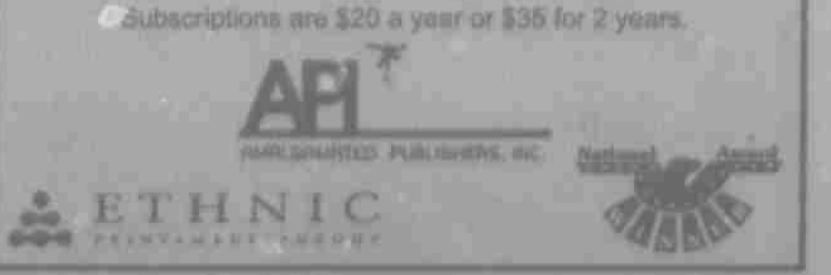
People will react to that which is precise, and we will publish these articles as precisely and factually as is humanly possible. We will also give credit and respect to those who are doing good things for the Lubbock Area and the people. We will be critical of those who are not doing as they have said they would, and this, we think, is fair.

So, this is our resolution to you. "Feel free at any time to call this office for information concerning this newspaper or any other matter that is of concern to you."

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Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce "Hall of Fame" inductee Mrs. Nora Hutchinson is an Alpha Kappa Alpha lady

Mrs. Nora Hutchinson has been the attendance officer for Lubbock ISD, serving at Estacado High School and all the elementary schools in that attendance area for eight years. In 1968, she began her professional career teaching first grade at Lee Elementary in Little Rock, Arkansas. She was one of the first Black teachers employed to teach in this formerly segregated school district. Moving to Lubbock, TX in 1973, she taught first grade at Guadalupe Elementary School for twenty-three years. Due to her dedication, tireless efforts and genuine interest in every child she taught, she was much loved and respected in that community. She was committed, worked hard and used many creative instructional techniques to enhance learning.



Hutchinson

She attended Mt. Pleasant Elementary and graduated from Marion Anderson High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1964. In 1968, she earned a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Philander Smith College,

Little Rock, Arkansas. She has done graduate work at Permian Basin College, Odessa, TX and Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. Mrs. Hutchinson has made many worthy contributions to the community. For a number of years, she has served as a mentor teacher/supervisor for the program, "Bridging the Gap." This is a successful after school enrichment program for elementary students who seek help through individual tutoring and counseling. Since 1978, she has been a very active member of the Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., volunteering her time and expertise. She has also readily accepted the responsibility to serve in various officer capacities for this service group. In 2004, she earned the elite sta-

tus of "Silver Star" membership, which requires twenty-five years of dedication, study and time! Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is the oldest Greek-letter organization established in America by and for African American women and has a membership of over five hundred thousand women in the United States, the Caribbean, Europe and Africa. She currently serves as Graduate Advisor of the Zeta Tau Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. for aspiring young ladies at Texas Tech University. Among many other opportunities, she has also volunteered for the annual Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, Black Caucus for LISD, Lubbock Black Chamber of Commerce Pageant, HUD Reading Literacy Program at Lees

Elementary, and helped sponsor the annual picnic for parents and grandparents at Guadalupe Elementary for eleven years.

This outstanding professional is a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church where Rev. J.H. Ford is pastor. She credits her success to a strong family background and belief in God.

Her proud parents are Raymond and Iretha Stovall who reside in Cotton Plains, Arkansas. She is married to Mr. Joseph Hutchinson and they have one daughter, Desiree Carol Hutchinson who is a graduate of Monteleone High School. She has four siblings; a sister, Dorothy Stovall, serves as the counselor at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School, Lubbock,

TX. This community is proud of the accomplishments of Mrs. Hutchinson. Those acquainted with her certainly appreciate the strong educational, moral and spiritual values she has instilled in children, which will help them enjoy productive and successful lives. She has made a lasting contribution, leaving an indelible mark in many young impressionable minds, strengthening their character. What an outstanding example of caring, dedication and success! The sorors of Eta Delta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are especially proud of her accomplishments and the fact that she is also representing our "sisterhood" as she receives this great and deserving honor!

SPC JOB FAIR SCHEDULED MARCH 7

LEVELLAND - South Plains College's annual Job Fair is scheduled for March 7 from 10 am to 2:00 pm in the Sundown Room of the Student Center. The job fair is open to current and former SPC students as well as the general public. The event is free of charge to job applicants and employers. The deadline for online employer registration is February 24.

The event is expected to attract several hundred job-hunters as well as a wide array of employers representing numerous industries from the South Plains area.

"Diverse employers representing numerous career opportunities in the South Plains and other parts of Texas and New Mexico attend our annual job fairs," noted Rushing. "Current students, alumni, and other potential job applicants from the community can expect to meet with employers, fill out job applications, offer resumes and visit shortly with employers about qualifications. Although employers are welcome to interview that day, most schedule interviews for a later date."

Registered employers can begin setting up their booths at 9:00 am and begin tearing down from 2-3 pm on the day of the job fair. Reserved parking is provided with students available to assist with unloading and carrying supplies.

"Serving our students and surrounding community with the opportunity to network with employers through the job fair has been a high priority for South Plains College," said Rushing. This is the 27th year SPC has hosted the job fair.

"The best advice I can give to job seekers is to come prepared. Applicants who dress to impress through conservative professional clothing and provide organized, accurate resumes usually have the best success. SPC's job placement counselors at the Levelland and Reese campuses always welcome appointments to assist with clothing questions as well as resume and interviewing skills," said Rushing.

Employers may register for SPC Job Fair 2006 and find more event information on-line at www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling/jobs/jobfair.htm. Also, whether attending the job fair or not, employers are invited to register and post jobs at www.collegecentral.com/southplainscollege.

For more information, contact Susan Rushing, Job Fair Coordinator, at 806/894-9611 ext. 2359.

Announcement:

These are the final days the Lubbock Police Department (LPD) will be accepting applications for the current hiring process. The deadline to submit applications is 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 3, 2006. **Human Resources must receive all applications no later than 5:00 pm Friday March 3, 2006.** Applications can be picked up at the Lubbock Police Department Training Academy (508 Davis Drive - Reese Center), the Lubbock Police Department (916 Texas Ave.), and Human Resources, Room 104 of the Lubbock Municipal Building (1625 13th). Applications may also be submitted online at our website, www.lubbockpolice.com.

The LPD entrance exam will be this Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Frenship High School. The test will be given at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria on the south side of the school. Frenship High School is located in Wolfforth, Texas at 82nd Street and FM 179.

Basic Requirements:

- Be 21 years of age, and not have reached his/her 45th birthday at the time of entrance into the Police Academy.
- Be a high school graduate OR possess a G.E.D. certificate with at least 12 semester hours from an accredited college or university with at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Not have been convicted of a "Class A" misdemeanor or a felony.
- Not have been convicted of a "Class B" misdemeanor or its equivalent within the last 120 months.
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Roy Davis and his wife, Linda Wood-Davis, take time for a photo at the annual Lubbock Meals on Wheels Mardi Gras, which is the largest fundraiser for the organization that serves homebound senior citizens. The couple enjoyed entertainment, and food provided by 30 Lubbock restaurants. The event is held annually on Fat Tuesday, the last celebration before the Lenten season. (photo courtesy of Christy Martinez-Garcia)

Don't forget to vote March 7

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