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Eight Cases Of Syphilis Reported In Lubbock County This Year!

Two primary cases of syphilis have been reported since mid-July bringing the total cases for the year to eight for Lubbock County.

Seven of the early syphilis cases have occurred in men who have sex with men between the ages of 19 to 24, who also report female partners. One of the cases of primary syphilis was linked to four new HIV infections since January 1.

Primary syphilis is of concern because it is a highly infectious stage of the disease. Health officials expect up to two cases of primary syphilis per year in Lubbock County.

Since January 1, the county has had 11 new HIV cases. There were six cases in 2006. The majority of these cases have occurred in men who have sex with men between the ages of 19-24, and who also report female partners.

"If you have had any type of sex with anyone in the Lubbock area who's HIV and syphilis status you do not know, you may have been exposed," said Ricky Vaughn, disease intervention specialist for the City of Lubbock. "Syphilis is a dangerous but curable disease, and HIV is a dangerous but treatable virus. If you think you've been exposed, you need to get tested. Both diseases, if not treated, can be fatal."

Symptoms of Syphilis include, but are not limited to: chancres (painless sore or sores in mouth or on genitalia), a rash (bumps) on palm or between bottoms of feet, body rash (dry or moist), patches of mucous in mouth, hair loss, or moist warts in public or genital area. Although symptoms disappear spontaneously without treatment, the person is still infected and the disease may spread to their organs in the body.

HIV can remain asymptomatic (no symptoms) for 10 to 15 years. The only way to know if you have contracted the disease is to get tested.

For free and confidential testing and treatment, call the City of Lubbock Health Department at 775-2931 to schedule an appointment.

Attorney Willie Gary Donates \$100,000 To Rainbow PUSH Coalition To Benefit Youth

Chicago, IL. -- Trial attorney and philanthropist Willie Gary donated \$100,000 to the Rainbow PUSH Coalition's PUSH Excel program to benefit Chicago area youth. The money will be used for scholarships for deserving boys and girls who wish to attend college. Gary also hosted and participated in the 3rd Annual Trial Masters Seminar during the Rainbow PUSH Coalition & Citizen Education Fund 36th Annual Conference 2007.

PUSH Excel, an academic program that has been awarding underserved youth with scholarships for 17 years, received a great boost from prominent attorney Willie Gary who donated \$100,000 during the Rainbow PUSH Coalition & Citizen Education Fund 36th Annual

ference. The scholarships were awarded during the PUSH For Excellence Scholarship Gala on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. PUSH Excel raised \$381,000 in scholarships.

"I would rather spend money on tuition than on anything else," said Gary addressing the scholarship recipients. "I want to see what PUSH is doing, continue. There are those that never made it there, but they paid the price for you and you owe it to them to be somebody."

During the conference, Gary presented the 3rd Annual Trial Masters Seminar "How to Win Billion Dollar Verdicts" featuring the best in the legal profession including his partner Tricia "CK" Hoffer, Esq., James Montgomery, Esq., and Jeffery J. Kroll, Esq. The semi-

Gary, who is best known in legal circles as "The Giant Killer," is noted for taking some of America's most powerful companies -- winning billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. Gary is also the Chairman of the Black Family Channel, America's only minority owned and operated, 24-hour cable network. Known for his philanthropic endeavors, he and his wife, Dr. Gloria Gary, founded The Gary Foundation, which provides college scholarships to at-risk students who wish to attend college. The Garys have donated millions of dollars to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities -- including \$10 million to his alma mater Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

BET 'Hot Ghetto Mess' dubbed racist, elitist

by Bobbi Booker
The Philadelphia Tribune

Philadelphia -- The brouhaha leading up to BET's "Hot Ghetto Mess" debut found African-American media watchers unified in their criticism of the program as racist and elitist.

The day after HGM, or as its been renamed, "We Got To Do Better," aired, viewers roundly criticized the program as confirming their worst fears.

"When it was over, I asked myself, 'Is it as bad as you thought it would be? My answer is, 'It was outrageously worse than I thought it would be,'" said Dr. Faye Williams, Esq., National Chair, National Congress of Black Women, Inc. "As a matter of fact, it was an assault on the soul, the whole being of Black people."

The creators of "We Got To Do Better," which is based on the Website hotghettomess.com, were obviously tentative about airing the program in light of the Internet protest led by Austin-based attorney Oins McCauley and her blog, "What About Our Daughters?" Her activism spurred at least two major advertisers to pull out of the BET program and website promotions.

"BET should cut me a check!" said McCauley after viewing the show and posting

He Loves Attending Church On Sunday!



Tra'Shun Robinson

This young person enjoys attending church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is pastor. He is Tra'Shun Robinson who celebrated his second birthday August 12, 2007.

He is the son of Tyshona Robinson and the grandson of Ruby Robinson.

We wish him many more birthdays, and encourage him to stay in the church as he grows older in life.

several updates on her blog. "The irony is that this should have been BET's singing hour, millions of people who normally don't watch were watching and when their moment came, they put on a really bad show. It's not original programming if it is made up for YouTube Clips we have already seen.

When "We Got To Do Better" initially aired, it was virtually without commercial interruption. All commercial breaks were filled with BET promotions, one Chrysler ad and three commercials for the upcoming movie, "Whose Your Caddy." Ironically, "Caddy" is the inaugural release from former BET owner Bob Johnson's film company, Our Stories Films.

In an exclusive interview with EUR published recently, Johnson called the fallout surrounding the show a "knee-jerk reaction that has a chilling effect on creativity."

"All of a sudden, creative people who want to tell stories or produce shows like 'Hot Ghetto Mess' are saying, 'I don't want to work on BET because they can't be doing anything that's innovative or pushes the envelope,'" he said. "I think that would be detrimental to creativity. I think it would be detrimental to the Black community in allowing us to mature and let a lot of voices be heard."

Williams countered saying that neither the show nor its proposed message of positive enlightenment provided a clear understanding of the concerns of the African American community.

"Now, just think of all the progress Black people have made in spite of the greatest of odds, and to do a 30 minute BET program called 'We Got To Do Better,' all Black people were reduced to rubbish. There was not an ounce of balance in the program. It had no redeeming value. In fact, if there had been television during Hitler's time, it was kind of a show the Nazis

would have used to portray the Jews -- because they were intent upon destroying them."

While BET changed the show's name, its host, Charlie Murphy, continued to refer to it as "Hot Ghetto Mess." There were efforts at showing both Blacks and whites in similarly socially challenging behavior, but AP's Nekesa Mumbi Moody summarized that "The show was racially balanced -- and equally unfunny -- on all levels."

** The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Liberia Marks Anniversary With Calls For Tolerance

(GIN) -- Thanksgiving services were held around Liberia as the country marked its 160th Independence Anniversary at area mosques.

President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, speaking at the Newport Street Mosque, observed that all religious institutions have a part to play in the nation's development. The president thanked Muslims for their continuous prayers for the nation.

Muslim leaders thanked the president for enabling a peaceful coexistence between NMu slims and non-Muslims and for providing subsidies for private schools, including Muslim institutions, and for keeping a campaign promise to recruit individuals in government based on qualification rather than religious affiliation.

The 160th Independence Anniversary celebration also included a turning over ceremony of the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sport Complex, renovated by the People's Republic of China.

Southwest Digest Making Ready For 30th Year!

The Southwest Digest is making ready for its 30th Year celebration with a banquet set for Tuesday evening, September 11, 2007.

More information later.

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 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 Juneteenth 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.
- Chattman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Les 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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Attorney Willie Gary, Esq.

Conference 2007, Gary's partner, Tricia "CK" Hoffer, followed suit by making a contribution of \$5,000.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., founder and president of the Rainbow Coalition, awarded \$400,000 in scholarships to 150 Chicago youth during the con-

ference. The scholarships were awarded during the PUSH For Excellence Scholarship Gala on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. PUSH Excel raised \$381,000 in scholarships.

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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.



Register & Vote!

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

It is about the time of the year when our precious little children will be off to school for another academic year of learning. It has been learned that school will begin Monday, August 27, 2007.

The teachers and administrators reported back today, Thursday, August 16th.

So everything is ready for another good year for all of our young people who attend the Lubbock Public Schools as well as other school districts. Let's keep encouraging our young people to stay in school and do much better than they did last year.

Oh, by the way, when we are driving a school zone, please look out for these precious little people.

The Lubbock Area Client Council is looking for some young men and women, that is, between the age of 60 and over, to participate in the 1st Annual Senior Citizen Fashion Show. This event will be held Friday evening, August 31, 2007, at the Dunbar Middle School Auditorium, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

These participants will be modeling: Casual Wear, Church Wear and Formal Wear.

So if you want to model like Sister Vellie Blanton, then call: 763-1807 or 744-2495.

Let us not forget those who are on the sick and shut in list. This week, there are several who are on the list.

Among them include: Sister Bessie Cox, Brother W. T. Phenix and Sister Lovie Jean Cunningham. Your prayers are appreciated. Today, their names are being made known, but tomorrow could be you or this writer.

Also, there are those in our community who have lost loved ones. This week, it has been brought to our attention that the sister of Sister Alene Mathew was funeralized Saturday, August 4, 2007. She was Claudia Marsh.

Again, your prayers for the family members will be most appreciated.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church, where the members trust the word of God

for victory. Rev. B. R. Mason is the pastor.

The morning services got underway with Meditation and Prayer at 10:50 a.m. The Praise Team was at its post praising God. The morning scripture was read by Minister C. Wilson and Minister McCutcheon offered the morning prayer.

After selections by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Mason delivered another powerful sermon. It was entitled "A Divine Power To Be Guaranteed." His scripture text was Psalm 121!

The invitation to discipleship was extended. Announcements were read by Sister Glenda Tobe, Sister Dorothy White welcomed visitors.

Why not make a goal this school year to visit our Lubbock Public Schools. Our young people will be more than happy to have you on their campus.

It wouldn't hurt, that is if you have time, to make preparation by checking with the principal, and have a delicious lunch meal with these precious young people.

In Remembrance

Phillip Ray Thomas



Funeral services were held for Phillip Ray Thomas Friday morning, August 10, 2007, at Wesley Memorial Church with Pastor John Williams officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home.

Mr. Thomas passed away Friday, August 3, 2007.

He was born October 21, 1956 to Willie and Winnie Thomas in Lubbock. He was employed at Furs Cafeteria for over 20 years. He was also an employee of Church's Chicken.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willie Thomas; and step-father, Luke Blacknell.

He is survived by a loving wife, Shirley Thomas, mother, Winnie Blacknell; three sons: Reginald, Jerome, and Ray Deshaun; three daughters: Brekesnia, Breana, and Nicole; a brother, Roger Culberson of Los Angeles, California; three sisters: Willie Pearl Thomas Chiles and Lillian Thomas Shipman, both of Houston and Mattie Jasper of Grenada Hills, California; 2 grandchildren.

African Americans More Likely to Require Transplant

by Tuala Williams

According to the National Kidney Foundation, African Americans suffer from End Stage Renal Failure at higher percentages than any other race. Statistics suggest that kidney failure is twice as common among African Americans and they are more likely to develop the disease than other groups and they develop it at earlier ages than Whites.

The foundation reports that the leading cause of kidney disease in diabetes. The number of cases of diabetes among African Americans has doubled over the past 35 years. And African Americans are more likely to develop the disease than Whites and developing the disease at younger ages. Approximately, 13.3 percent of all African Americans over the age of 20, 3.2 million people, have the disease.

Also, Blacks who develop complications with disease tend to suffer greater disability than Whites, the foundation reports. In fact, kidney failure among Blacks with diabetes is about four to six times greater than with Whites and the rate is increasing steady.

Most people associate high blood pressure with heart failure. But, a little known fact is that high blood pressure, a condition common among Blacks, is the second leading cause of kidney failure among African Americans.

In most cases, prevention of kidney failure is possible with early detection and management of disease that lead to it. However, according to statistics, at least 43 percent of African Americans currently receiving dialysis didn't know they had kidney failure until about a week before starting dialysis. One possible reason is that early kidney disease has no symptoms.

Currently, African Americans make up approximately 27 percent of people awaiting transplant. Yet, despite the increased likelihood that African Americans may one day have a loved one in need of a transplant, only 12 percent of all donors are Black.

Time on the waiting list for transplant recipients has decreased dramatically over the years, but shortages still exist. According to Emory Health Sciences Center in Georgia, "Nationally, about 55,000 persons are on transplant waiting lists and about 4,000 of these persons die each year while awaiting a transplant. That means every day about 55 Americans will receive a needed transplant but 10 will die because of organ unavailability."

According to the center, a major barrier to donation today is low rates of family consent.

Tuala Williams is general manager of The Dallas Examiner.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

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

Bush Names Black Army Veteran To Lead AFRICOM

(Army News Service) -- President Bush has named Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward recently to help U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) as its first commander. Ward has served as deputy commander of U.S. European Command (EUCOM) in Stuttgart, Germany, since May 2006. In that role, he has been responsible for the day-to-day activities for U.S. forces operating across 92 countries in Europe, Africa, Russia, parts of Asia and the Middle East, the Mediterranean and Atlantic.

Lubbock Granny Shares A Letter Received From Grandson Locked Up!

(Editor's Note: A Lubbock Granny wanted to share this letter received from her grandson who is in lock up. His name will not be mentioned or where he is locked up):

"Granny
My time that I've wasted is my biggest regret. Spent in these places I will never forget just sitting and thinking about the things that I've done. The money, the drinking, the drugs and the fun. Now it's just me and my hard driven guilt behind a wall of empti-

ness I allowed to be built. I'm trapped in my body just wanting to run back to my youth with its laughter and fun. But the chase is over and there's no place to hide. Everything is gone, including my pride. With reality suddenly right in my face, I'm alone, stuck in this place. Now memories of the past flash through my head, and the pain is obvious by the tears I've shed. I asked myself, why? And where? I went wrong. I guess I was weak when I should have been strong living for the drugs

and the wings I had grown. My feelings were lost -- afraid to be shown.

As I look at the past, it's so easy to see the fear that I had. Afraid to be me, I pretended to be rugged so fast and so cool. When actually, I was lost like a blinded old fool I'm too young for this tiresome game of acting real hard with no sense of shame. It's time that I change and get on with my life fulfilling my dreams for a family without strife. What my future will hold, I really don't know but the years that I've wasted are starting to show. I just live for the day when I'll get a new start and the dreams I still hold deep in my heart. I hope I can make it -- I, at least have to try, because I'm heading towards death and I don't want to die.

P.S.: "I love you so much Granny!!!"

Hopefully, some young person or persons will read this letter and take another look at life. This young man, who may be locked up today, really is looking in the right direction.

Thanks to that Granny who wanted to share this letter to our readers. May God bless her and give her strength as well. The world is for real.

It's great to have this Granny come forward to share with our many readers about her Grand Son. Today, he has some problems as he is incarcerated. At least, he has recognized what he has done is not good and he is willing to stand up and do the right thing. As we've said, he is only one in a many who has done this.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

A Senseless Killing

A few months ago, a young black male from the state of Louisiana committed a heinous crime murdering a white male who was upstanding in our society. This decorated military person had escaped death in overseas conflict and held a high military rank. Yet, on a hot day in Lubbock, Texas his life was taken in his own garage by a nobody who was not even on his way to be a somebody, he offered a drink of water.

This type of behavior is not acceptable in a civilized society. One has to wonder what motivate such behavior that is so offensive to mortality. Could it be racism like that by another alleged killer (a white male) against a young black-Hispanic male?

The subject of racism is a continual controversial issue within our Lubbock society as well as America as a whole. I read an article that stated, "Most Americans will tell you, that they are not racist individuals. Many of these people though, are either fooling themselves, or just being political correct. When you delve deeper into the subconscious of the human psyche, you discover that many of us have reasons that we believe racism. These

so called reasons or excuses include the reverse discrimination of Affirmative Action, ignorance of other races, and those in need for retribution of past injustices.

As a human being, I could not fathom the senseless killing of our white brother in West Lubbock until I receive an email about an incident that occurred in Jena, Louisiana. I begin to think as to how a cold-blooded killer would react in coming from a state that allegedly under the cover of darkness condone institutional racism.

History furnishes written evidence that "racial tensions surfaced in Jena on September 1, 2006 when hangman's nooses were discovered in a tree in Jena High School's campus. The school head recommended that the noose-hangers should be expelled. The board of education over-ruled him and the three white student perpetrators were suspended from school for three days. On November 30, an arson fire destroyed the main academic building at the school. On December 4, a fight broke out on campus, after which six African American students were arrested and charged with attempted second-degree murder.

The six accused of attempted second-degree murder are black and were fighting a white student after a week of intimidation by white students, including the one who was assaulted. Intimidation cited includes an incident where a white man brandished a gun on school property. Students allegedly wrestled away the gun and were then held in custody. The white man was later fined and the students charged. There are also claims of intimidation from the DA during the alleged week of intimidation.

On June 26, the day of trial for Mychal Bell, one of the defendants, the prosecutor agreed to reduce the charges for Bell to aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy to commit aggravated second-degree battery. Bell was found guilty, and will face the possibility of up to 22 years in prison when he is sentenced. However, the case is currently in dispute, as the court-appointed public defender did not call a single witness in his attempt to defend Bell.

Could the institutionalize racism that exists in the state

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We Thank God for Jesus

Main Street of America!

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

Matthew 10:34-35a; 11-15 - Jesus said, think not that I am come to bring peace on the earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his Father, and the daughter against her mother, and a man's foes (Enemies) shall be they of his own household. He that hateth an ear, let him hear.

America walked off from God, and didn't want to do things as the Bible says! But went out to do her own thing which is wrong to do things as I say!!!

Luke 19:114 - Jesus said, but his citizens hated Him, and sent a message after Him, saying, we will not have this man to reign (Rule) over us.

****** Yes America Has Left God!!! ******

America then kicked God out her schools, homes, courthouses, and the violence bef. It's now in the homes, schools, courthouses, it's everywhere, and there is no end!!!

I Corinthians 5:6 - (America) your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leaven (Baking Powder). Leaven the whole lump?

(When making bread, you can take a half T-spoon of baking powder, and put it into bread

and it will make the whole lump rise all over the pan).

America was once blessed with plenty of oil, water, cotton, cattle and the best in the land. But she yet wanted to do the things that were wrong, and now it's gotten out of hand!!!

****** America Did Rob God!!! ******

(Rights without responsibilities led to the violence, abortion rights, kill the abortion doctor rights, no respect rights, no prayer in school rights, woman's rights, white rights, no spanking rights, shackling rights, gay rights, black rights, roadrage rights, gang killing rights, drive by shooting rights, no spanking rights, run away rights, black suicide rights, kill the family rights, and many more of the Devil's Rights).

America gave out rights so all had rights to do what they said in their heart. Now America is now bloody, and she is bleeding from all. Every member of her parts!!!

I Timothy 3:1-2 - This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, and unholly.

Now that America is in trouble and the Churches are not truly seeking after the Lord. God wants true worship from the mind, soul and from the bottom of our hearts!!!

I Peter 4:17 - For the time is come that judgment must begin in the House of God, and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them who obey not the Gospel of God?

***** Are The Churches About God's Business??? *****

America now has more locks and bars as well as alarms on her homes, trying to stay safe. It's like a snow ball rolling down a hill. Picking up speed. It's coming your way and my way!!!

Luke 12:54-56 - Jesus said, when you see a cloud rise out of the West, straightway you say, there comes a shower, and it is. When you see the South wind blow, you say, there will be heat, and it comes to pass. You hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it that you do not discern the times.

America's carjacking is at an all time high, and many ends in death for that car. Even video games teach it, and it's in America's heart and it has gone

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, August 12, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with

Sunday School last Sunday morning with Superintendent, Sister Luella Harris in charge. It was another wonderful lesson taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject of the morning lesson was "Personal Consequences of

Sin." The scripture text was Ezekiel 18:4, 20-23, 30-32.

The morning worship hour began with devotion by Sister Annie Onasanya and Brother Gerald Jackson.

The St. Matthew Baptist

Church Choir sang again out of their hearts and souls for the Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful morning sermon. His subject was "The Life of a Righteous Man." His scripture text was Acts 23:1.

Sunday afternoon, August 19, 2007, at 3:30 p. m., our Men and Women will sponsor their 3rd Annual Day program. The theme will be "Different Roles - Same Goals." Guest speakers will be Minister Keith Shepherd and Missionary Lucinda Griffin.

If you miss this program, you will miss a treat.

Remember our sick and shut in members. Sister Lorene Conway is a patient at Highland hospital. Sister Barbara Johnson is also shut-in.

Just a little kindness to someone on the sick and shut-in list will go a mighty long way. Let us not forget those who are down today. Tomorrow, it could one of us who are fortunately to be well this week. Remember, God is

able. He knows what we need and when we need it.

Thought of the Week: "Our Faith is stretched by exchanging our weakness for God's strength."

Here's something to take with each of you this week: After we become God's child, He desires an ongoing dialog with us and a growing knowledge of who He is and who we can be without to be a Sunday-only acquaintance in our desire to please Him by obeying Him!

God wants us to have a person-

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al relationship with Him. "We know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."

God loves you and wants you to know Him. He really does!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast No. 3 met on the first Saturday morning, August 4th, in the beautiful home of Sister Betty Willis. We were truly blessed by this meeting. Sister Lula Spence is president.

Sister Spence was the speaker of the morning. All were helped by her message. She spoke about Generational Curses on Our Families and our Children. She said, "They can be broken. She also had a powerful testimony. It would have been great if you could have been present to hear what this lady had to say. If the Lord has been good to you, you need to tell it!

This is what Sister Lula Spence is doing what pleases God. We thank God for the guest present. Please come again!

Sister Willis prepared and served a delicious breakfast, along with other helpers. Check this column for our next meeting place.

Here are some breakfast scriptures (Read and Believe): II Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people which are called by name would humble themselves and pray, seek my face. Then will hear from heaven, will forgive their sins and heal their land."

Mark 11:22-26 - "Have Faith in God and you can speak to the mountains and say be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass. He shall have whatsoever he saith."

Speak to your mountain, no matter what it may be and say, "Move Mountain!"

Here is something, we'd like for you to ponder over the week. In other words, what do you

about these questions. The questions may be simple, but answer: It's not what you think of a certain religion? It's not what you think of Christians? It's not what good works you have done lately? It's not what traditions you have in your church?

The question that stands between every human and God is this: "What are you going to do with Jesus?"

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" Jesus is the only way to God.

So what are you going to do with Him. Will you allow a philosopher's deceiving words make you mistrust the Savior? Will you permit a translator's trick to cause you to reject Jesus?

Keep praying, Saints! We are continuing to work for the Lord in all that we do each day and with our work during the week. God is able for us to overcome any situation, and we should never forget He is with us 24/7. Are you willing to work? Sister Lula Spence, president.

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Give It Up! Your Organs That Is!

by
Gordon Jackson
Texas Publishers Association

Everson Walls and Ron Springs, both former standout football players from the glory years of the Dallas Cowboys, made the play of their lives this spring. And comedian-actor George Lopez and his wife, the former Ann Serrano, gave the performances of their lives two years ago.

Their grand accomplishments far exceeded anything that had to do with sports or entertainment, but involved something much more serious. The above friends and husband-and-wife team represent two of the most high-profiled stories to date about organ transplant operations, critical medical procedures that did more than win a ball game or a Grammy award—they saved lives.

The four individuals being African American and Hispanic are even more paramount. The day of August 1 was National Minority Donor Awareness Day and every April has been designated National Donate Life Month. They both represent a nationwide observance to raise awareness of the desperate need for donation and transplantation in the African American community (as well as the Latino community) and to educate the public on the facts and myths about organ donation.

The reason is simple: The African American community is in desperate need of African American organ and tissue donors. Although they make up 14 percent of the United States population, approximately 35 percent of those on the waiting list for kidney transplants are African American.

Other alarming statistics show:
* While Blacks comprise 27 percent of individuals on the national transplant waiting list, they represent only 12 percent of organ donors.

* As of May 2006, there were 25,177 African Americans registered on the U.S. transplant waiting list compared to 6,598 in 1991, a 382 percent increase.

* Approximately 51 percent of those waiting for a transplant are minorities and 27 percent of those are African Americans.

* In 2005, 5,212 African Americans received an organ transplant; there were 1,136 African American deceased donors and 889 living donors.

Springs, ailing badly from the effects of type 2 diabetes, which caused the amputation of a foot, managed to beat such odds when Walls, his best friend, found out that he was a match. As with all healthy humans having two kidneys, doctors told Walls that he could give one of his good ones to Springs and still maintain a healthy normal life. "I would still do it again for my friend," Walls told an audience this spring at a sports luncheon held at the African American Museum. "Whatever was going to affect Ron's family, because we were so close, I knew it was going to affect mine. Once I was determined to do it, I was hell-bent."

For his "hell-bent" actions, Walls, a Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame inductee, was later honored as a hero by the legislature at the state capitol in Austin. State representative Helen Giddings spearheaded the tribute with wishes that it jolts others to do the same.

"It is my hope that the bond between Mr. Walls and Mr. Springs inspires each of us to do what we can to help our fellow man," Giddings said. "Furthermore, I commend the two gentlemen for having the initiative to begin a Foundation to encourage organ donation for both living and deceased donors. With death can spring life and with compassion spring hope."

Walls was inspired by friend and fellow Dallas native Serrano. After finding out that husband George, star of the television series "The George Lopez Show" and popular stand-up comedian, had deteriorating kidneys due to a genetic disorder, she did not hesitate to donate one of hers to Lopez in April 2005.

Other stories of successful kidney transplants have been involved in pro basketball players Alonzo Mourning and Sean Elliott. Unfortunately, there are also far too many more stories of failures involving organ donor transplants among African Americans. Farrah Gray, the former teenage tycoon sensation, who became a millionaire at age 14, lost his sister, Greek, to leukemia in Sept. 2006 after failing a matching bone marrow donor. "I've been speaking to everyone from Ebony to 20/20, especially Black people, to go out to their local blood banks and register to be an organ donor," said Farrah Gray, now 21, who was honored last year at a Texas Publishers Association confer-

ence. Only 3 percent of bone marrow donors are African American while they make up thousands of individuals being diagnosed with leukemia and we cannot find a donor match." Other highly publicized losses include Jackie Donahue, sister of rapper Nelly, who died of leukemia in March 2005 and pro football running back legend Walter Payton, who succumbed to a rare liver disease in November 1999. Both lives could have been saved by matching donors, but no one was found in time. Pam Silvestri, public affairs manager of the Dallas-based Southwest Transplant Alliance, thinks that the number of such heartbreaking stories in the African American community is about to curb down, if it hasn't started already. Reasons behind the severe lack of organ donors among African Americans include:

- * An overall lack of trust in the medical industry due to previous cases of adverse treatment;
- * Pure mis-education and lack of information about organ donation;
- * The inability and thus resistance for low-income and uninsured sector of the African American community to seek medical care, particularly among Black males;
- * Traditional religious beliefs.

information about organ donation.


"We're not out of the woods yet," Silvestri said. "But the amount of donations has made leaps and bounds over the past 10 years. Our initial goal was to encourage minorities to donate at a rate that reflected the numbers within their population. We've blown past those numbers."

Yet, with the number of African Americans needing new kidneys, other organs and fresh bone marrow having increased so sharply the last decade, Silvestri said they've had to raise the bar. "Now we're encouraging minorities to donate at a rate that reflects the numbers on the waiting list," she said.

But the lights of hope beam through, with more stories of everyday people of color receiving organ transplants and returning back to society. "As more minorities get transplants and go back into the world, it's helping subdue those fears," Silvestri said. "They're finding out that not everybody getting kidneys are White and rich. They're seeing that a lot more look like them."

Those looking like us include Walls and Springs, who have formed the Everson Walls and Ron Springs Gift of Life Foundation to get the word out to the African American community about organ and bone marrow donation and to shatter the debilitating myths. "We're going to make sure that we beat that drum for anyone that wants to hear about it," Walls said.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

BETHEL TALKED UNITY LAST SUNDAY! THIS N THAT was a part of a special program sponsored by the **BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST CHURCH** which was entitled "FRIENDS & FAMILY DAYS" when the theme was "DWELLING TOGETHER IN UNITY." There were three days of motivating activities which involved a Banquet and Style Show" on Friday evening August 10th with a fund recreational day on Saturday afternoon August 11th where young people enjoyed themselves..... But on Sunday afternoon August 12th a former member of Bethel and Dunbar High School grad **REV. JOHN MCCORMICK** pastor of Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgetown who delivered a powerful message..... He asked for **UNITY AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS** Another pastor who was also former pastor of Bethel made the same appeal toward unity..... In other words if all those present in this meeting

this afternoon would just unify just think of what a better place Lubbock, Texas would be..... So the theme in the opinion of **THIS N THAT** it would be a much better place for all of us If we would just **COME TOGETHER**..... It was a very positive weekend for all who attended and let's hope the ripple effect will be seen in the community.....

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAID: "THE SEEDS we sow today determine the KIND OF FRUIT we'll reap TOMORROW."

SENIOR CITIZENS NEEDED TO MODEL THIS N THAT has been advised that the **LUBBOCK AREA CLIENT COUNCIL** is seeking **YOUNG MEN & WOMEN** 60 years and older to participate in the **FIRST ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN FASHION SHOW MODELING** which will be held at the Dunbar Middle School Auditorium Friday evening August 31, 2007 beginning at 7:00 p. m. They will be modeling Casual Wear

..... Church Wear and Formal Wear..... For more information call 763-1807 or 744-2495.....

SPEAKING OF SENIOR MODELS! THIS N THAT observed a **94 YEAR OLD LADY** VOLLIE BLANTON model last week in the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church's event at the Spirit Ranch..... She modeled two attires in heels and was just as spry as the young children participating..... Way to go **SISTER VOLLIE BLANTON!** Hopefully she will be one of the models..... If she is then you had better go and see her.....

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? THIS N THAT has it has been our concern is to ask if you a registered voter.....If you are not you had better become one today!

WELCOME BACK LISD TEACHERS! THIS N THAT wants to welcome back the **LISD TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS** who had to comply today Thursday August 16th We wish the very best!



Think About It!

Where Did The Goodness And Morals Go?

by Eddie P. Richardson

The times! My how they are changing. The superhighway, Ipod, technology, massive electronics and other convenience are everywhere and on everything. It appears as though everything is becoming instant every where. People are in a hurry. For what? And why?

The day of let Tom, Dick and Harry do it is long gone. So are the days of the great thinkers. We let Google and other internet thinkers do all of our thinking. At least, this is the way it appears.

But through it all, the most deadly thing, in this writer's opinion, is the loyalty to keep our mouths closed. It is becoming a creed or credo for the so called alleged crooks who commit rape, murder or any other ridiculous crime. The apparent 'in thing' is 'don't be a snitch' in other words, regardless of what kind of crime you see in any terrible situation, 'don't snitch'. This code goes from the oldest to the youngest. They are saying: 'don't snitch'!

This is out of fear and so called loyalty. This has become a major problem in our communities as far as putting a damper on crime. We are now in a situation where we need to put down the present situation by uniting together for the good of our long denied, overlooked, redlined communities by taking back our communities. We've got to turn criminals, no matter who they are. Now if we don't do our part, our neighborhoods and communities will not get better, but worse!

In order for our communities to become the competitive force, we must see to it that leadership and the initiative must come from us, by us for us to be able to succeed in any or all of our endeavors. No one else can do for us what we must do for ourselves. We need to do more action and less complaining. We need to quit saying somebody ought to do it for us. We are our brother's keeper, and we should be about the business of doing what we need to do - stand up and be counted!

There's no doubt about it, as Black Brothers and Sisters, we need to take back our communities. We must unite, stand fast, work together, love, respect, and trust each other. This can be done, in this writer's opinion. So why not start today working toward making where we live, attend church and school to make it much better for us and our children coming after us!

Oh, yes, we said this many times! But we'll keep saying it!

Closing Thought: "You can't climb the ladder with your hands in your pocket."

Nuff Sed! Why Not?

Lubbock Public Library Activities

Open Mic Poetry Night at Patterson Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will host an openmic poetry night for ages 16 and up on Monday, August 20. Signup will start at 6:30 p. m. and readings will start at 7 p. m. For more information, please call 767-3300.

Knitting Class at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a free class on the basics of knitting on Monday, August 20, at 7 p. m. Bring yarn and knitting needles. For more information, call 767-3733.

Movie at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, will show a movie about a farmer who decides to build his own rocket at 6:30 p. m. on Tuesday, August 21. Rated PG. For more information, call 792-6566.

"Share a Book with a Child" at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, presents "Share a Book with a Child," a special storytime for children and their parents on Tuesday, August 21, 2007, at 6:30 p. m. This month, our theme is: "A Berry Friendly Picnic". We will enjoy a picnic while listening to Strawberry Shortcake stories. Each family will receive a free book to take home, courtesy of Literacy Lubbock. For more information, call 767-3300.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The first week of school has just passed in most schools in the United States, but a few states and/or cities are returning to the traditional opening of school, following Labor Day, when every new student entering first grade for the first time should have his sixth birthday.

Birthdays have an important roll in school entrance, attendance and graduation. Children are expected to make certain accomplishments at certain ages in their growth and development. In addition, to thinking and acting a certain age, their scores on norm referenced and criterion referenced tests are expected to normally fall within a certain range for their ages. If students fall below the expected ranges, the teaching which they have received gets the blame, through there are many other variables responsible.

Teachers are told to teach a child's learning style in order that he may have maximum accomplishments of the subject matter. This is ideal, but the only problem lies in the fact that the average administrator who enters a classroom and find students learning and teachers teaching to the various learning

styles, expect to find students in their seats, reading, writing or listening to a teacher who is lecturing. When they find instead, a couple of students lying on a rug reading or writing or listening to music on an earphone while reading or writing, and the learning style concept goes out of the window. The teacher's evaluation goes downhill because the evaluator has not seen a traditional classroom setting. How can a child be on task listening to a radio? How can a child be on task lying on a rug on the floor or with his foot propped up on a desk? When a teacher practices what the experts preach, they are thought of and looked at as an oddball and evaluated as such.

When students feel comfortable in a classroom setting and have confidence that they are viewed as important individuals, they learn more and make better scores on mandated tests. In schools where the learning mode is geared to the students, a private, small school is usually the setting. School boards are busy mandating that schools raise their test scores by doing a better job of teaching children. School administrators are requesting that teachers do a better job of teaching and sponsor all kinds of workshops and highly paid motivational speakers to get teachers in gear for the new trends in teaching and addressing the learning styles of children. Yet, they must address the fact that

public schools have not been set up to accommodate the learning styles of the students, but the teaching styles of the teachers.

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The family gathered Friday, July 13th at Aunt Lorine Minter's residence. Everyone came with an uplifted spirit. Cards and Caminos were played. It was an evening of hugs and kisses as family members kept arriving. This continued until

8:00 p.m.

Family members traveled from Cedar Hill, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio and Frisco, Texas and Clovis, New Mexico.

Both parents preceded their children in death. There were six daughters and a son. Their mother was Rosie Lee Minter and their father was Maxie Eugene Minter. A daughter, Emma Jean Benson, passed away February 23, 2001. She was Mother Effie Nelson. It

has been four years and the family is still praying for the death of an uncle, Huland August Benson, whose life was taken December 4, 2003. Family members are praying for one day all will know who was responsible for his death. The case remains unsolved. Lubbock, please help our family get some relief.

Special guest included: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gunn, Marshall Gunn, Lexus Minter, Jack's & daughter, Abie Austin, Shampavia Austin, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Minter and William Shaw. Special thanks to Shaw who took the family to Friona, and two weeks later from Dallas

back to Lubbock. You have been a blessing to our family. We thank you very much to come to Lubbock to visit her and see how she had recovered. From Dallas was Julia E. Pizarro and Cynthia J. Fields from Tulsa, Oklahoma. They stayed two days.

Congratulations to our Aunts and Uncle: Thelma Joe Jackson, Willie L. Minter, Sr., Katherine Gilbert, Margallene Thomas, Earnestine Minter and Lorine Minter. Another year has gone by. We wanted acknowledge each of you, with Jehovah God's blessing.

Congratulations Chanel White, you made the Black

misused, and America looks as it is a sport. As it's for a thrill!!

Isaiah 55:9 - The Lord said, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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We Thank God

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too far!!

Proverbs 17:15 - He that justifies the wicked, and he that condemns the just even they both are abomination to the Lord.

America has a domestic problem. Spouses being pushed, slapped, kicked and even killed people abused.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goals for Federal Fiscal Year 2008

The Lubbock International Airport hereby announces its fiscal year 2008 goal of 9.37% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise airport construction projects.

The proposed goals and goal setting methodology is available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning July 16th and ending August 15th in the Office of the City Purchasing Manager, 1625 13th Street, Lubbock, Texas.

The Airport will accept comments on the DBE goals for 45 days beginning July 16th and ending August 30th. Comments can be sent to either of the following:

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came from various places. Jehovah smiles on our family for this event.

An extra thank you to Teresa Jackson and Josie Jackson. These are Auntie's children: Travis Lee of Lubbock, Louis Minter of Dallas, Oslie Green, Sylvester Lee, Linda Dajms and Carl W. Jackson, all of Amarillo, Nelson J. Jackson and Wionetter, both of Clovis, New Mexico and Ricky L. Jackson of Friona, Texas.

She has 31 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She is the oldest Minter Sisters. Auntie, we love you so much. Happy Birthday on July 18, 2007.

Family members came home for various reasons.

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In Cinque

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kind of furniture or classroom that would be conducive to learning at yles. The current discipline problems in most public schools are a deterrent to anything new which permits a degree of any kind of freedom in school. Most campuses have adopted what is called the closed campus in order to curtail discipline problems.

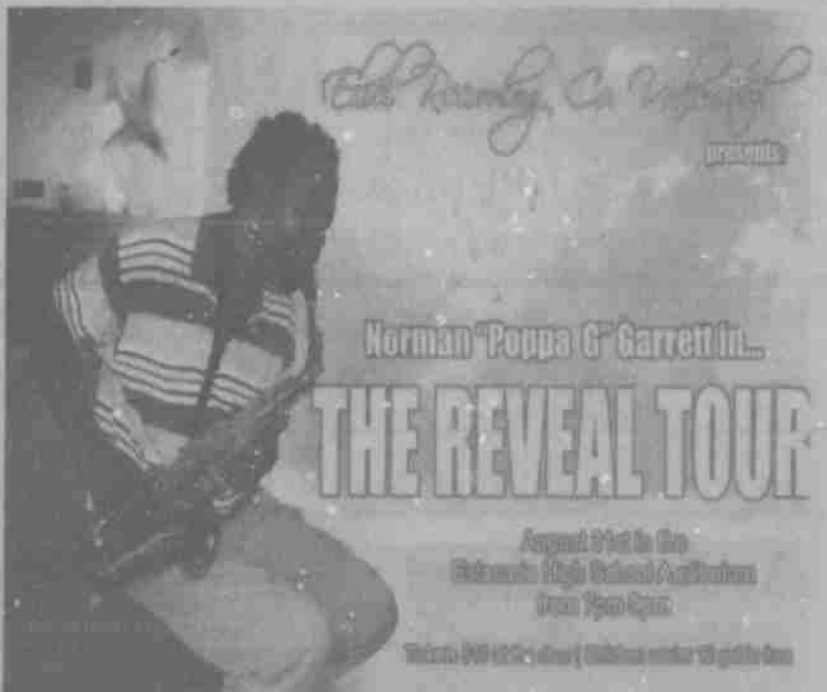
Our closed campuses, students are not permitted to leave the campus for any reason except to be checked out for the day by a parent. They must eat their lunch on campus. They cannot get out, send out or bring in lunch to the cafeterias. This is also why many students get a free lunch, whether they need it or not. The school day is often shorter because of no break or recess during the day. This is hard on students and teachers and often lead to a breakdown in morale which leads to a lowering of teacher effort and a lowering of mandated tests scores. We MUST get 'in cinque' and figure out how to solve this problem, as parents, teachers, administrators and school boards, locally and on the state levels.

Parson Smith

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of Louisiana and the horrors of Katrina be so imbedded in the minds of some young black males from Louisiana that they have lost sight of humanity? Our argument and our sense of reality are not about the oppression and inequity that had been upon minorities in this country. Americans of all occupations can attest that slavery has been a black eye on the very soul of this nation's history. There has never been an excuse for one human being to enslave another. We humans as children of the most High God should always have been treated equally.

However, there is no excuse for one who believes they are victims of institutionalized racism to take the life of an innocent human. We who live in Lubbock, Texas, must hold ourselves to a higher standard. We must demand that the laws of the land be enforced and justice flows like a mighty river.



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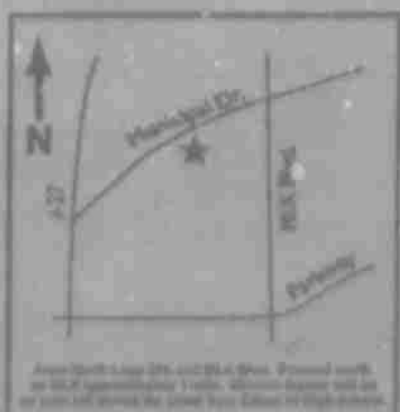
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