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End of School Picnic brings big turnout



Here are a few photos from the fantastic "End of School Picnic" that was held Saturday, May 26, 2007 at the J. E. Chatman Park, at East-28th and Juniper Avenue. More than 200 young people and adults were in attendance. This event was sponsored by Good News gospel Non-Denomination Church. Reverend H. Edom is the pastor. "We are doing this kind of ministry to reach out in the community to let our young people know we are happy with what they are doing in school, and we are praying that they stay in school," said Pastor Edom.



Jackson and McKeever honored for service

Arlee Jackson and Dorothy McKeever were named as the 2007 'Man & Woman of the Year' on Friday evening, June

15, 2007, at the Mac Simmons Community Center. This was the 33rd Annual event sponsored by the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

This was one of the many events held in conjunction with the Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration. This event was the largest attendance of previous winners. Former recipients were also recognized.

The Deltas also recognized recent retirees who were Ann Burrell Crowder who retired from HUD after 40 years of service. Also, Reva Alexander who retired from the Lubbock Independent School District after 36 years of service was recognized.

The Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as the community to congratulate these individuals for a job well done.

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The 1976 Band Officers at Estacado High School were, left to right: DeNette Billingsly, treasurer; Barbara Mitchell, secretary; second row: Joseph Lee, president; Carey Grant, Drum Major; and Isaac Brown, vice-president.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remember that the staff of this paper are only human. We publish things for all sorts of events and all sorts of people. Unfortunately, some people are always looking for something to criticize.



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
- Danbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Danbar-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 Mt. Gilend Baptist Church 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 & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Alderson Middle School.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 pm. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

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

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This writer wants to say congratulations to Arlee Jackson and Dorothy McKeever, who were chosen as the 2007 Man and Woman of the Year during the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on Friday evening, June 15, 2007, at the Mae Simmons Community Center. Both have contributed to the Lubbock Community. Also recognized were two retirees: Ann Burrell who retired after 36 years of service to the Lubbock Independent School District.

The Annual Usher Day will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, July 15, 2007, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School will close on Friday, June 29, 2007. Classes are held from 6-8:30 p.m. There are exciting Bible lessons, singing, food, craft activities and lots of fun.

It was good to see what the Concerned Citizens. Last Saturday afternoon, June 23, 2007, they recognized the more mature senior citizens, which are people over 90 years of age. Those recognized at Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center were: Jewel McKinney, Johnnie Prosser, Rosie Johnson, Clara Shields, Jesse Mae Evans, Vellie Blanton, Frederick Douglas and Delia Newman. The youngest was age 92 and the oldest was 97.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. There are many in our community who are on the sick list.

Among those families who have lost loved ones last week include: Brother Gary Bunton, who is a cousin of Frances Bell and Julie Cameron; and Sister Katherine Quigley, grandmother of Shanta Quigley. There are others, let's keep in mind that God is able!

Church services were well

attended last Sunday morning, June 24, 2007, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, where Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. New Hope is the "Church Where The People Really Care."

Morning worship got underway with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team sang God's praises. After the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "At The Name of Jesus Expect The Unexpected." His scripture text was Matthew 1:21; Acts 3:1-8.

After an invitation to discipleship, Sister Elaine Lindsey read the morning announcements, and Sister Sandra Evans welcomed all visitors.

If you are unable to attend Sunday morning worship services, tune in to the New Hope Baptist Church morning services Broadcast over Radio Station KJAK, 92.7 FM from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

In Remembrance

Gary Wayne Bunton
Gary Wayne Bunton died Monday, June 18, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center.



Bunton

A private burial was held Thursday evening, June 21, 2007. He was born December 25, 1952, in Lubbock, to Leon and Minnie O. Bunton. He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1972. He later attended Prairie View A & M University where he received a degree in Architectural Engineering.

Gary was known for his dynamic and anointed singing voice. Gary's song ministry touched the hearts and soothed souls. Gary had been singing since the age of 4. He has performed with Jennifer Holiday, Kirk Whalum, Bob James, and V. Mitchell McKay of the "Redeemed Family of Houston".

He is survived by his sister, Sharon P. Bunton of McKinney; a daughter, Lakeisha Brigham Smith of Denver, Colorado; sister-in-law, Sarah V. Bunton of Lubbock;

nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lillian Cobbs

Funeral services were held for Lillian Cobbs last Friday afternoon, June 22, 2007, at 20th & Birch Street Church of Christ.



Cobbs

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

She died Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at University Medical Center.

She was born December 12, 1960 in Collingsworth County. She is survived by her husband, Donny Earl Cobbs of Lubbock; a daughter, Shinequia Denise Cobbs of Lubbock; five sons: Daman Lamar Cobbs of Killeen, Kevin O'Brien Cobbs, Kendrick Tyrone Cobbs, Corey Ja'Juan Cobbs and Trent Shauntrell Cobbs, all of Lubbock; her mother, Annie Bell White of Lubbock; two broth-

ers, Willie Charles Williams of Lubbock and Robert Wayne Watson of Corpus Christi; five sisters: Annie Fay Williams and Reita Jean Nash, both of Killeen, Ella Louise Williams-Fountain and Cassandra Kay Nash, both of Lubbock, and Reba Gay Williams-Roberts of Valdosta, Ga., and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, dearest friends, and others.

Gertrude Miller

Funeral services for a longtime resident, Gertrude Miller, were held Tuesday morning, June 12, 2007, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. Jerome Johnson, pastor, officiating.



Miller

Interment was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of T. Wilson's Funeral Directors of Wolfforth.

She passed away Friday, June 8, 2007. She was born November 12, 1906.

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The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will have a special showing of the third Harry Potter movie for teens (grade 7 and up) at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 2. Pizza will be served. For more information, call 792-6566.

"Stars and Stripes" at Godeke Branch Library

Kids are invited to a celebration of our country's 231st birthday at the Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, on Tuesday, July 3 at 2 p.m. We will

enjoy a movie and a story, and then make our own red, white, and blue ice cream sundaes! Tickets are free and will be available the day of the program when the library opens at noon. Space is limited. For more information, call 792-6566.

Book Discussion at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will host a discussion of the book *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 5. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available

for checkout. For more information, please call 767-3733.

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Local water restrictions slowly easing

City officials are implementing a phased in return to normal water service after a city-wide outdoor water ban took effect June 8.

During the phase in process, customers in one section of the city at a time will be allowed to start watering by automatic or manual sprinkler systems one time each week. All other areas of the city remain under the previous restrictions as water service is phased in throughout the city.

As of Monday, June 25, the area East of Interstate 27 may water lawns once each week. An announcement of additional areas will be made in the near future. Once all areas of the city are operational, the city will return to Stage One of the Water Conservation and Drought Plan which allows for watering lawns two times per week.

A complete list of water restrictions and a map showing the first section of the city to start watering can be found on the city's website at <http://water.ci.lubbock.tx.us>.

Businesses and individuals who are experiencing a hardship due to the water restrictions may request a variance at the Water Utilities offices, 402 Municipal Drive. For the planting of new grass and other plant materials hand watering is preferred. However, variances may be issued to allow the use of sprinkler system for up to two weeks.

The water restrictions were implemented earlier this month as a result of a major water line relocation project associated with construction of the Marsha Sharp Freeway. The water line is expected to be operational by the end of the month.

Citizens with questions about the water restrictions may call 775-2595.

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Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
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2007 NUMBER 21 CHILDREN'S MIRROR

Church News



We Thank God for Jesus "The Rebellious Children"

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

Jeremiah 50:6 - The Lord said, my people hath been lost sheep. Their shepherds have caused them to go astray. They have turned them away on the mountain. They have gone away from mountain hill. They have forgotten their resting place.

It all started in the 60's. All mankind wanted their own rights, from the leaders disobedient of the laws. Children do it now day and night!!!

Romans 1:18, 21-22 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all, because when they (The Christians) knew God, they glorified him not as God. Their foolish heart darkened, professing themselves to be wise. They (The Christians) became fools.

***** Yes, The Christians Robbed God!!! *****

From the rights the mother had to step in and take the controls. The father walked on the family. Where is he now? Nobody knows!!!

Isaiah 1:4a - The Lord said, ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity. A seed of evildoers, children who are cor-

rupters. They have forsaken the Lord.

The Mother says, I will not raise my children the old way that I was. My Mother and Father didn't let us get away with anything, and it was hard.

(The lie of the Devil: You can't spank children is from the pits of hell. These are God's children, and he tells us how to train His children. The Devil came up with the lie that spanking is child abuse. But look at the jails and prisons. Their lives now that's child abuse. Your child is now a slave. They say eat this, wear this, lights out, shower here, and lay there! Now where is the child's rights????)

Proverbs 26:3 - A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod (Paddle) for the fool's back!!!

(In training, a child has no rights in the training. He or she doesn't know what is right for them. Training means to narrow the path to discipline, and to turn ones mind in the right way.)

Now the Father won't support, because the child he does-

n't claim until he's playing sports, or doing well. Now he brags, Shame, Shame, Shame!!!

Proverbs 20:7 - The just man walks in his integrity. His children are blessed after him.

If you love your children, train them up and teach them to respect. Because when you don't, the world doesn't want them, and their spirit is vexed.

Proverbs 29:17-18 - Correct your son, and he shall give you rest. Yes, he will give delight unto your soul.

We train horses, dogs, birds, goats, and cats everything under the sun. But when it comes to our children, they're wild. Training, they have none!!!

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

America's children need training everywhere, but I start in the home, and spanking is needed. Give it to them, and it will help them from going wrong!!!

Proverbs 23:13 - Withhold not correction from the child, for if you spank him with a rod, he shall not die.

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The Betrayal of Trust

The headline in the Sunday Canton, Ohio newspaper on June 24, 2007 read: "Canton cop faces murder charges." Eight days of worrying and waiting for the family of Jessie Marie Davis came to a heart-breaking end Saturday afternoon when investigators found what they believe to be her buried remains at a park in Summit County.

Two murder charges were filed against Canton police officer Bobby L. Cutts Jr., one for allegedly killing Davis and the other for the unborn daughter, Chloe. Members of Davis' family; contend Cutts father the baby - due July 3.

Cutts reportedly contacted Stark County sheriff's deputies early Saturday afternoon. Investigators found the body in the Hampton Hills Metro Park in Akron and notified Davis' family of the discovery at about 3:30 p.m.

Canton Police Chief Dean McKimm acknowledged the incident as a 'black eye' for the city police department. McKimm said he hope the public would 'not be so quick to judge the entire police force on the isolated acts of a rogue officer.'

Davis story became a national media event after her mother, Patty Porter, found her missing

June 15. Porter had not talked with her daughter since 9:30 p.m. June 13, and went to her Lake Township duplex to find her.

Instead, Davis found her 2-year-old grandson, Blake, at home alone wearing a dirty diaper. He began repeating phrases, 'Mommy was crying,' 'Mommy broke the table,' and 'Mommy in rug.'

Porter called sheriff's deputies for help. The department issued a missing person's report on Davis at 2:30 p.m. June 15, calling her disappearance 'suspicious' and noting that she was nine-months pregnant.

Stories like the one above are to common in our today's society. Whereas, we are all to familiar with "domestic violence" and the effect that it is having on our society, we are more disturbed at those who we entrust our physical, mental and spiritual lives.

The immediate effect of the betrayal of trust is the emotional impact on the person or persons betrayed. It is no wonder Canton Police Chief Dean McKimm acknowledged the incident as a "black eye" and hoped the public would not be quick to judge the entire department by a rogue officer that allegedly killed the mother of his child while she was

pregnant and having a due date of birth for their girl on July 3, 2007. How demonic for one to take the life of his son's mother while he watches and leaves his 2-year-old son home alone. The question could be asked is lethal injection too humane or should brutal human animals of this nature, receive his death reward in the likes too Ali Hassan al-Majeed (Chemical Ali of Iraq) who masterminded a genocidal campaign in which chemical weapons were used in and tens of thousands of people were killed?

Some might judge this writers thought to harsh. However, when someone betrays you, it is highly likely that you will not easily trust him or her again. Trust is fragile and can be lost instantly. When a priest or pastor is exposed as a pedophilia or when a pastor of a church steals the churches' money that is earmarked for poor families and to feed hungry children or support youth activities and put it in his pocket—trust erodes.

All humans should live by a high standard. However, those of us whom people entrust their lives should expect to be look upon with a higher standard. When we betray that trust, there is the loss of relationship and repulsion at the lack of integrity.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends would like to share a few words with you on the importance of patience in our lives. Let us call it: "Patience Needed!"

"Patience Needed"

Have you ever been on an airline on your way to a business trip or on your way to visit family members. All of a sudden, you discover your flight has been delayed because of mechanical problems. The 15 minute delay turned into 30 minutes, then 60 and then 3 hours. You see the ground staff of the airline was scrambling to calm the crowd, but people were tired and soon becomes angry. Now as the night stretched out, the crowd began to turn into a mob and began to scream at the staff with harsh language. The pilot even came to offer encouragement, but the crowd turned on him as well.

But in the crowd, there was a man standing beside this writer and softly said, "Patience will be a much-needed virtue tonight."

You know, life can be frustrating, even exasperating. Yet, many times impatience is just a

reflection of our own self-centeredness in response to life's disappointments. Real love is pictured in the Bible as self-sacrifice, and one demonstration of that love is patience toward others. "Love suffers long and is kind; love ... does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked." (I Corinthians 13:4-5) It sets aside our personal agendas and seeks to model Christ.

Sound impossible? It is, if we attempt it in our own strength. But as we pray for help, God provides us with patience that reflects His love—even during frustrating circumstances.

Thought of the Week: "When tempted to lose patience with others, remember God's patience with you."

Let us continue with our drive by prayers as we drive to and from our homes each day. Just take a little time and pray for our children who are playing on the park, the churches in the community, all of the businesses in our community, and the various homes in our community. There is no doubt about it, drive by prayers are working.

Yes, don't forget those young people on the corners who are attempting to sell some drugs and want to be gang members. Let us just keep driving and praying!

There are residents in our community who are sick and shut-in. Let us not forget to pray for them. There are so many among us who are on the sick and shut-in list. Remember, God is able!

Also, there are several families who have lost loved ones. Remember them when we pray. It is difficult for the at this time, but prayer will help them as well.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast is asking if there are those among you who want to attend our monthly meetings to please do so. We will be announcing our meeting next week. Hope you will attend.

Until next time, take it easy, Saints. As always, thanks for reading this article each week. We appreciate your comments. Just keep praying for us.

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

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, June 24, 2007, was a glorious day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Canady presiding. Our Superintendent, Sister Luella Harris, was absent due to illness. The morning lesson was taught by Pastor Canady. The morning lesson was entitled "Finding Satisfaction." The scripture text was Isaiah 55:1-3; 6-11.

The morning worship hour began with devotion at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls to the con-

gregation. Oh, what another wonderful time all had in God's house.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "I Was Blind, But Now I See!" scripture text was John 9:24-25. It was another wonderful and uplifting sermon for all in attendance.

Again, please do not forget those who are sick and shut-in.

Among them are: Sister Luella Harris, Sister Lola Bryant and Sister Oretta Moore. Remember today, they are sick and shut-in. Who knows, it could be you or this writer next week. But God is able!

Thought For The Week: "Remember Christ's death gives us courage for today and hope for tomorrow."

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Hughes' house seeing another Renaissance

NEW YORK - For the last two, extraordinarily prolific decades of his life, Harlem Renaissance writer Langston Hughes turned out some of his most celebrated work on the third floor of the brownstone at 20 E. 127th St. in Harlem.

While in his two-room suite, with treetop views, a narrow bed, a shower, books, work tables, photographs and other belongings, Hughes produced a book-length poem, an autobiography, newspaper columns, lyrics, anthologies, and many other writings.

"Having that base - that house - was very important to the last 20 years of his life," said Arnold Rampersad, who wrote a two-volume biography of Hughes.

Now, four decades after Hughes last drew inspiration from the house and from his muse Harlem, a musician, a music producer and a music executive are transforming the brownstone into performance and gallery space, recording studios, and an overall incubator of creativity for musicians, poets and other artists - all while paying homage to the literary giant.

"We don't want to be stuck in trying to recreate the past," said Shon Miller, 29, president and creative director of the nascent organization for which the three are seeking nonprofit status. "We're trying to respect and take from what was done before and incorporate that into what we're doing today."

On Feb. 1, what would have been Hughes' 105th birthday, Miller, along with Marc Cary, a pianist and president of Cary Out Productions, and Jana Herzen, president of Motema Records, opened the three-story, 138-year-old brownstone's doors to new events and possibilities.

On the street-level floor, in what were the living and dining rooms and kitchen when Hughes lived in the house, is an intimate performance parlor with seating and standing space for about 60 and instruments including a \$150,000 Fazioli piano. At the back of the space, a glass case displays Hughes' books, which visitors can buy.

Up the staircase, past walls adorned with Hughes memorabilia, where Hughes' surrogate parents, "Uncle" Emerson and "Aunt" Toy Harper, once slept, there are recording studios for jazz and hip-hop, among other music and projects.

Motema Records occupies Hughes' old third-floor work-

room. "Jazz and Cognise at Hughes House," a festival of Motema artists, is taking place this month.

Until recently, the Hughes House Youth Ensemble was playing every Sunday afternoon, organizers said, although scheduled events at the house can be erratic.

"There's an open microphone night twice a month hosted by poet La Bruja and talk of a film series and camera installations to stream events live on Internet.

"It's very inspirational," Miller said of working in the house. "The creative energy and spirit that runs through here, it's the X factor."

Miller, who said he first learned about the Harlem Renaissance and its most famous writer in the sixth grade in Connecticut, was inspired by the 1920s cultural movement to start writing.

Last year, Miller and Cary, who both live in Harlem, began collaborating. They started searching for studio space. They were shooting a video for a song called "A Dream Deferred," which borrows from Hughes' poem "Harlem," when Miller got a call to check out a potential space.

"This place was just beat down," Miller recalled. But he was stunned when he looked at the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission plaque on the front exterior and saw that the home was once owned by Hughes. The building received landmark status in 1981.

Miller said he signed a five-year lease with the current owner, Dr. Beverly Prince Davis. Prince Davis, who has owned the house since 1999, didn't return messages seeking an interview, and Miller declined to discuss her.

Emerson Harper bought the

house in 1947, likely with royalties Hughes received for writing the lyrics to the opera "Street Scene," according to Rampersad and property records. Harper's and Hughes' names appeared on



Hughes

the deed, records show.

These days, the muffled sounds of jazz once again can be heard wafting from the Italianate-style brownstone - just as it could when Hughes, a fervent fan of the blues and jazz, was alive. In those years, the music usually came from "Uncle" Emerson's piano.

During the last week of July of 1948, the three moved into the brownstone from the Harpers' Harlem apartment. Hughes was 46. By fall, they began taking in roomers - a student photographer, an art professor, a bus driver - in hopes of having the property pay for itself, according to Rampersad's "The Life of Langston Hughes, Volume III: 1941-1967."

Hughes was a Joplin, Mo., native who graduated from a high school in Ohio. He loved Harlem from the moment he set eyes on it in 1921, when he arrived in the city to attend Columbia College. (He eventually graduated from Lincoln University in Pennsylv-

nia). "I would rather have a kitchenette in Harlem than a mansion in Westchester," Rampersad quotes him saying.

The doorbell at 20 E. 127th St. rang regularly. Poets, writers and others from around the world, particularly Africa, dropped by, often unannounced, to ask a favor, propose a collaboration, or simply have a good time, the biography notes.

The 5-foot-4 Hughes loved children. Outside the brownstone was a 6-square-foot garden near the front steps with nasturtiums, asters and marigolds. Called "Our Block's Children's Garden," he gave neighborhood children responsibility for watering and weeding.

The garden is gone but the Boston Ivy planted at Hughes' request still covers the house for several months of the year.

"He loved children and he liked the idea of being around neighborhood children and their respect and affection for him," Rampersad said in a telephone interview from California, adding that Hughes often sat to read in Harlem's public library - in the children's section.

"Hughes would never dream of leaving. It was impossible," he added.

From 1925 until he died in 1967 following surgery for an enlarged prostate, Hughes was able to live on his writing, though not always lavishly. But his move to the Harlem brownstone seemed to have ignited a

"burst of creative activity," Rampersad says.

While staying there he completed some of his best-known work, including the book-length poem "Montage of a Dream Deferred," an autobiography "I Wonder as I Wander," and countless Chicago Defender newspaper columns.

He usually rose around noon, wrote letters, read mail, attended appointments later in the day. He wrote until about dawn, and as most people were awaking, Hughes was on his way to sleep, biographers write.

"It would be a wonderful thing if the house could be refurbished and used for some purpose that Langston Hughes would have approved of," Rampersad says, adding that the space should pay tribute to Hughes but also have a practical performance purpose.

Shon Miller estimates the group has spent a combined \$80,000 on renovations, with more needed.

The sounds of change - concrete mixers and hammers - are everywhere in Harlem, where one can barely take a few steps without seeing a brownstone under renovation or a million-dollar luxury condo rising. Miller and his partners are optimistic their plans for the Hughes House will pay out and fit whatever shape the famous neighborhood takes.

They boast they can "create, market and perform" whole projects beneath the same roof Hughes toiled under for years.

"It's one thing to have the proper equipment," Miller says. "It's another when there's a certain feeling, vibe and history and it adds to the creative spirit. I think everyone has felt it."

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The Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2032 (MTP) is a 25-year plan of highway, street and transit projects. The MTP includes \$462 million for highway and street construction projects, \$291 million for rehabilitation and traffic management projects and \$242 for public transit.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2032 may also be viewed on the Lubbock MPO's website www.lubbockmppo.org. Comments may be sent to Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization, 916 Main St., Suite 706, Lubbock, Texas 79401 or via email to tbdavis@mylubbock.us.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

CONCERNED CITIZENS PROVIDE POSITIVE PROGRAM! THIS N THAT was glad to see the special effort by the CONCERNED CITIZENS when they sponsored the first ever RECOGNIZED CEREMONY for those more mature senior citizens who are over 90 years of age. This event took place last Saturday afternoon, June 23, 2007 at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center. The individuals recognized were JEWEL MCKINNEY, JOHNNIE PROSSER, ROSIE JOHNSON, CLARA SHIELDS, JESSE MAE EVANS, VOLLIE BLANTON, FREDRICK DOUGLAS WASHINGTON and DELIA NEWMAN. Let us hope this kind of an effort will continue every year, as our mature citizens have contributed much to the Lubbock community. So congratulations to CONCERNED CITIZENS for a job well done!

ESTACADO CELEBRATES 40 YEARS! THIS N THAT is glad that the 40TH ALL-CLASS REUNION will take place Friday, June 29-Sunday July 1. Many former graduates and students are expected to be in Lubbock for this celebration. Let us hope these Estacado Matadors will leave a very positive posture in the community, as this is how they made things happen in their various locations. THIS N THAT feels good about this kind of an effort in the community. Although they will

be gone in a few days, let us not forget them in all they do. There is no doubt about it. ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL is a part of the Lubbock community and we are all appreciative about what the former graduate and students have contributed to Lubbock. So enjoy your visit here and keep what you are doing in your present status. THIS N THAT is hoping for an outstanding 40TH ALL-CLASS REUNION!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "WISE is the person who knows what to say and when to SAY IT."

30 YEARS NEARLY HERE! THIS N THAT is glad to be part of this weekly newspaper, THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST, which will be 30 YEARS OF AGE on September 11, 2007. It was organized on September 11, 1977. It has been a long struggle over the years, but if you ask the publishers they would tell you it has been worth it. In life, when you move in any direction which will make life better for those coming after you, it will take a lot and there will be some suffering along the way, but it has to be done. Over the years the publishers were tempted to quit, but decided we had to continue so that something will happen of great benefit to those coming after us. THIS N THAT is just so glad to be a part of this venture and will continue to what will make things better for many. There is no doubt about it. **30 YEARS**

ARE NEARLY HERE, and we thank God and our many supporters for believing in what we have attempted to do.

HE SUNG TO MANY IN THE CHURCH! THIS N THAT will always remember the many inspirational songs GARY BUNTON sang during his life he sung in many local churches and was a part of the singing at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He sang out of his heart and all who would be present was always appreciative of his singing. **BROTHER BUNTON** passed here and was buried last Friday June 22, 2007. He has gone, but he will be remembered for his singing of God's praises all over Lubbock and West Texas. He sung at the 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST. There is no doubt about it. GARY BUNTON will be missed for what he did in singing God's praises.

KEEP LOOKING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY! THIS N THAT is still asking each of you to keep your eyes open. There are signs of **DRUG HOUSES** in the East Lubbock community, so if you are concerned about your neighborhood, you will keep your eyes on what's happening in your neighborhood. It takes all of us to see that things are kept in a positive posture in our communities. So take a close look on what's happening in your community.



Think About It!

Where Did Our Communities Go!!!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Some people are saying Bill Cosby is or has gone too far on criticizing. This writer says right on Dr. Cosby, you have gone far enough. Dr. Cosby is right no matter how harsh he presents it. We are in a bad way spiritually, morally, educationally, and, most of all, it's an attitude thing.

This situation is not new, but with our electronic advancements in communications, it gets so much more exposure constantly.

The Rappers and Hip Hoppers did not start the situation. They just sanctioned with the help of the media and advanced technology. The shift toward low morals and bad attitudes has been around since time, but you had less people and the electronic age and super highway were not around.

Poor people, ghetto and barrio situations have always been around since time, but maybe they weren't as obvious. It was just a fact of life; we have more of everything from

the good, bad and the ugly. The key is we have more people than ever before and the bad makes good news ratings the more sensational the better the ratings.

The beginning of welfare was to work itself out of business. After the great Depression, everyone had a job and worked for a living even on welfare. There were CC Camps, WPA, quilting, building, developing roads, working around and in government buildings.

The turning point was politics and each administration brought on more social workers and more red tape. Social workers and eventually most of the money went to the bureaucrats and not the needy. With more women realizing that more children equals more welfare checks. Then here comes the sorry men who have figured out the more money a weak woman will receive. The more money on the New Mother's Day! It is better known as welfare check day when they

(mm) plant a baby and not live in the house officially.

This was the beginning of low self-esteem, and the generations after generation of welfare. Poverty breeds low self-esteem, low morality. Poverty, in some instances, causes some of our problems. The more poverty there is the more government social agencies are put in place. The more government jobs for them and less money going to the truly needed. This writer has always been for more money for the truly needy. Health problems, aged, and handicap are called welfare, and less money to the rich which is masked as subsidies, less to the rich and more to the truly needy. Most definitely, less political created payrolls for political favors.

Thought For The Week: "An old adage but still meaningful: "Give a man a fish and he eats for the day. Teach him to fish; he eats forever."

Political courage: Healthcare for every child in America

by Leroy Jones, Jr.

Who could have a problem with universal healthcare for children and pregnant women? Working folks and their children, should not be denied basic healthcare benefits because they don't have the resources to pay the high cost of healthcare. In a society with so much technology and wealth, we cannot and should not refuse to help those in need, in this case children and pregnant women.

Even the most fiscal conservative member of Congress, regardless of party or affiliation, would have to be willing to accept that universal healthcare for children and pregnant women, is a worthwhile and achievable goal. It would be a great sight, Conservative and Progressive members of Congress agreeing on an issue, and using their collective strength to make it happen. Finding common ground. Or do they still use that other "b" word in Washington, "bi-partisanship"?

In America, folks have always stepped up to the plate and committed to taking care of those who cannot take care of themselves. It is a moral obligation of a community, village, city, state or nation to take care of them. It is the American way to help and give back to those less fortunate. Americans are a caring and strong people, and they care about children and pregnant women.

Clearly, it is not time to get caught up in finger pointing or blaming anyone for past transgressions. The time to act is now. As grown folks, we know there are issues and problems that we may never agree on. However, I think that when it comes to the issues of children and pregnant women, we can all agree that their healthcare is of the utmost importance.

On Capitol Hill, Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va), a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, who has fought passionately on issues concerning children and pregnant women for over 20 years both in the Virginia State Legislature and U.S. Congress, has introduced legislation to address this crisis in our nation. His bill, H.R. 1688, the "All Healthy Children Act", would "provide health insurance coverage for children and pregnant women throughout the United States, by expanding benefits provided for them under Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs". It provides members with a good starting point to create meaningful and thoughtful health care legislation. There will be great debate on how to make the bill workable. This is the American way, and the purest form of our democratic process. There will be tremendous pressure placed on Congress to address this issue.

Regardless of all the outside pressure sure to be placed on the appropriate committees and members concerning this bill, there is one big event overshadowing everything

happening in D.C. . . Election 2008. If this bill or any other legislation like it is not signed into law by the end of 2007, then the likelihood of any legislative action during the 2008 Election season is almost totally non-existent.

Let's hope that in 2007, Congress and the Bush Administration have the heart and courage to look out for children and pregnant women, to do anything less would be a disgrace.

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



When we turn to the news, it is never difficult to hear about the criminal youth and then we wonder why they act that way. The simplest truth is that their parents made them that way. If we look around our neighborhoods and observe the actions of our youth, we can get a pretty good picture of what they can and will do, too often with their parents' approval or knowledge of what they are doing. Spring graduation night is one example of parental knowledge or lack of care about what their children do.

Fortunately, I had the opportunity to witness a graduation night celebration and have an ethnic dinner with the graduate, his parents, siblings and significant others. It was enjoyable. Unfortunately, we returned to the graduates' home to attempt to continue the celebration, but because of another graduate's celebration, there was a party

which spilled over into the street, a busy thoroughfare, and traffic had to be routed in another direction because the partygoers refused to relinquish that block of the street. They were not moving for anyone and their hostility was backed up by live munitions which they did not hesitate to use.

Once back at the house, the police showed up to move the crowd, to be met by gunfire. This action marked the first time in my life that I heard, "Hit the floor! They're shooting!" These were young people in the neighborhood where they grew up. Their older friends and relatives had returned with the amplified radios, loud mufflers, racing engines and firearms to celebrate graduation. This kind of noise went on over into the night. Sane people were unable to sleep or dare venture out of their homes for fear of catching a stray bullet. I was told that this kind of action had long not been a part of this community as the revelers no longer lived there, but when they did, "Hit the floor!" was a common term.

The parents of the young people who had no regard for the police, at some point in their upbringing, had neglected to teach them about civil order or the correct way to conduct themselves on a daily basis. Some adult had to have provided them with firearms, money to purchase the amplifiers and vehicles to put them in, as well as the loud mufflers. These things are expensive and it is difficult to attend school fulltime and work enough to make such purchases. If that was not the way it was done, then something illegal took place, and again, parents had to know what happened. They knew what went on and did not say or do anything about it. Too often, parents are afraid of their own children and more so of others children. It is time to get "in cinque" and put that laissez faire approach to childrearing aside and teach our children right from wrong.

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Black college enrollment in South rising

For the first time ever in the South, blacks are as well represented on college campuses as they are in the region's population as a whole - something not yet true of the country overall.

The milestone is noted in a new fact book to be released Monday by the Southern Regional Education Board, a nonprofit organization that promotes education.

In the 16 states measured, the number of blacks enrolled in colleges has risen by more than half over the last decade. They now make 21 percent of college students and 19 percent of the overall population.

The number represents progress but it also has to be seen in context. A major contributing factor is the South's rapidly growing Hispanic population, which has reduced the proportion of the population that is black, and thereby made the milestone easier to reach mathematically.

And educators also stressed that the number should not obscure the persistent achievement gaps affecting blacks both in the South and nationally. In

particular, black enrollment rates for college-age students, while improving, still lag well behind those of whites, as do the graduation rates of black college students.

With a college degree now almost a prerequisite for high-paying jobs, those achievement gaps pose an economic threat - and the South will be on the cutting edge of that. In 2005 about 61 percent of public high school graduates in the South were white, the education board said, but by 2018 that figure is expected to be 45 percent.

"We've made tremendous progress, don't get me wrong," board President Dave Spence said. But, he added, unless achievement gaps narrow, "we're going to be in trouble. We already are in trouble, but we'll be in more trouble seven or eight years down the road."

The latest report may not reflect precisely what many consider the South, because the 16 states it covers also include border states Kentucky, Delaware, West Virginia and Maryland.

Still, the report reflects the reality that many more Southern

blacks are enrolling in college. In those states, about 1.1 million black students were enrolled in college in the fall of 2005, 32 percent more than a decade earlier.

The increase has come largely from new and expanding public, traditionally white universities and two-year colleges rather than from historically black colleges, which for many years shouldered nearly all the burden of higher education for Southern blacks. Many of those schools still exist, but their share of black enrollment in the region has slipped from 26 percent to 19 percent over the last decade.

"We've removed a lot of the barriers and accepted that we will have to provide higher levels of learning support in the short term," said Erroll Davis, who oversees the 33 institutions in the University System of Georgia. He noted that minority students arrive on campus with lower levels of college preparedness on average.

Overall, blacks represent 31.4 percent of all Georgia college students, about 1 percent higher than the proportion in the

overall population. The proportion of blacks in the state university system is about 24 percent - higher than a decade ago but still below the population as a whole.

The number of Hispanics in higher education in the South has also shot up sharply over the last decade - by about 71 percent to about 552,000 in the region, the board studied. But unlike for blacks, it remains well below the proportion of Hispanics in the region's population.

Nationally, 25 percent of Hispanics aged 18-to-24 attend college, compared to 33 percent of blacks and 44 percent of whites. That means the fastest-growing major group has the lowest college-going rate - an alarming long-term threat to the goal of increasing the percentage of workers with college degrees.

The board's report did not calculate graduation rates for its region, but an analysis done by The Education Trust, a nonprofit group, on behalf of The Associated Press calculated the graduation rates for the 16 states in the board's report.

The analysis, which applies only

to four-year colleges, found six-year graduation rates of 40 percent for blacks, 46 percent for Hispanics, and 56 percent for whites.

Nationally, the rate is 41 per-

cent for blacks, 44 percent for Hispanics and 60 percent for whites.

For more information, visit the Southern Regional Education Board online at www.sreb.org.

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At present times, there are five teams which are classified as 13u, 14u, JV, V teams. Their team name is "Team One Way." They have had several fundraisers in an attempt to raise \$4,000.00. At present

time, sponsors are needed to defray their expenses. The funds will help cover expenses for uniforms, basketballs, tournament entry fees, hotels and travel expenses.

For more information about this event, please call LaTrishe T. McCoy at 438-4744 or Anthony Thomas at 577-2215.

Foxy EHS Ladies

Here is a photo of some "foxy ladies" at a Estacado High School pep rally in 1978.



Concerned Citizens recognizes East Lubbock's mature citizens

On Saturday, June 23, 2007, the Concerned Citizens held a Recognition Ceremony for the more mature senior citizens. Those recognized were all over 90 years of age, with the youngest being 92 and the oldest 97. T.J. Patterson spoke to the attendees on the importance family has in rearing a child. Each senior was given a Certificate of Recognition and a rose.

The individuals recognized

were: Jewel McKinney, Johnnie Prosser, Rosie Johnson, Clara Shield, Jessie Mae Evans, Vellie Blanton, Fredrick Douglas Washington, and Delia Newman.

The members of the Concerned Citizens express their sincere gratitude to all who helped make this event a success, especially family and friends of the honorees, Rev. C. L. Harris and Bennie Sims.

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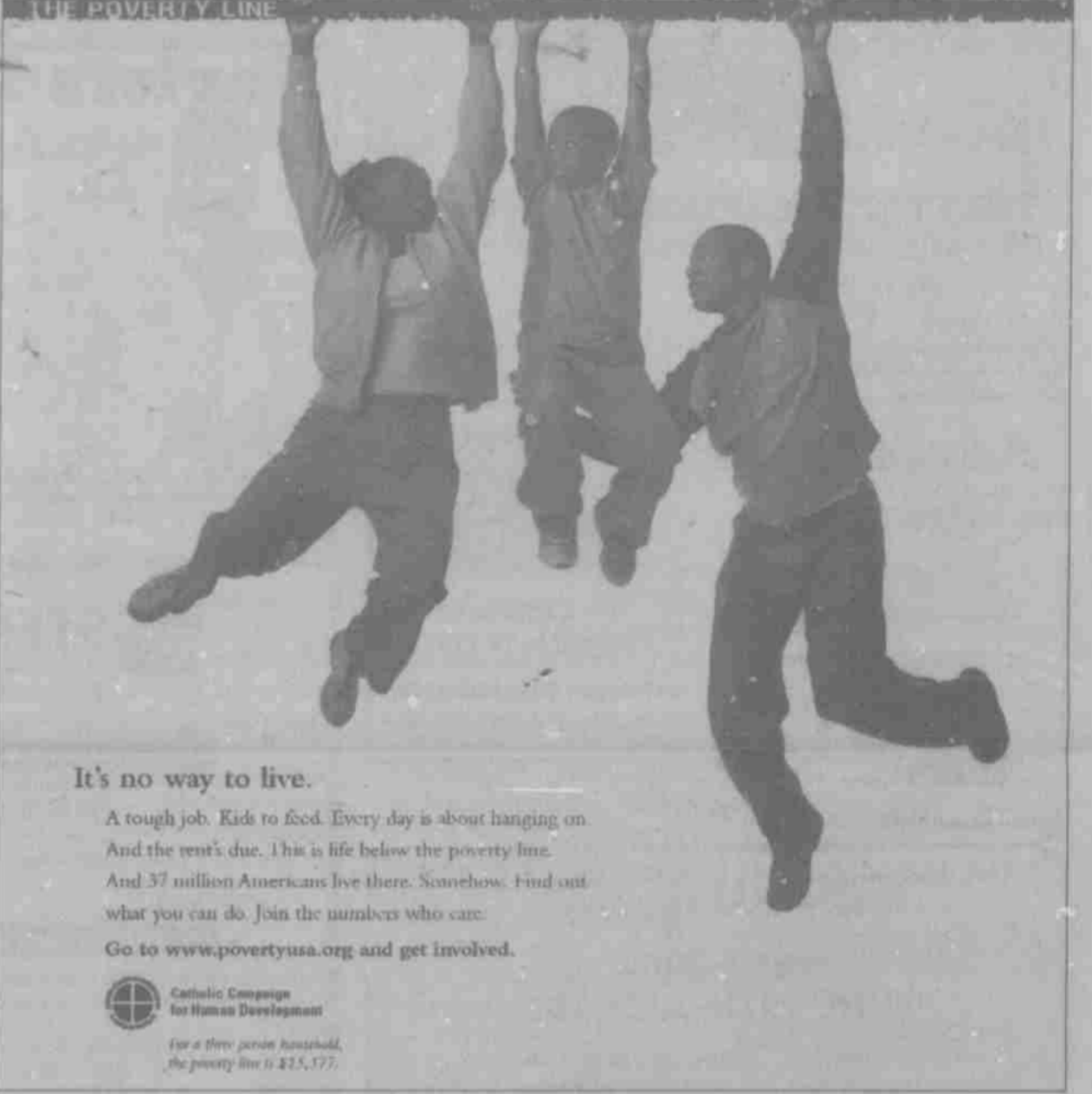
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- Greek god of war
- Tiny amounts
- Contraction of it is
- ... of Allegiance
- America's revolutionary foe
- Electric fish
- Undo a bustle, e.g.
- Dame
- Use inefficiently
- Make a mistake
- Itsy Bitsy Spider's route
- Ostris' sister and wife
- 4th of July R&R
- Let sleeping dogs do what?
- Broadway venue
- Flouts
- Monotonous routine
- More capable
- Worry unnecessarily
- An explosive celebration
- Hunger for
- Axillary
- Some nervously bite it
- Source of sesame seeds
- Rpm's
- Small island
- Stiff hair
- Lyric poem
- Grab

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- Mother ... of art
- Thraldo
- Heart, ear or tooth condition
- Caviar, pl.
- Slight amount
- Tighten, as in rope
- South American animal rearing raccoon
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- Famous cow
- "... and raised"
- WWII villain
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- Prince Charles to Queen Elizabeth
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- Bar's daughter
- Fastener
- Lasso or Mister Ed, e.g.
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