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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 Choir Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 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 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Nineteenth 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, 7:00 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of JOC 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.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.

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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Spencer Named Woman Of Distinction By Local Girl Scouts



Shannon Spencer

One of twelve women selected as a "woman of Distinction" was Shannon Spencer, a young lady who grew up in East Lubbock. This presentation was done at the Women of Distinction Awards Dinner held and was sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Caprock Council.

Ms. Spencer is the mother of two children, namely: a son, Quinton, and a daughter, Ashton. She graduated from Estacado High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Wayland Baptist University in Occupational Education with emphasis in Business and Health.

She will tell that Christ is the center of her life which has enabled her to be successful in business as a single parent. She is a full-time member of Full Armor Ministry where she heads the New Members Orientation classes. She developed and implemented a mentor program for young girls 11-17 entitled Sister 2 Sister. She plays a key role in coordinating programs for women in the church. She has a strong passion to help women become successful in life, whether it is through encouraging words, connecting them with other people or even providing a meal to give strength. She believes that one must first learn how to survive in life and then use the tools one has to live the most productive life possible.

At present time, Shannon is Director of adult Development for Girl Scouts of Caprock Council. With eight years of service, she has been recognized by her superiors with the Appreciation Pin and the honor Pin. She served as treasurer for the Hub City Kiwanis, is a member of Toasters Club, and is also a member of the Association of Girl Scout Executive Staff.

She has recently been chosen to serve as a facilitator for GSUSA. She will travel to several states introducing a pilot program about leadership journey's for girls.

Other Women chosen for this honor were: Lee Ann Dumbauld, Kay Evans, Cindy Hardy, Mary Hatfield, Donna Hodge, Linda Kite, Cindy Martin, Carla Moore, Liz Sands, Paula Wilkinson, and Kathleen Kalkie Williams.

Bethel AME Install New Officer And Say Thanks For A Job Well Done To Bro. Sam Sanders Sr. For Forty Year's Of Faithful Services



MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN: T. J. Patterson, Jr., Manager of Legislative Affairs Government Relations Department for the City of Fort Worth (Center) is shown with the Honorable John Conyers, Jr., Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary United States Congress (Left), and the Honorable Kathleen Hicks, Mayor Pro-Tem, Fort Worth.

They met with Chairman Conyers and the Honorable Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member, House Homeland Security Committee, U. S. Congress.

The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, (D-Missouri) met with the delegation from Fort Worth, and talked about the workings of Capitol Hill. The Honorable Wendy Davis, Council Member, City of Fort Worth, was also present.

Patterson is a cousin of Congressman Cleaver.

Tom Martin Announces Candidacy for Mayor of Lubbock

Tom Martin announced his decision to run for Mayor this afternoon at a 2:00 press conference at Canyon West Shopping Center. Judge J.Q. Warrick introduced Martin saying, "We chose this site today so we could look around us and see that Lubbock is growing and prospering." The judge then singled out Martin as the man who is credited with the Milwaukee / Canyon West development and for bringing new businesses, schools, churches, homes and hundreds of new jobs at no increase in taxes.

Taking the podium, Martin made official what many had speculated would happen. His opening statement was, "I am entering the race for Mayor of Lubbock." As supporters cheered the official announcement Martin added, "My reasons are simple. I know the job, I can do the job. And most importantly, I really do enjoy the job. I think you must enjoy the job to really do your best at it."

Martin reminded the audience that his career has been in municipal public service having served as Lubbock's Information Officer



Tom Martin

during the aftermath of the 1970 tornado then joined the Lubbock Police Department and rising to Captain. He then became Chief of Police for two other Texas cities. Martin was elected to the Lubbock City Council in May, 2002 and served until May, 2006, the last two years as Mayor Pro Tem. He then finished second in a hard-fought mayoral race that same year. Martin believes he will now be successful in his bid for mayor because Lubbock voters have seen the importance of electing officials who are familiar

with city budget processes and problem solving.

In his remarks, Martin stressed that the position of Mayor of Lubbock is not powerful by law and how the mayor must effect the cooperation and agreement of all the other council members to get anything done adding, "These are the challenges I like." He closed by promising to be a full-time mayor free of personal business investments and to "do my very best for all the people of Lubbock."

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Career Women Sponsor Teens in Leadership Program



(BlackNews.com) - Ten talented rising seniors attended their first-time summer residential camp development experience in a new initiative created by Teenshop, Inc., one of the nation's longest running volunteer programs dedicated exclusively to the empowerment of adolescent girls, (www.teenshop.org)

The mentors who sponsored the individual girls during the weeklong stay at Bryan Mawr College range from the Senior Vice President of the nation's largest cable communications provider to the chief executive of a multi-million dollar non-profit coalition.

The teen camp participants, hand-picked by their chapter leaders from the larger universe of more than 125 girls enrolled in Teenshop...were unique in that each girl was an honor roll student who will also get personalized mentoring from

her sponsor as she faces college preparation.

Teenshop, a weekend program founded in 1985, boasts a successful track record that has enrolled more than two thousand girls. All of whom attend college or professional schools, despite the obstacles many face of single-parent, low-income households.

With the help of dedicated volunteers who run Teenshop's five chapters, the support of inspired women of achievement and other community leaders, and a visionary leader and founder, Teenshop has been able to achieve what other, better-financed and better-marketed organizations serving girls often find challenging, that is: attract, retain, nurture and "graduate" adolescent girls of color; keep them from getting pregnant; and give them a better start on the rest of their lives.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Church services at the New Hope Baptist Church were well attended with services getting underway with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team was at its place and sang out of their hearts and souls. What a time! Minister Moore read the morning scripture, and Minister Wilson offered the morning prayer. The New Hope Choir sang several selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Rick Bonds of Mineral Wells, Texas. His subject was entitled, "Activating The Gift." His scripture text was II Timothy 1:6-7. What a message.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Brother Napoleon Cooper, and Sister Marian Allen welcomed all visitors. The New Hope Church is the "Church Where The People Really Care!"

This is the big week for the drama sponsored by the Lubbock Outreach Prayer Breakfast. This event will be held at the Dunbar Middle School, 2010 east 26th Street, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Admission is only \$10.00 per person, with children 6-12, \$3.00 and children ages 13-18, \$5.00. The name of the drama is "They Brought A Woman." This Gospel Musical Drama is produced by Sister Dorothy Hood. It is directed by Sister Elnora Jones and Brother Maurice Williams.

For more information, call Sister Hood at 762-3347

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. It is just good to know those persons who are sick and shut in. Let us call the names of a few who are ill or shut-in this week:

Here are a few who are members of New Hope Baptist Church: Jackie Alexander, Jackie Anderson, Stacy Ashley, Undra Baker, Hardin Barrow, Clarine Branch, Mary Brock, the Clay Family, Rileta Coleman, Hazel Dixon, Clarence Ervin, Sr., Clarence Ervin, Jr., Octavia Given, Luella Hall, Emma Jackson, Cedric Johnson, Steve Jones, Willie Jones, Odessa Long, Anne McBride, Helen Skief and many, many more.

Others on sick list include: Bernadetta Barber, Lester & Bobbie Brown, Norma Davis, Doris Ragland, Mary Ella Tucker, Rudolph Belvin, Dorothy Nash, Bernice Wright, Emma Rowe, Lillie Smith and Charlie Bell Pratt.

Sister Dorothy Nash was able to attend church services at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday morning, November 4, 2007. She was just happy to be able to attend.

Last week, it was made known about Brother Sammy L. Sanders being made an Emeritus Steward by his pastor, Rev. Sonja L. Beaty, gave the appointment, Sunday afternoon, November 4, 2007. Brother Sanders was recognized in the congregation during the morning worship. He had a cake baked for him and presented to him during the fellowship dinner following services. He was very elated over everything happening. He presented the youngest new Steward with a badge. All Brother Sanders was saying is "God Is Good!"

If you are unable to attend church services, then tune in to the New Hope Broadcast over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM, on Sunday mornings from 11:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. Of course, it is better to be in attendance at your own church, but if you can't, then tune in!

Visit a Lubbock Public School this week. You will be glad you did so!

**!Stop!
The Violence**

Estacado High School Matador Corner



Ooops We Goofed!"

Zaquia Mackey



In the October 18, 2007 issue of the Southwest Digest, this young lady's name was incorrect. The picture showed her: name as Zaquia Green. She is Zaquia Mackey.

She was a member of the 2007 Estacado High School Matador Homecoming Court. Ooops we goofed! Now we have it right.

EHS 5 Facts about Goal Setting:

Here are some helpful tips that you might consider on trying to help you reach your goals:

1. Specific, realistic goals work best: When it comes to people setting a goal the ones who set the most specific goal are the ones who seem to get the farthest in life for example, if someone says "I am going to recycle bottles, cans and glass" it is a much more doable goal than "I'm going to do more for the environment." And that makes it easier to stick with.

2. It takes time for a change to become an established habit: It will probably take a couple of months before any changes because your brain needs to get used to the idea that this new thing you're doing is part of your regular routine.

3. Repeating a goal makes it stick: Every time you remind yourself of what you want to do, you are training your brain to actually make it happen.

4. Pleasing other people doesn't work: The key to making any change is to make desire in yourself for example, you won't be pleasing your self if you are setting a goal that some one else wants you to set. You can only be happy if you set your own goal and really try hard to accomplish that specific goal.

5. Roadblocks don't mean failure: It may take a few tries to reach a goal- but that's okay because it is normal to mess up or even give up a few times but just remind yourself to get back on track. So just remember that every one makes mistakes and don't stress yourself about it.

Estacado's Journalism Department have Yearbooks both past and present for sale. Please get in touch with Ms. Kimberlee Douglas for more information. Estacado High School needs your support.

Installation Services Set For Rev. Ernest Hopkins, Jr.

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"
Romans 10:15

It gives us great joy to share with our friends the blessing God has sent to us in the person of Ernest Hopkins Jr. We, the members of New Zion Baptist Church, invite all to join us as we in obedience to God's purpose stand together in the installation service of God's chosen shepherd to watch over our souls. The service

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by Shriya Robinson

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
State and Local Sales Taxes & Reverse Mortgages



We Thank God for Jesus
"Sourest Fruit Today Is The U.S.A."

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

There was a story in the Lubbock-Avalanche Journal Metro/State; Sunday, November 4, 2007 headlined "Lawmakers address taxes, reverse mortgages." Enrique Rangel who writes for the A-J Austin Bureau wrote this story.

This story is worthy of repeat because it addresses and informs us of what our lawmakers are doing to protect all of us from predators who would financially destroy us.

Rangel writes: Texas taxpayers who itemize their deduction in their federal income tax filings may want to keep an eye on this: State Comptroller Susan Combs is lobbying Congress to continue a temporary law that has allowed those taxpayers to deduct state and sales taxes.

Rangel said Combs said of a bill Congress passed in 2004 to give break to taxpayers in states that impose no state income tax: "In Texas, this law has had a significant positive impact on the state's economy, account for additional money in taxpayers' pockets, as well as increased job creation, investment and economic productivity.

Extending the deduction would save Texans about \$1.2 billion a year, or an average of \$520 per taxpayer claiming the deduction, Combs said. Moreover, continuing the deduction for 2008 and beyond is vitally important because it is associ-

ated with 15,700 to 25,700 jobs and \$1.4 billion in gross state product.

Other state officials are also pushing to make the law permanent. If the 2004 law is not extended, it will expire at the end of this year.

Another point Rangel made had to do with crooks taking property of senior citizens. Rangel writes, "Like other attorney generals, Texas' Greg Abbott is going after crooks preying on homeowners at risk of losing their properties or asking mortgage companies to give financially troubled borrowers a break."

Two weeks ago, for example, Abbot proposed a series of foreclosure prevention measures to the three largest mortgage lending and servicing companies doing business in the state. And two months ago, his office convened the Texas Residential Mortgage Fraud Task Force. The force, which includes consumer credit regulators and representatives from the real estate and banking industries, is cracking down on mortgage fraud.

Abbot's latest crusade targets scammers of elderly homeowners. He is alerting property owners over 62 with little or no mortgage debt to be careful with the specialized loans called reverse mortgages.

Abbot is to have said in a bulletin that under these arrangements, eligible homeowners are

promised an up-front cash payout with no obligation to repay the loan. Even better, the sales pitch goes, seniors can live out the rest of their lives in their own homes with no monthly mortgage and have extra money to spend enjoying their retirement years. So, what's the catch? Abbot asks, "Although seniors are generally not required to repay these loans, once they pass away or permanently leave their homes, that property essentially belongs to the lender," he explained. "Under a typical arrangement the lender to recoup the loan, fees and interest, by selling the home after it is vacated."

Senior interest in reverse mortgage are advised to contact the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at 1-800-569-4287 for a list of local lenders approved by the Federal Housing Administration. Abbot says, senior should consider hiring an attorney to help them review reverse mortgage documents. They can also call his office at 1-800-252-8011.

The information given by Mr. Rangel is extremely important. The readers of this article in Lubbock and the surrounding counties may call Legal Aid of Northwest Texas at 806-763-4557 to set up an appointment to see if they qualify for legal assistance if they are challenged or in risk of losing their properties.

Jesus said, there was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it. And he lit a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.

Lord, we know you blessed America, and she praised your name, but now she is the bloddiest in the world. Shame, Shame, Shame!

Micah 7:2-3 -- The Good Man is perished out of the earth, and there is none upright among men. They all lie in wait for blood. They hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly. The prince asketh, and the judge asketh for reward, and the Great Man. He uttereth his mischievous desire. So they wrap it up.

It all started when a man told America, I have a dream. Now this whole country is in a nightmare, and this is no dream.

Jeremiah 23:25-27 -- The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said (but prophesy lies in my name. Saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, they are prophets of deceit of their own heart which thing because my people to forget my name in their Fathers have forgotten my name for Ba Al. The

prophet that hath a dream, let him a dream, and he that hath my word. Let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?

Lord, when the Christians wanted to give out man's rights. They didn't preach Jesus, but vanity of their own might.

Zechariah 4:6b -- Not by might. But by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts.

Lord, now the children are disobedient as the Church leaders were children wanted what they want, and it's not the Lord.

Isaiah 1:4a -- Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers. Children who are corrupters. They have forsaken the Lord.

(Following the devil's Rights: Gay Rights, No Spanking Rights, Run Away Rights, No Prayer In School Rights, KKK Rights, Woman Rights, Black Rights, Abortion Rights, White Rights, Drugs In School Rights, Road Rage Rights, Shacking Rights, Rubbers In Kindergarten Rights, Kill The Boss and Co-Workers Rights, Drug Corner Rights, Kill The Family Rights, Federal Building Bombing Rights, Suicide and many, many more.)

Romans 1:21-22 -- Because that, when they (The Christians) knew God. They glorified Him not as God. Neither were thank-

ful, but became vain in their imaginations (Dreams), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves (The Christians) to be wise. They became fools.

Lord, we live in the day of Noah, and the Churches cannot see the sign. People are marrying, and having a good time.

Luke 12:54-56 -- Jesus said, when ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower, and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, there will be heat and it cometh to pass. Ye, Hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth. But how is it that ye do not discern this time?

Lord, America's vineyard is full of thistles and thorns. She is tossed to and fro in her sins. It is like having a bull by the horns.

Psalm 2:1-2 -- Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine (Dream) a vain thing? The Kings of the Earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the

"They who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night."

Edgar Allan Poe

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, November 4, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Candy.

It is always great to be able to attend church services at

St. Matthew Baptist Church. If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit St. Matthew.

Here is a story we read the other day. It went like this:

"Losing To Gain"
On my father's farm, were certain fields he sowed by hand. He would strap on a canvas contraption that looked somewhat like a kangaroo pouch, fill it with seed, and go out to sow. He would cast seed everywhere.

When a farmer sows seed in his field, it looks like he's throwing it away. It seems to be lost, but it isn't really gone. In due time he gets it back with much more besides.

When we give ourselves to Christ, it may seem to people as if we're throwing our life away. But He said that it is only as we lose our lives in Him that we find true life (Matt. 10: 39).

Jesus teaches us to measure our lives by losses rather than gains, by sacrifices rather than self-preservation, by time spent for others rather than time lavished upon ourselves, by love poured out rather than love poured in.

It's a rule of life: God blesses those who give of their lives and resources (2 Cor. 9: 6). Give out the truth you know, and He'll give you more to give away. Give your time, and you'll have more time to give. Set no limit on your love, and you'll have more love for others than before.

Israel's wise man said, "There is one who scatters, yet increases more" (Prov. 11:24). It's one of

the oldest paradoxes in the world, but it works.

We lose what on ourselves we spend;

We have as treasure without end

Whatever, Lord, to You we lend.

Who gives all

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens of the community. There are many of them who will be happy to hear from you. Today it happens to be them, and who knows tomorrow it could be one of us. No matter our station in life, let us be thankful of

our posture: God is able to do more than we can imagine.

Thought of the Week: "When you grasp, you lose; when you give to God, you gain."

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This is a big week for the members of the Lubbock Outreach Prayer Breakfast as this will be the Elnora Jones, our dynamic teacher, and Brother Maurice Williams. So why not come out to Dunbar Middle School on Friday evening, November 9, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p. m. We will be looking forward to seeing you in the house!

Here are a few thoughts from the Outreach Prayer Breakfast: "Tapping The Treasure" Stephen May discovered a treasure while teaching literature at the University of Northern Colorado. In the library, he found 150 boxes of letters, manuscripts, journals, outlines, and notes given to the school by James A. Michener.

Surprisingly, no one was using those materials to write a biography of the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, known for his historical novels. After years of research and writing, May produced a new account of the life of Michener from that great treasure.

Each day, you and I are writing the story of our lives by what we say and do. Are we using the great, but often neglected, wealth of the Bible? The psalmist wrote: "I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches... Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law" (Ps. 119: 14, 18).

The Bible is the written record through which we get to know Jesus Christ, "in whom are hidden, all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3). Its suggests of truth are available to us all.

A life well-lived is directly related to a Bible well-read? As we live out our life story, let's be sure to tap the treasure of God's Word every day.

My Bible to me is a treasure house.

Where I can always find
Whatever I need from day to day
For heart and soul and mind

Let us not forget those who are on the sick and shut in list. As we have often made known, today these persons are ill, but tomorrow it could be you or I. So let's thank God for His Goodness as He continues to look over us. He is such a Good God and He loves each of us!

Let us not forget our drive by prayers as we travel to and from

our various locations during the day. We could be driving to our church, school, business. Just pray for the area in which we live. Remember, God is able!

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

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Library Programs For The City of Lubbock

Free Adult Vision Screenings at the Patterson Library

Prevent Blindness will provide free vision screenings for adults at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Monday, November 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, please call 767-3300.

Children's Movie at the Mahon Library

Ooh la la! The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, invites children to watch a culinary movie masterpiece starring a rat named Remy. Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 12. For more information, call 775-2838.

Teen Poetry Club Meeting at Patterson Branch Library

The "Creative Ink" teen poetry club will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Monday, November 12 at 4:30 p.m. Bring a poem to read to the group. It can be an original work, or a poem by a published author. This month's themes are Thanksgiving, the holiday season, or whatever you feel like writing.

U. S. Armed Services

Amy Sgt. Andrew J. McKay has deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The soldier is a member of the 17th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion stationed at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska. Members of the support battalion will provide a headquarters for 1,500 transportation soldiers based in northern Iraq. McKay, a transportation management coordinator, has served in the military for 11 years.

He is the son of Andrew J. McKay of Farm to Market Road 1729, Lubbock, Texas.

Installation Services Set

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Attend Church Services Sunday!

about. For more information, call 767-3300.

Movie at Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, will show a film about newlyweds who buy a fixer-upper in the suburbs at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13. Rated PG. For more information, call 792-6566.

Free Adult Vision Screenings at the Patterson Library

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The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, is celebrating America Recycles Day. Teens are invited to bring in used materials (paper, packaging, found objects, etc.) and create a masterpiece at the library on Thursday, November 15 at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 767-3733.

Award Winning Documentary On Blacks

Washington, D.C.

Monday November 12, at Howard University College of Medicine Auditorium, Washington, DC. "Emancipation Revelation Revolution," an inspiring film about how one political party fought to end slavery and championed civil rights, will be shown.

The film, produced and directed by Nina May, presents factual information about the major legal reforms passed to give Black Americans equal rights that were promoted by one party and fought unambiguously by the other.

The purpose of this documentary is to enlighten Black Americans about their political history and specifically examine the question of how is it possible for Black Americans to gain political leverage if the Democratic Party is not forced to compete for their vote.

"ERR serves to set the record straight by dispelling myths and destroying stereotypes that persist surrounding both parties," says Alveda King, who is featured in the film.

"The film's timely message should encourage Black Americans to examine the Democrats' record on improving education, high rate of poverty, as well as other issues affecting our communities," says Niger Innis who is featured in the film with his father, Roy Innis, founder of the Congress on Racial Equality.

This powerful, award-winning documentary presents the fascinating story of how every Black American, including ex-slaves, elected to Congress immediately after the Civil War was a Republican. The first southern Black Democrat to be elected to

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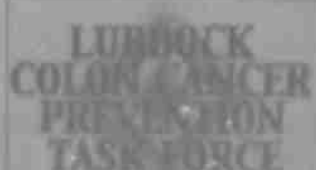
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Hawkins To Leave Texas College

Dr. Billy C. Hawkins did an outstanding job as president of Texas College and will be missed on the Tyler campus when he becomes president of Talladega College in Talladega, Ala., colleagues said Tuesday.

Announcing his resignation here, effective at the conclusion of the current semester on Dec. 31, Hawkins said he will walk away from the Tyler institution with sadness, proud that the college is in good shape and believing he "made a little difference here."

In his seven years as president, Texas College achieved sounder finances, growth in academic programs and enrollment, started several athletic programs, expanded extracurricular activities and landed on a listing of America's best colleges in the magazine U.S. News & World Report.

"The school is well. I don't leave taking all the credit. It took a team effort to turn this around," Hawkins said in an interview. "There were a lot of days that a lot of people didn't know if this institution would make it or not. What we see here today is clear evidence of hard work, dedication and people working together - the community, faculty and staff and students."

It was a "tough decision to leave something we have worked so hard to build," Hawkins said, but added, "I feel, at this point, it's a good time to look at a new challenge. I will leave Tyler with great joy and happiness." He will begin his new duties as president of Talladega College on Jan. 1.

Hawkins, 53, said he is leaving Texas College with mixed emotions because of his love for the college.

Coincidentally, Hawkins was the 20th president of Texas College and will be the 20th president of Talladega College. Both institutions are private, historically black liberal arts colleges. Texas College was created in 1894 and affiliated with the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, while Talladega College began in 1865 and is affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

Although the approximately 50-acre Talladega College campus is physically twice the size of Texas College, enrollment is down to about 380 students, and Hawkins believes his success in building the enrollment at Texas College was one factor that prompted Talladega College to recruit him.

Talladega College first approached Hawkins two years ago about the presidency there. "I turned them down because I was still trying to get this one (Texas College) reaccredited for the second time, so I felt my work wasn't finished here," Hawkins said. But when Talladega College officials came back again recently seeking to persuade him to go to the Alabama institution, he accepted.

Texas College had 281 students when Hawkins became president in 2000. Enrollment has grown to 774 currently and has been as high as 1,035 during Hawkins' tenure. Approximately 55-60 percent of the students are male, and 35-40 percent is female, which Hawkins says dispels the negative belief of many that black males aren't going to college. Texas College's enrollment also has become more diversified with inclusion of Hispanic, white and other students.

"I've prided myself on being a student-oriented president, and probably the one thing I'm going to miss the most is the students," Hawkins said. "Certainly, I'm going to miss the relationships I've built here with students and the faculty and staff and the friendships developed in the community."

Hawkins transformed Texas College into a more solid institution, both educationally and financially. He led Texas College through the last stages of the process of regaining reaccreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools after SACS revoked its accreditation in the 1990s for failing to meet standards.

Early in Hawkins' presidency, the college earned five-year reaccreditation, and then Hawkins guided the institution to a successful 10-year accreditation review under new SACS stan-

dards in 2006. Walden "Red" Little, a major financial supporter of Texas College, said, "We are very sorry we are losing Dr. Hawkins. He's the one that really resurrected Texas College. Through his leadership and expertise and connections and his knowledge and background, he's been able to do a lot for the institution."

Little theorized micromanagement by a new bishop, Ronald Cunningham, contributed to Hawkins' decision to resign as Texas College president. "For Texas College to lose him is a sad day" and "will set the college back," Little said.

Cunningham could not be reached late Tuesday by the Tyler Morning Telegraph for comment. Hawkins said there was "a difference in philosophy." A directive of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that there should be a separation in a higher education institution between a board and administration - with the board setting policy and administration running the institution - was "strained a little bit" under Cunningham, Hawkins said, but added, "I wouldn't say that was my defining reason for accepting the new position (at Talladega College)."

Hawkins said his "proudest accomplishment" at Texas College is that he will leave the college with no long-term debt and all renovations paid for, which is unusual in higher education.

Hawkins raised \$1 million in the first 90 days of his presidency in trying to overcome financial hardship facing Texas College at that time. There have been eight financial audits of Texas College during his tenure, all finding the college in the black and with auditors issuing unqualified opinions that the college was operating in line with accounting procedures.

Hawkins implemented four new academic programs - a "success program" for adult learners, religious studies, criminal justice and teacher certification. Hawkins increased faculty and student research dollars in science and technology with grant funding he obtained.

Hawkins promoted an atmosphere of community relations, local business partnerships and government relations involvement. He secured a community service partnership with the local judicial system, which saved the institution over a half million dollars in labor costs.

Hawkins said he tried to be a student-oriented president by being accessible to students, customer service driven, participation in student activities and by creating Student Ambassadors.

Hawkins implemented mandatory chapel attendance as a graduation requirement and weekly Bible study.

Campus improvements during his tenure have included a new athletic training complex, a new band hall, a new fitness center and dance rehearsal hall and campus landscaping. Major renovations were made to Martin Hall auditorium, the library, main academic building, cafeteria, student union and dormitories.

Campus grounds beautification won a city of Tyler beautification award and included new signage, a wrought iron and brick column fence surrounding the front of the campus financed with private funding, a new brick walkway, new sprinkler system, new pole lighting throughout the



MOVING ON: Texas College President Billy Hawkins poses in front of the sign on Grand Street, in this January 2003, file photo that welcomed visitors to the campus.

campus, a new parking lot and new sidewalks.

Four campus buildings were placed on local, state and national historic registries.

New athletic programs include football, with Texas College being two-time conference champs in three years; women's softball, men's soccer with Texas College being conference champs

for the first time, women's soccer and men's and women's track teams. Texas College athletes ranked No. 1 in 2006 in academic standings with other athletes in the Red River Conference.

Texas College started a new, 100-member marching band and increased membership in the concert choir to 100 voices. The choir tours and performs across the state and outside of Texas.

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(AP) Shock jock Don Imus will return to the airwaves Dec. 3 after eight months of a well-paid hiatus brought about by a racist and sexist remark that once seemed certain to permanently silence his broadcasting career.

Citadel Broadcasting Corp. made the announcement Thursday, confirming long-rumored reports that Imus was coming back to morning drive time on New York-based WABC-AM.

The cantankerous Imus was fired April 12 by CBS Radio amid a firestorm of controversy over his "nappy-headed hos" remark about the Rutgers University women's basketball

team.

"We are ecstatic to bring Don Imus back to morning radio," said WABC radio President and General Manager Steve Borneman. "Don's unique brand of humor, knowledge of the issues and ability to attract big-name guests is unparalleled. He is rested, fired up and ready to do great radio."

Imus will return with his longtime newsman, Charles McCord, and other members of his morning team, Citadel said in announcing the move. It did not specifically mention Bernard McGuirk, the producer who instigated Imus on the Rutgers comment and was fired as well.

No financial details were made public in the four-paragraph announcement of Imus' return. Imus' attorney, Martin Garbus, confirmed the deal, but did not elaborate on the details. There was also no word on syndication or any TV deal for the Imus show. His "Imus in the Morning" program aired on more than 70 stations and the MSNBC cable network.

Obituary

Pastor K. J. Darty



Tony Francis "Big Baker", 40, of Big Spring, formerly of Lubbock, died Oct. 24, 2007 at his

Tony Francis "Big Baker"

residence. Services was held 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Burial will be in the City of Lubbock Cemetery, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Funeral services were held for Pastor K. J. Darty last Friday morning, November 2, 2007, at the Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating. Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

She passed away Saturday, October 27, 2007.

She was born in Cameron, Texas on January 17, 1951 to John D. and Fannie Mae Jaushlin. She attended Estacado High School, Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, and Vogue Cosmetology School.

At an early age, she accepted Christ and was active in Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, with the late Bishop W. D. Hynes as her pastor. Sister Darty became an evangelist missionary at the age of 22, and worked faithfully in the ministry of God's Power Team.

Evangelist Darty worked faithfully under late Bishop J.E. Alexander and Bishop W. H. Watson at Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ. She also served as assistant pastor under Pastor Bob Thomas of New Hope Baptist Church in Shallowater and Mount of Blessings Church in Lubbock. Pastor Darty founded and served faithfully for 14 years as Pastor of Holy Tabernacle of Praise Church.

Pastor Darty is preceded in death by her father, John; and brother, Clifford.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Darty; a daughter, Pastor-elect Ylonda Shedd; her mother, Fannie Mae; three sisters: Evangelist Dorothy Rodgers of Stockton, California, Pastor Patricia Thomas of Phoenix, Arizona, Robin Jaushlin of Wichita, Kansas; two brothers, John and Porter Jaushlin of Dallas; two grandchildren, Kwimae and T'Keyah several God children; and numerous other family members, friends, and church members.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

GOOD TO SEE INCREASE IN BLACK & BROWN ENROLLMENT! THIS 'N' THAT was among nearly **SIXTY BLACK & BROWN CONCERNS** who attended the meeting of the **AFRICAN AMERICAN/HISPANICS ENROLLMENT TASK-FORCES** last Monday morning November 5, 2007 at the Market Center on the campus of Texas Tech University Where an energetic **DR. JUAN MUNOZ** gave some very positive improvements on the recruitment of **AFRICAN AMERICAN & HISPANIC STUDENTS** Very positive information was given by **ROBERT SHINDELL** Associate Vice President and **RICK BAKER** Who presented a proposal on an upcoming **AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION SUMMIT** Which is being set for **FEBRUARY, 2008** During the annual celebration of **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** Dr. Munoz reported that the enrollment of African American students is 68% While the Hispanic enrollment is up 58% There is no doubt about it **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY** is moving in a positive direction under the leadership of **CHANCELLOR KENT HANCE** **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "SELFISH GRATIFICATION** will lead to **SPIRITUAL STAGNATION**." **SUPPORT THE LUBBOCK OUTREACH PRAYER**

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Klein: Baggy pants rule won't be snap decision
Councilman wants info on obscenity laws before council consideration

A city ordinance banning sagging pants in public won't come to the Lubbock City Council for a vote for at least two more weeks.

City Councilman Todd Klein said he wants more time to know whether current obscenity laws already prohibit wearing pants low enough to show a person's underwear.

He said two more weeks will also give him time to hear from residents, something he says is already happening.

"We're not going to rush anything," Klein said.

Schools districts in Lubbock - and throughout the state - have dress codes that prohibit sagging pants.

The council cannot adopt an ordinance, or change one already on the books, without approving it twice and holding a public hearing.



Think About It!

No Sagging!"

by Eddie P. Richardson

A terrible sight indeed is a display of pants below the belt. If they should have an emergency and have to run for some unforeseen reason, the question to ponder is: would the trip and fall from their sagging trousers?

The most despicable thing about the whole mess, even including some young ladies who are sagging. They must realize this is no style, no class, and no fashion statement when someone is showing their dirty stinky underwear. Sometimes, these young persons are showing their behinds. Now, let's get real, this is not a pretty sight. It just looks nasty and filthy!

The amazing thing about the whole situation is a white designer racist was the designer. This was done so the fat rappers had something for them. We must realize that filth does not discriminate. Across these United States, youngsters of all races, creeds, and cultures are doing it. It is just like bringing cocaine to South Central, Los Angeles, California some years ago for the gang bangers. But to the suppliers, it moved quickly across the nation along racial lines.

It was good to see someone observing this disaster. Cities across the United States of America, along with School Boards, are taking positive actions on this national disaster. Our hats are off to them, and hope they will continue to Todd Kline for his stand on this problem. The Lubbock City Council, hopefully the City Council members, will see it the same

way as he does. This is a very ungodly, bad and awful sight, especially with young ladies. Now, what has happen to our pride, neatness, and grooming?

These kind of postures makes you want to do something immediately, that is, if we work to get it taken care of. Can't we do so? Sure we can!

This problem should not have to go to this point. Parents should take care of this situation. There is no doubt about it, this is a personal problem which should not have to get to this

point, but it becomes a public problem when ones affairs become offensive to the general public which makes it a public offense.

Really, the sagging problem can be dealt with easily, that is, if the parents would do their share. Let the young people know, we will allow it. There will be no need for any kind of legislation. Come on parents and help with this situation.

Closing thought: "Try seeing oneself as others see us."



Bro. Bradford

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Bro. Bedford sees Black Entrepreneurship as the answer to curtail unemployment and corporate dependency at a time when both are proving detrimental to the African-American community, as well as provide solutions to the challenges faced by and the limited information available to African-Americans.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

Something has to be done about the rampant use of drugs of all kinds in this country. Every time you pick up a newspaper or listen to the media via radio, television or tell-a-friend, there is some high profile athlete denying or finally admitting that they have used drugs to give impetus to their athletic career. God knows athletes are naturally endowed with certain capabilities and using them to improve their lives is all good. Endowment is what they have because some of us came in

last on the fifty yard dash; forget the mile. So what is the driving element to use drugs to enhance nature? Are we living in the drug era? Somehow it was thought to be the technological era and the place of drugs in this era should have some relevance to welfare and health, not dare and wealth.

The procurers of drugs are becoming wealthy and take the dare because it means quick and produce undetectable dollars where tax purposes are concerned. The dare is often life threatening or freedom threatening. One could lose his life or his freedom if caught. It is the 'if caught' part which keeps the trade going. Most procurers feel that they will not get caught even though they see it every day. They say to themselves, "I'm not going to get caught." Once caught, they feel that they will not make that same mistake again once they are free again. The cycle continues. It is hard to break because the take is easy and profitable. Once a client

is hooked, he or she will kill his grandmother to get another 'fix.'

The irony about getting the 'fix' is that so many of our young school children are going to school each day either with a 'fix' or needing a 'fix.' Too often, parents may not be aware of the condition of their children or simply do not care, perhaps because it is a daughter like mama or son like papa kind of thing. Many children are turned on to drugs in their homes by the use of prescription pain killers or experimenting with their parents' medications looking for a high. The youths easily fall prey to the 'streets' and whatever they have to offer. We MUST find a way to keep them in school because that is where they want to be, not because the law says so.

Teachers notice the students who come to school every day and

sleep all day or when they are awake they want something to munch on and often eat snacks whenever they can. The usual thing to think is that the students are not getting enough sleep at night and just did not have a good breakfast. Many of these students are not just users of drugs but are selling or 'pushing' them as well. Since drug testing is a given to secure some employment, maybe it is time for school drug testing to get it in check before it reaches the work place. The drug culture fosters the gang culture and until we control the drugs we will continue to lose our youth. We must get 'in cinque' and eliminate the need for more jails because of drugs and rescue our youth. We need schools for today's youth where they can survive and thrive without the threat of drugs.
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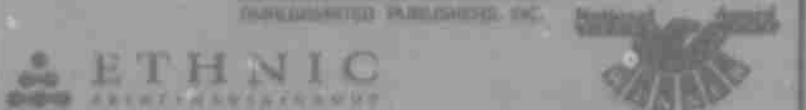
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