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Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MEK Blvd., 806-771-1813
- 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 #08 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Maahattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- 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 Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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Thanking God for all our blessings by helping others

By Marian Wright Edelman

As I, like so many of you, prepare to return to my hometown to gather with family on Thanksgiving, it is so important to think about all those who have no home to go to, who have no family to gather with, and who do not know where their next meal is going to come from.

Child poverty has worsened for the fourth year in a row. The number of people without health insurance, 90 percent of them working every day, who can't get help when they or their children are sick is rising. The number of families working hard every day who are still falling further and further behind as wages erode is increasing. People who have worked hard all their lives and

looked forward to retirement find their companies reneging on pension benefits. Thousands of families are being forced into bankruptcy because of an unexpected illness and are running up against a callous new bankruptcy law.

In this Thanksgiving season, we need to examine how we can reset our personal and nation's moral compasses to see, hear and respond to all our people, especially the most vulnerable among us - the poor and children who are the poorest age group in America.

I hope we will remember the hundreds of thousands of Katrina survivors who remain scattered all across our land far away from their homes in Louisiana and Mississippi, still seeking to reunite with families and still racked by fear and uncertainty about the future. Let us ponder and pray how we can help give them hope and future choices bet-

ter that their past lives of invisible daily struggle and deprivation if they were poor before Katrina struck. Low wage jobs, unsafe neighborhoods, schools that did not prepare their children for the future, lack of health care and decent housing should be addressed and Katrina's despair turned into a harvest of hope for those left behind.

And all of us - rich, middle income and poor, of every color and place - who live in the United States of America, the richest and most powerful nation on earth, need to pray for peace and justice without and within our nation. Let us pray for an end to costly wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that have claimed so many American, Iraqi and Afghan lives - military and civilian alike. Let us pray that enough of our political leaders and citizens will see and lift their voices to combat the spiritual poverty and greed that has

engulfed our nation. What kind of nation permits congressional leaders to respond to growing poverty, unmet health care needs, bungled hurricane relief, and a huge national debt with massive \$39 billion budget cuts in the Senate and \$50 billion in the House in child and family nutrition, health care, child support and child care programs while proposing \$70 billion in new cuts for powerful special interests? What must God think of leaders in a rich nation who continue to hurt poor children to pamper the rich and powerful?

So as we gather together this Thanksgiving, let us ask God to forgive and transform our rich nation where small babies die of cold quite legally; where small children suffer from hunger quite legally; where toddlers and school children die from guns sold quite legally; that lets children be the poorest group of citizens quite legally; that lets the

rich continue to get more at the expense of the poor quite legally; that thin's security rests in missiles and bombs rather than in mothers and in babies; and for not giving God sufficient thanks by giving to others their daily bread. Help us never to confuse what is quite legal with what is just and right in God's sight. Help us stand up and pray and work together now, and for as long as it takes, to make America just and right for all God's children. And let us begin by demanding justice in our national budget choices this week and year.

Marian Wright Edelman is President and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

Patterson Library to celebrate 10th anniversary



Young people use computers inside the Patterson Branch Library. Computers make it easier for community members who don't have access to computers in their residences to learn and grow in various technologies.

The doors of the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Library were open December 11, 1995. On Wednesday, December 7th, the library will celebrate its Tenth birthday beginning at 12 noon at the facility at 1826 Parkway Drive. The public is invited to attend.

Special guest appearing on a program will be City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon, District One; and City Councilman Floyd Price, District Two. Special music will be featured by Barbara Johnson and an ensemble from Estacado High School. Also, Minister Sam Rodriguez, Rev.

J. H. Ford, Minister James Clark and Mrs. Bobbie Mitchell will appear on the special program.

The library was first named the T.J. Patterson Library, but it was changed to the Bobbie Gean & T.J. Patterson Library in 2003. This initiative was done by City Councilman Victor Hernandez, and approved by the Lubbock City Council. Mrs. Patterson is a retired educator after thirty-seven years in the Lubbock Public School District. She is also the wife of T. J. Patterson who was a city councilman. Mrs. Helen Fitzgerald,

branch manager, admits she's seen so many wonderful things happen since her tenure at the library. "You know, to see someone who has never read a book from cover to cover to complete his task is a wonderful experience," she

says. "A library is a safe place for an individual to come and learn, and, at the same time, to grow in many areas," she continued.

Fitzgerald is a native of Lubbock, Texas and is a graduate of Frenship High School. Helen spent 15 years with the Houston Public Library system in Technical Services. She returned to Lubbock in 1994 and was hired as the library assistant in charge of the Family Learning Center at the Northeast/T.J. Patterson Branch. While employed, Fitzgerald completed her undergraduate degree in education from Wayland Baptist University. In 1999 she received her Master of Library Science from the University of North Texas in Denton. After working at the Mahon Branch library for over two years, she was promoted to Branch Manager for the Bobbie Gean & T.J. Patterson Branch

Library.

According to Mrs. Fitzgerald, more than 750,000 people have come through the doors of the Patterson Library since its opening. "We're just appreciative of the amount support from the City of Lubbock, Friends of the Library and citizens who continue to support our many endeavors," said Mrs. Fitzgerald. "Let us not forget the highly dedicated staff who give all of their energy to keep the library moving in the right direction," she continued. According to Mrs. Fitzgerald, there are 43,325 volumes of books in the library.

The namesakes of the library, Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson, will be present at the program. They, too, are most appreciative of what the library is doing to help the citizens of Lubbock, especially the young people of the community.

Notice to home delivery customers

If you fail to receive your paper, please call the Digest at 762-3612 and give us your address. Due to the death of our delivery person, W.H. Pitts, we have had some difficulty getting papers delivered. We are aware of the problem and regret it. Please contact us and we will correct the situation as soon as possible. We apologize for the inconvenience.

The Southwest Digest

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our readers!

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.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This writer wants to reflect to each of you of the upcoming Thanksgiving Day Holiday. Keep in mind, it is a time set aside on your calendar to simply say "Thank You"! A time for family, associates, friends and others to come together and be thankful for each other. Everyday is a day to just say:

"Thank You!"

Thank You for one more day, For someone didn't get up today. Thank you for my health. You see, someone's health is worse than mine.

Things could be worse. Thank you for food and shelter, For someone slept on skid row under a bridge.

When is Thanksgiving? What is Thanksgiving? Well, it's a time to say "Thank You!" Thank You! Let it be 365 days a year! Have a good day! Be Thankful! Happy Thanksgiving!

"A Heart of Thankfulness" (Taken from New Hope Baptist Church's Program Sunday, November 20, 2003)

When our trials seem to burden us down, God wants us to focus more on Him and not on our needs. Becoming more aware of God's interventions in

the past will help us to trust Him for the future. Being thankful unto God will help us spill out our worries and cares and release our burdens. God doesn't want us to ignore feelings of grief, anger, and confusion, but wants us to surrender them unto Him who is able to help us. No one feels happy about difficulties, but recognize that our difficulties causes us to rely more on Him. We can have a heart of thankfulness simply because we know that God will go through every problem with us.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Your visits, calls and concerns are most appreciative. Among those on the sick list include Brother Henry High, who is recuperating in his home; Sister Johnnie Robinson, a patient at Covenant Lakeside, Room 306; Sister Clara Lawson, patient at University Medical Center, Room 326; and Brother Oree Matthews who is recuperating at his home.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Our prayers go out to the D. C. "Sonny" Fair family who passed away here last week. Services are set for Saturday, November 26th, at the New Hope Baptist Church at 12 noon, under the direction of Brock's South Plains Funeral

Home. Also, Friday evening, November 25th, his remains will be at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church.

The monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, Sunday afternoon, November 27th, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Eddie L. Everline is pastor. Sister Bennie Sims is president.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, November 20th, at the New Hope Baptist Church, where Rev. B. R. Moton, is pastor. New Hope is the "Church Where the People Really Care." If you looking for a church home, then come and visit.

Services begun with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team sung some inspirational selections. The morning scripture and prayer was given by Minister Martin. Several selections were sung by the New Hope Choir. The spirit was very high.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "God Is Able!" His scripture text was Jude 1:24. Pastor Moton made it perfectly clear that man is not able, but God will take care of everything. "God is able!"

Covenant Presbyterian to host gift market

Covenant Presbyterian Church, at 4600 48th Street in Lubbock is proud to announce the International Gift Market on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00am to 3pm. This one day sale of modern and traditional international crafts to benefit artisans in more than 30 countries.

For one day, the International Gift Market offers the Lubbock area hundreds of handcrafted musical instruments, baskets, ornaments, toys and jewelry made by skilled artisans in more than 30 countries. The handi-

crafts are marketed by Ten Thousand Villages.

Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to artisans around the world by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. All proceeds from the International Gift Market benefit Ten Thousand Villages artisan partners. In 2003, Ten Thousand Villages sales benefited tens of thousands of artisans around the world. Covenant Presbyterian Church does not keep any of the proceeds, viewing the event as part of its worldwide mission.

This is the seventh year volunteers from the congregation have worked to make this event possible.

Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit alternative trading organization and a program of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). MCC is a relief service and peace agency of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America, headquartered in Akron, PA.

For more information about this event, contact Tavita Dorow or Cathy Ballenger at 806/792-6124.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

Season's Classics

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There are certain items this season, that you simply must have. One or more of these fashionable classics added to your fall wardrobe will put you at the top of the fashion game.

Velvet blazer, tweed pants, white turtleneck, nubby knit sweaters, fur-trim gloves with matching scarf, warm cozy floppy hats and of course, a butter-soft leather cape. Now you tell me, how great is that? Enjoy the holidays!

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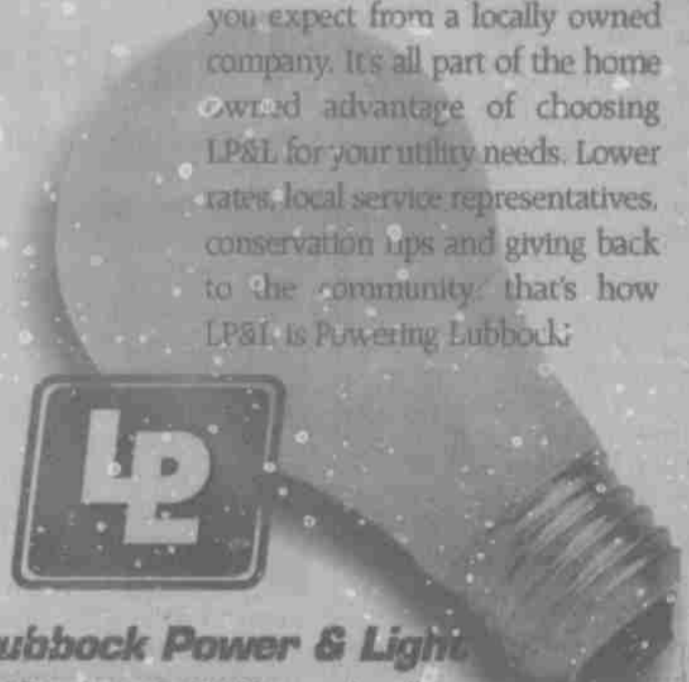
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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus "Lord, Thanks For Forgiving"

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

Mark 12:30 - Jesus said, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. Lord, many people are upset because I am a servant who shows my love for you. I am not always done so, and you know that is nothing but the truth!

Jeremiah 1:5 - The Lord said before I formed you in the belly, I knew you. And before I sanctified you, I ordained you a prophet unto the nations.

I, Billy "B. J.", was raised in a Christian home under the saving words of prayer. But when I went out into the world of sin, Lord, I thought I left you there.

Psalm 139:8-10 - Lord, if I ascend up into heaven, you are there. If I make my bed in hell, behold, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall your hand lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

*** I'm Better Than Blessed!!! ***

My heart went out with my people marching and singing "I, Black and Proud!" When my people wanted to take over the white man, and said it out loud!

Proverbs 16:18-19 - Pride goes before destruction, and a

haughty spirit before a fall. Better is it to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. As I was in the world of sin, I thought I was having so much fun. When people were marching and singing, saying, "We Shall Overcome!"

Proverbs 14:12 - There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end, thereof, are the ways of death.

*** God's Mercy Was On Me!!! ***

(In 1961, a man pulled a shotgun on me, and the people said, "Boy, you sure are lucky!" In 1963, Prairie Co-Op Oil Mill blew up. I was inside, and came out of it with the small part of my flesh burning, and again they said, "Boy, you are lucky!"

In 1966, when we had cars that could run 120 mph, just for the fun of it, I had a blow (at about 105 mph) I was told by my friends, "Boy, you're lucky!" In 1972, a man pulled a shotgun on me about his wife, and I told him "Boy, you're lucky!" My friends said, "Boy, you're lucky!" In 1960, a man pulled a shotgun on me in a gambling game. I had won all the money and things. He pulled the shotgun and said, "Drop the money!" And I said "I'm better than blessed!"

There were two men present whom I didn't know who spoke

up for me. They said, "Man, don't shoot the man over his money. He won this a way!" I told this to my friends and they said, "Boy, you sure are lucky!"

*** My Thanksgiving Day Is Everyday!!! ***

Lord, there were many times I lived in danger, and was not living right, but it was your grace and mercy that watched over me, both day and night!!!

Hebrews 12:6-7 - For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son who he receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons. For what son is he who he Father chastens not?

Lord, the Devil was trying to kill me, because he knew you had in me a plan that was to tell a dying world that the salvation of the Lord is at hand.

Matthew 16:23 - Jesus said, get thee behind me, Satan. You are an offense unto me. For you savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Lord, I speak your words in truth, and Satan know this, I won't compromise. God's word is the truth and the whole truth. Satan, yours is nothing but lies!!!

Timothy 1:15 - This is a faithful saying and worthy of all exceptions that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners who I am Chief!!!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Warfare Is A Part Of The Christian's Lifestyle" Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

The Christian life is a warfare. When you come into the knowledge of the fullness of the word of God, then Satan wedges an all out war against us. It is no holes barred. He will do everything and anything to defeat us. If we let him, he will use our body to hinder our Christian walk and render us inoperative. He will attempt to put us in bondage or under condemnation. Anything that will quit us in terms of sharing the word of God, he will use it. If you understand his tactics, his operation, then you are better

able to wage the war. Often times, Christians fall into a situation where they make a mistake, which is no big deal. We all have made mistakes. We all have messed up at one time or another, but Satan wants you to dwell on that mistake, so he constantly reminds you of it.

How are you going to tell someone about Jesus when you are all bound up in condemnation??? If Satan is successful in keeping you in a state of self condemnation, then he will silence your witness for Christ. That is his ultimate goal. That is why Jesus said, "Be ye holy." (1 Peter 1:16). Satan is working day and night to keep us unholy.

We're involved in a struggle against him. He is a major battle, but the good news is that Jesus has given us the victory. You already have won because Jesus defeated Satan more than 2,000 years ago. S

till, we as the body of Christ need to know why and how the enemy operates in this world. If you know his game plan, then we will know how to respond. This is not a battle that uses physical guns and ammunition. This is spiritual warfare and our weapons in his word and we have to use it. The word cannot just sit on the table. It has to be in our hearts and in our mouths.

"Let's take it by force!" We have the victory. Let's just "Shout Now!" "Glory!" Say a prayer for all our Saints who are sick. AS well as our bereaved families!

Thought of the Week: "Saints, don't try to be a big fish in a five gallon tank!"

Thanks for reading, Saints! Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Chastene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elvora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosiana Henderson, secretary.

Holiday Candlelight Concert a popular tradition

Traditional holiday music is always a hit at the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops concerts, which will take place Saturday, December 3rd at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The concerts will be held at the First Baptist Church Lubbock and will feature special performances by saxophonist and Lubbock native Tom Braxton, the First Baptist Church Celebration Choir and Kids of the Kingdom Children's Choir.

Maestro Constantine Kitsoopoulos will be the guest conductor. Atmos Energy, Covenant Health System, and Watson-Sysco are the proud sponsors of these concerts.

Symphony patrons will enjoy a program of popular holiday classics to get in the holiday spirit. Tickets for the concerts are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, and \$10 for children 9 and under. All tickets are general admission and

can be purchased online at www.lubbocksymphony.org by calling (806) 762-1688 or by visiting the LSO office at 1313 Broadway, Suite 2 (the LP&L Plaza Annex located on Broadway and Avenue M). Group rates are also available for a special outing with friends, family, or coworkers. For more information, please contact the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra at (806) 762-1688.

Congress approves Rosa Parks statue for Capitol

Congress has sent President Bush a bill calling for a statue of the late civil rights heroine Rosa Parks to be erected in the U.S. Capitol.

Parks would become the first African-American woman to be honored in Statuary Hall.

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., the measure's sponsor, said if Bush signs his bill by Dec. 1 the

life-size statue could be erected for the 50th anniversary of the date Parks changed history by refusing to give a white man her seat in the front of a Montgomery, Ala., bus.

Parks died in Detroit Oct. 24 at age 92.

She was the first woman to lie in honor under the Capitol dome after her death.

The statue has not been creat-

ed, but will be commissioned once Bush signs the bill.

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Jesus Christ died for our sins - 1 Cor. 5:21
We must all go to hell and stay there until heaven - Matt. 7:21, Heb. 9:27
How do we stay there?
Hell - Be joyful - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16
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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Thank You" & A Preacher's Tidbits

Monday, June 27, 2005, the mother of this writer was laid to rest at New Hope Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas with the Rev. Dr. S. L. Curry, Jr. delivering the eulogy. The Rev. C. Holman, pastor officiated. Burial was in the New Hope Bullard Cemetery under the directions of the Jamison Funeral Home of Lubbock and Community Funeral Home of Tyler.

Mrs. Smith died June 21, 2005, in Southfield, Michigan. She was born in Crockett, Texas and lived in California and Michigan prior to moving to Tyler. She was a housewife and a member of the New Hope Baptist Church of Tyler and First Institutional Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. She was past president of Stanton High School Parent Teacher-Association, past matron of Highest Order of Eastern Star, Ruth Chapter No. 154 for 46 years, and a volunteer for Boy Scouts of America Pack 75. She was preceded in death by her husband David Smith and daughter, Marjorie Smith Greene.

Mrs. Smith's immediate survivors included this writer, daughters, Elaine Smith Francis of Southfield, Michigan and Lucretia Smith Sturns PhD, of Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Francis is the wife of George Francis II (whose father was a deacon of New Hope Baptist Church, Lubbock) who both graduated from Prairie View A&M University and received their Master's from Harvard University. Mr. Francis is the Senior Vice President for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of the State of Michigan. Dr. Sturns is the wife of Wiley S. Sturns, the owner of First Security Investment Company, Inc. at 4401 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 214, Los Angeles, CA. Mr. Sturns is also the brother

of the former Texas State Supreme Court Judge, Louis Sturns.

The loss of a mother is truly heart breaking. The wife (Mrs. Della) and I thank each of you who brought us during our hour of sorrow. We are most appreciative to the only BLACK pastor and wife of Lubbock: Rev. C. C. Peoples (Mrs. Vivian) Peoples who heard of our loss and visited and had prayer with us in our home. The Lubbock Community is graced to have a humble human being like Rev. C. C. Peoples in the Lubbock and Slaton Community. He is a man who not only "talks the talk, but walks the walk." This is the way of Jesus Christ.

I am humble to have served and still serve the Lubbock Community. We thank God for having walked with the late Rev. Kado Lang and served with him in the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. I understand now why he said he sometimes felt like he was walking along!

It has been said by the uninformed that the Black ministers of Lubbock are not doing anything for their community. It is one's right to have their opinion. However, opinions are like single parts of the body, every one has one unless they have undergone surgical procedures of some nature.

The Black Community of Lubbock should know that this writer serves the community daily. We stood the storm with the former Councilman Patterson in helping build Transit Building. Councilman Patterson and I had to stand back at the ground breaking by the former U. S. Representative Larry Combest. However, we stayed the course. This writer was vice president of the Transit Board and name would have been left off as vice

chairman for a white person, had not I went to former mayor David Langston and protest so that when little black boys (regardless of their economic and social standing) come into the building they could see the name of a black man and want to achieve high goals in life.

The Black community of Lubbock should know that this Black pastor is PRESIDENT of a housing development board in the city of Lubbock whose assess exceed 2 millions dollars that serves the Lubbock community. The Black community of Lubbock should know that this black preacher of more than 50 years and advocate for the poor and downtrodden is a founding member of the Lubbock Victim's Assistance, Inc. and is an active participant. The Black community should remember that this preacher and writer stood at the gate at City Hall for the community and was criticized by intellectual immature black preachers with very limited knowledge of how the real world work as being a traitor to the black community because the outcome did not go the way they and their limited intellectual capacity could perceived. These preachers right cerebral lack the competence to understand the "wheels of justice" turns slow.

This writer has been called bias and frowned upon because of his political persuasion. However, because of the belief and values the late Viccy L. Smith instilled in the writer/preacher, he will stay the course and fight for his community regardless of the political and social indigestive fluids of holy coragyps aratus.

Thank you again Rev. and Mrs. Peoples for being angels in time of our sorrow.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were great last Sunday morning, November 20, 2005. Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

Services begun with Sunday School, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Superintendent Luella Harris was in charge.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The lesson was well received by all in attendance.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. Praise God for the word!

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir members were at their post of duty last Sunday morning singing God's praises. What a mighty God we serve!

Pastor Canady delivered the morning sermon. His subject was

"Help Me Lift Jesus!" His scripture lesson was John 3:14. It was another dynamic sermon.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members as well as others whom we do not know about at this time.

The brother and sister-in-law

of Pastor Canady, Joe and Cora Canady of McKinney, Texas, were present in church services last Sunday morning. They enjoyed their visit.

Thought of the Week: "It's never too soon to accept Christ, but at any moment, it could be too late."

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Fourth Annual Honda Battle of the Bands lines up for big show

LOS ANGELES - PRNewswire - Crowd-pleasing dance teams, high-stepping drum majors, precision drumlines and roaring brass sections.

These are among the many facets of black college marching band culture, and fans of all ages are sure to be rocking the south as the 2006 Honda Battle of the Bands rolls into Atlanta's Georgia Dome, January 28th.

A bevy of surprises are in store as the acclaimed annual showcase promises to bring down the house for its fourth consecutive year. Ten show-stopping Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching bands, including 2 first-time bands, nominated from a field of 41 participating HBCUs during the fall Celebration Tour, have now been selected and are preparing to perform at the Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase.

As they take the field, these top bands will bring fresh routines, riveting choreography and contemporary song selections ranging from the best in R&B, funk, Hip-Hop, classical and jazz - something for every generation.

The lineup of colleges now set to march on the Dome in the largest and only national scholarship program showcasing the pageantry, heritage and showmanship of black college bands is:

- Jackson State University (1st time participant) and Prairie View A&M University, representing the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC);
- North Carolina Central University and Virginia State University, representing the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA);
- Florida A&M University and Bethune-Cookman College, representing the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC);
- Clark Atlanta University and Tuskegee University, representing the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC); and
- Central State University (1st time participant) and Langston University, both independents.

HBCU commissioners, presidents, band directors and fans judged the 41 participating bands on showmanship, musicianship and fan interaction during the Celebration Tour, which took place during the college football season. School officials were not permitted to vote for their own school.

As sponsor of the Honda Battle of the Bands, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. will award \$141,000 in grants to the HBCU bands. Each of the participating Invitational Showcase schools will earn a \$10,000 grant for their music programs. The 10 institutions also earned a \$1,000 grant for their performances during the Celebration Tour.

General admission to the Honda Battle of the Bands is \$10 for reserved seating, and tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster or the Georgia Dome box-office. Interested high school students and their parents are also welcomed to visit the Honda Battle of the Bands recruitment fair, taking place from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. the day of the event at the Georgia World Congress Center, to learn more about the nation's black colleges, their music programs, scholarships and admissions requirements.

"It is a tremendous honor for the Mighty Marching Panthers of Clark Atlanta University (CAU) to be invited to the Honda showcase for the fourth consecutive year," said CAU President Walter "The Transformer" Broadnax.

"This is testimony to the commitment of our student-musicians and their leadership, and a reflection of the spirit of CAU among our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university."

"For the past three years, the Honda Battle of the Bands has been the hottest ticket in town," said Brian Ponce, manager of Emerging Markets National Advertising for Honda. "Each year it's a unique show, and the 2006 event will be no exception with a new mix of musical talent from Mississippi and Ohio, including two bands that are appearing for the first time. Honda is proud to present a unique event that reinforces the important contributions that HBCUs have made to all facets of our society."

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Cotton Kings get wins even though it was "time to get ill"

The Lubbock Cotton Kings enter Thanksgiving Week coming off a 2-1-0 weekend, which saw the Kings battling more than their competition. In the three-in-three weekend, the Kings had a different assortment of players hit with 24-hour flu-like viruses in each of the games and at times only had 12 healthy skaters on the roster. The healthy skaters combined with the dressed sickened that put their heart into playing pushed the Kings to close out the weekend with a pair of wins. The Kings hosted the Youngstown Steelhounds Friday night and were trailing 2-1 until Nolan Graham, Mike Bromala and Stacey Bauman combined for goals in a span of 2:41 with under four minutes remaining in the game, to post a 4-2 come from behind victory. Saturday, the Kings were in Amarillo and after two scoreless periods, Paul Fioroni scored his first goal of the season, and it ended up standing as his first game winning goal in three seasons, as rookie goaltender Brett Koscielny stopped all 31 shots on goal to earn his first pro shutout enroute to a 2-0 win over the Gorillas. The Kings will enter a busy Thanksgiving Week co-leading the Southwest Division with Odessa, with home contests Wednesday (vs Laredo) and Friday (vs Memphis) before wrapping up the week in Amarillo Saturday.

HERO OF THE WEEK

Each week a member of the Cotton Kings is selected as the "Heroes & Legacies Hero of the Week" for their performance in last previous week's games and this week's recipient for their effort last week is goaltender Brett

Koscielny. The rookie netminder made two starts of the three games last week and went 1-1-0 in the pipes. In Odessa on Thursday, he stopped 25 of 27 shots on goal and only allowed two goals in an unfortunate 2-1 loss. Both goals were allowed in the opening period and since then, he has built a career high active shutout sequence of 102:48. 60 minutes of that shutout time was completed Saturday night in Amarillo, as Koscielny stopped all 33 Gorillas shots on goal to help defeat the Gorillas 2-0. It was Koscielny's first pro shutout. For the combined week, Koscielny stopped 58 of 60 shots on goal for a 96.7% save percentage. Among league leaders, the Brandon, Manitoba native sits just under two minutes shy from qualifying on the leaderboard with what would be a league-leading 2.01 GAA.

KINGS OF "D"

In their last six games, the Lubbock Cotton Kings have allowed just six goals, with two of the games resulting in shutouts for the Kings. The two shutouts on the season is a CHL team high for this season. The six-game span has aided the Kings to lead the CHL in average goals allowed per game, with an allowance of just 2.36 goals per game. The Kings also rank fourth in the league in shots allowed per game with an allowance of 31.9 shots per game.

THE KILLERS

Friday, the Cotton Kings allowed a power play goal to the Youngstown Steelhounds that ended a span of four consecutive games in which the Kings

had not allowed a power play goal. The Cotton Kings went 30 for 30 during the four-game span (5m:22) allowing the goal, the Kings have continued their defensive supremacy on the penalty kill have killed off 12 consecutive power plays. That included a six for six performance in Amarillo against the Gorillas squad that led the CHL in home power play percentage.

The Kings have held the opposition to 1 for 43 (2.3%) on the power play over the last six games. Overall on the season, the Cotton Kings, who were ranked 12th in the CHL before the six game span, currently rank second in the CHL with a PK percentage of 88.3%. The 11 power play goals allowed co-lead the CHL with Tulsa.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

2:41 - Span - Saturday, the Cotton Kings produced three goals in a span of 2-minutes and 41-seconds, which was the fastest produced trio of goals this season for Lubbock.

102:48 - Shutout Sequence - Brett Koscielny is carrying an active career high shutout sequence of 102-minutes and 48-seconds.

169 - Shots - In the last four games, the Cotton Kings have fired off 169 shots on goal (42.3 average) and three of the last four games have included the top three shots on goal performances for the season (53 on 11/12 vs OIC, 45 on 11/19 at AMA, 44 on 11/18 vs YNG).

NOTES:

Their 8-5-1 record has them atop the Conference and the Southeast

Division. It will be the first of three meetings this season and the 15th, all time meeting between the two clubs. Laredo has dominated the all-time series with an 11:1:2 series mark. Lubbock is 7-10-1 all-time against the Bucks, but last season, they went with 2-1-0 against the Bucks with Lance Leslie, who is a former Buck, posting a 1.95 GAA and a 93.2% save percentage led the Kings. Fans are encouraged to bring canned foods to receive a \$3 discount off any ticket for the game.

Fri. Nov. 25
7:05 pm vs Memphis RiverKings
Radio: KKAM 1340 AM


Notes: The Kings remain home for consecutive home games for just the second time of the season, as they host the Memphis RiverKings. It will be the only visit to Lubbock this season for Memphis, who will close the season series by hosting Lubbock on February 21st. There is a short history between the two clubs, as they have only met five times, with Memphis holding a 3-2-0 series edge, as Lubbock is 2-2-0 all-time against the RiverKings. The two teams only met once last season, with Memphis' Don Parsons contributing a pair of goals in a 4-2 win in Lubbock. Fans are encouraged to bring canned foods to receive a \$3 discount off any ticket for the game.

Sat. Nov. 26 7:00 pm @ Amarillo Gorillas
Radio: KKAM 1340 AM

Notes: The 1-27 series continues at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo on Saturday night. Lubbock leads the

series with a 2-1-0 record. Derek Hahn has two goals and an assist for three points to lead the Amarillo and the series in scoring this season, while the Kings are led by Nolan Graham's two points (1g, 1a). As for the all-time series, it will be the 6th all-time meeting between the two clubs, with Lubbock bringing in a 17-18-8 all-time series record and Amarillo bringing a 26-33-4 all-time series mark. Former Cotton King Kyle Roveys is the all-time leader in scoring against Amarillo with 39 points (27g, 12a). Amarillo's all-time leader in scoring against Lubbock is Hahn, who all-time has 10 goals and 17 assists for 27 points against Lubbock.

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Estacado publications department begins on-line school newspaper

Newspaper Journalism students at Estacado High School have a new venue to share their work and keep the Estacado community informed and entertained. Stories about Matadors and school events can be read at www.myhighschooljournalism.org/tc/lubbock/ehs

"On-line newspapers are the newest trend in the newspaper business. Most major newspapers have them now. We needed a way to publish our writing. We didn't have any licensed drivers in class to sell advertising; therefore, we couldn't sell advertising to pay for printing a traditional school newspaper," Adviser Kelly Williamson said.

Williamson learned about "my high school journalism" sites after she

was selected to attend the American Society of Newspaper Editors' (ASNE) High School Journalism Institute last July. Out of 300 applicants, thirty-five high school journalism teachers were chosen based on their essays to attend one of five two week institutes.

Williamson went to the one at the University of Texas, and Lubbock High School's Pam Breuer went to one at Kent State. ASNE sponsors this site that allows schools to post their on-line school newspaper.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity for our students to have a school newspaper; plus, UIL (University Interscholastic League) said we could enter stories from an on-line paper in the same

contest that high schools with printed newspapers enter," Williamson said.

"We invite students, parents, alumni and anyone in the Estacado community to check the site out occasionally. We will change stories and photos in-and-out of the site as the students get them done. It also includes a calendar of school events."

Like printed school newspapers, they will include news stories, feature stories, editorials and columns in their paper. They will also accept letters to the Editors from their readers. Their editorial policy, address, phone number, and email are available on the site.

Currently, a few stories are on the site while students in Williamson's Newspaper class work on more sto-

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Black businessman purchases Trump casino

Courtesy of Jet Magazine
The Majestic Star Casino, L.L.C., has announced a definitive agreement to purchase Trump Indiana



casino and hotel for \$253 million. Don H. Barden, chairman and CEO of Majestic Star Casino, said: "We are excited about the acquisition of Trump Indiana and believe that we will not only realize immediate significant efficien-

cies by combining the operations of Majestic and Trump Indiana, but most importantly, we will be able to take advantage of our enormous land base at Buffington Harbor. Over time, we believe that we will own and operate the most competitive gaming operation in the Chicago land market. Trump Indiana has been a good neighbor throughout the years, and we have enjoyed working with them."

Majestic owns a casino vessel adjacent to Trump's casino vessel and hotel at Buffington Harbor in

Gary, IN.

The transaction is expected to close by the end of the year. Barden, of Detroit, is the first and only Black to wholly own a national casino company. In addition to Majestic Star, Barden's company also owns and operates a Fitzgeralds-brand casino and hotel in Tunica county in Mississippi (Fitzgeralds Tunica); a Fitzgeralds-brand casino in Black Hawk, Colorado (Fitzgeralds Black Hawk); and Fitzgeralds Las Vegas casino and hotel in downtown Las Vegas.

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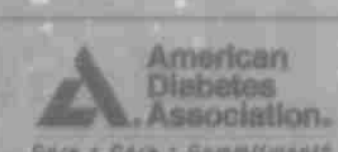
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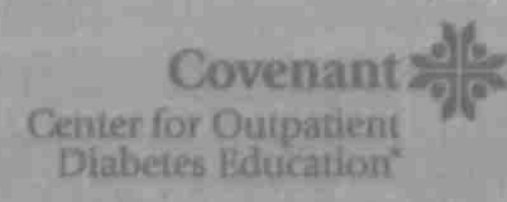
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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

A LONGTIME CITIZEN, D. C. "SONNY" FAIR, SUC-CUMBS HERE! THIS N THAT will miss one of our longtime citizens, D.C. "SONNY" FAIR who succumbed here last week. Funeral services are to be held Saturday, November 26, 2005 at the New Hope Baptist Church. MR. FAIR, who served as a local educator and businessman, made many contributions to the Lubbock Community. Many will miss him, as he was a WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN, and was always visible in the community. THIS N THAT appreciates knowing this man, D.C. "SONNY" FAIR, who was the first BLACK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Lubbock Housing Authority.

JUST THINK, IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS! THIS N THAT is excited about the upcoming TENTH BIRTHDAY OF THE BOBBIE GEAN & T. J. PATTERSON LIBRARY, set for Wednesday noon, December 7th at the library, 1836 Parkway Drive. The public is invited to attend this celebration. It was in December 11, 1995 when the library was opened, and since then, more than 750,000 PEOPLE have visited and participated at the library. According to officials at the library, there are approximately 48,375 VOLUMES at the library, and more books are coming into the library. For those who said it wouldn't work, just look at what is happening. Most of all, our young people have a positive place to learn. THIS N THAT is most appreciative of the PROFESSION-

AL STAFF who continue to make this library an outstanding institution. If you haven't visited the BOBBIE GEAN & T. J. PATTERSON LIBRARY, then do so as soon as possible. If you do so you'll be glad you did so.

COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS DOING GOOD WORK! THIS N THAT is proud of the work being done by an organization called COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS (CIS) where approximately 723 YOUNG PEOPLE are helped in their academic setting. The program is located on six Lubbock Independent School District campuses, namely ALDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHEATLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ATKINS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, CAVAZOS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, DUNBAR MIDDLE SCHOOL & ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL. It is the hope of those in the program will continue to grow academically and if there are younger students in their families they too will benefit from the needed program. It (CIS) is a multi-racial program and over the past year 126 VOLUNTEERS offered some 4,003 HOURS as in-kind contribution amounting to approximately \$64,689! Therefore if you believe in programs which help our young people and serve as a catalyst, then visit one of these CIS PROGRAMS. And by the way, you could offer to serve as a volunteer for this worthwhile program. Another important fact is that there

have been 3,411 PARENT CON-FERENCES and 22,534 SER-VICE HOURS. Thanks for all you do COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER REMEMBERING ONE OF HER FORMER TEACHERS (DR. L. S. GRAVES) AS SAYING: "EDU-CATION IS A GIANT MOUNTAIN and we must CLIMB IT!"

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! THIS N THAT wants to take this opportunity and wish each of you a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING SEASON, and keep in mind it is just not eating all the turkey and trimmings but being able to enjoy life to its fullest, regardless of our circumstances. Oh yes THIS N THAT can really shout about how blessed it is to be in the land of the living. Therefore THANKSGIV-ING DAY is each and every day. It's just so good to be here and look back from whence one has come. Also, for those who have family members who have been ill. And because of the goodness of God, things will be better. Anyway HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

WHY NOT GIVE TO U CAN SHARE FOOD DRIVE! THIS N THAT is encouraging as many as will to contribute to the U CAN SHARE FOOD DRIVE, which will begin DECEMBER 5TH THRU 9TH at the United Supermarket at 82nd Street and Frankford Avenue. This is a very good project, and it benefits many of our citizens.

Port-a-potties in North and East Lubbock public venues raising a stink with the community

by Christy Martinez-Garcia
Special to Southwest Digest

The City Council Public Comment time Monday morning proved to be an eye opener for members of the Lubbock City Council.

About 100 folks from the minority community and the West Texas Organizing Strategy (WTOS) addressed the Council and asked them to equitably distribute funds intended for the Canyon Lakes Dam #4 Capital Improvement Project. It was originally voted on as a bond project in the 1999 bond election. Since that time, the project has required re-engineering several times due to the "discovery of historical artifacts."

As a result, City Administrators deemed the location as undesirable. Therefore, recommendations for this project were closed leaving \$2,256,914 remaining. Some City Council members took control of deciding where to reallocate the money, in turn distributing \$1.3 million from those funds to Southwest Lubbock.

For many it was disappointing that those council members did not also recommend a new press box/concession stand/bathroom facilities for the Northwest Little League, who annually pay to rent port-a-potties because bathrooms that are South of the field are not allowed for their use; or, for providing the amphitheater, which is being constructed in East Lubbock, with desirable bathroom, but rather also requiring them to looking into port-a-potty rentals; and for money to the Guadalupe Cent., which was torn down, and is now being required to raise money through burrito and

enchilada sale, even though it qualifies it to utilize funding from the park bond because it sits on a public park.

While all of Lubbock deserves to be transformed, it is imperative that we not overlook and ignore older and established neighborhoods and projects that have been sitting on the pot for some time.

If the city council had taken the advice of Councilwoman Deleon when she requested that the council not rollback the 1.25 cent tax, which provided about \$30 million for city services annually, then that money would have been available to maintain city streets, parks and libraries and support city services such as police, fire and various inspection and enforcement activities.

Unfortunately, the alliance of four (Boren, Martin, McDougal, and Gilbreath) defeated sustaining that rate and encouraged that the 57-cent tax rate be rolled back. As such 68% of Lubbock homeowners with homes under value are in deficit, and because our local government is trying to mirror our national government, the rising economy keeps creating changes.

After the public comment time, I was saddened to hear one of the supporters of the Guadalupe Center, a senior citizen, say that they felt like they were reliving the past and experiencing a form of discrimination and neglect.

Incidentally, as a result of the display of solidarity, Councilman Gary Boren asked the Mayor to pull the Public Comments from the City's Public Access channel, which seemed to some as another slap in the face! The city spokesperson said that the Public Comment times never air, which is incorrect. They do...except

when a large number of minorities turnout to address an issue.

You may recall another notable time (or you might not since it was never aired) of when the Public Comment time was pulled, which was when almost 300 blacks, Latinos, and other, turned out to speak on behalf of the inequity issue regarding Tommy Gonzales, who was serving as interim City Manager and a black finalist for city manager. Gonzales was not offered the permanent position allegedly because of his "age," the other candidate because...

It is amazing how some of those council members can suggest they are for the citizens and yet censor them. If you're for free speech, make sure you are not preventing it.

As it sits, the remaining \$1,181,914 will not be decided upon until a meeting in December; the citizens of Lubbock are not being allowed to hear the concerns of others and are being dictated to on what they can hear or not hear on the public access channel; and, many families and groups desiring to have a better quality of life in their parks... are still stuck with port-a-potties.

Therefore, I encourage you to call your city council representatives and ask them to reinvest the remaining \$1.2 million back into North and East Lubbock. And if they don't, hold them accountable during the upcoming elections. Let them get a sniff of their own reality.



Think About It!

If it's to be, It's up to me!

For too long, we have waited for someone else to do for us what we should do for ourselves. We have to stop complaining, moaning, and groaning, but our forces together and work collectively for the good of all of us. We have to stop saying "them", "they", "someone" should or outta do his or do that. Now, really, what is wrong with you? It takes a village.

America is the land of the free, home of the brave, affirmative action, equal opportunity, diversity, civil rights, equal access, all created equal and many other beautiful slogans and sayings. America would be perfect if all of this played out to be true or fact. But unfortunately, this is not true because we are dealing with human beings who make deci-

sions and unfortunately human beings have differences, opinions, methods, etc., but, most of all, agendas. Now, that's where the differences of opinion come in.

Remember the Kings Dominion project which the land had been lying vacant until a long denied area of town made plans to upgrade the area. Apparently, here have been politics played.

This is because this area is a so-called minority area. Even the proposed cul-de-sac funds for this part of the city was promised for a proposed new business was constructed were gone. The question is why did the money leave this areas of the city and apparently spent in the Milwaukee Avenue area. What about the privately financed "fly by" near the Staton Highway and Martin

Luther King Blvd. Even the Lake 4 project? The master plan for the local lake project and the recent bond issue passed by voters in 1999. Now all of a sudden an apparent snag with "wet lands"? If this was a fact, it would have been mentioned in the lakes master plan. Two council persons played a major role in this plan before becoming council members, namely; Jim Gilbreath, chairman; and Phyllis Jones, a sub-committee chairperson. These are some things where questions need to be answered. This needs to be done as we approach the New Year!

Closing Thought: "We will be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:12.

Have a Happy Holiday! Nuf Sed, Why Not?

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

The United States' leading economist and Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board for the past eighteen years, Mr. Alan

Greenspan, has planned to retire in 2006. He has left some strong measures for Congress to observe in the years to come. He has warned about the pitfalls of deficit spending which has hit its highest plane this last year, and it appears from the common man's viewpoint that "we've only just begun."

Someone in the government said that fuel costs would rise this year at the rate of about 70% after Katrina struck and devastated New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Of course, prior to Katrina, electric and gas customers had already been warned that energy costs would be increased. It appears that the 70% increase predicted by unintelligible sources were taken for granted by the gas company anyway. Current bills are showing that the cost of natural gas is trying to keep pace with gasoline made from crude oil.

Crude oil is used to make gasoline. Natural gas comes from underground sources, usually

where there is an underground oil supply and it is pumped out of the ground to be used for fuel. Gasoline is a by-product of oil and was which is made at refineries. Both gasoline and kerosene are distilled hydrocarbons. We think of kerosene as coming from coal. We often call it coal oil. Propane is also found in natural gas and crude oil and is a by-product of petroleum.

Propane, used as the so-called bottled gas, has in the past been considerably lower in price than natural gas. In the past five years, since the Enron scandal and the highly overpriced natural gas escalation, many homes have turned to bottled gas in places where natural gas was available. With the current price of natural gasoline, at \$2.16 a unit, and without heating use, the normal rate of 404 units for heating would produce a whopping bill of \$872.64 for one month of use. This amount to heat a home is

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Mr. Greenspan has noted that Congress should not permit the high cost of energy to get out of hand, but to the average American this has already happened. We need to get "in cinque" and let Congress know that we are financially burdened. Then we should not forget how to vote in the next election.

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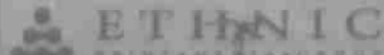
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The Samuel W. Wahl Recreational Area is a 580-acre tract owned by the City of Lubbock on the north side of Lake Alan Henry. The Recreation Trail is Phase I of a multi-phased Trails Master Plan for the lake. The trail is six-feet wide and is 2.5 miles in length. The

trail consists of a fully accessible loop of approximately 3/4-mile with a crushed granite base and an approximate 1 1/4 mile moderate natural surface trail. The trailhead and pavilion with interpretive nature signs are located near the parking lot, and there are three benches located along the accessible trail. The connecting loops allow able hikers to vary their routes, and they connect three scenic overlooks. The overlook closest to the main park road is the highest point in the park and affords outstanding views of the lake and surrounding land. The other two overlooks are located on bluffs above the lake.

Tennis Center Hosts After Thanksgiving Scramble

The Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center will host a Tennis Scramble on Sunday, November 27, 2005. The Scramble will take place from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. This event is open to adults and juniors, and cost is \$5.00 per person. For more information, call 767-3727.

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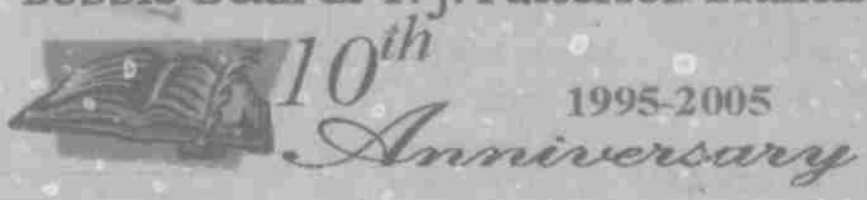
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