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West Texas AHEC honored for outstanding program in school setting



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 Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association 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 pm.
- 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 Adkinson Middle School.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- Escobedo 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 Escobedo Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

Childhood obesity in Texas has become a critical concern. According to the State Department of Health Services, almost 39 percent of Texas fourth-graders are overweight or at risk for being overweight, and approximately 29 percent of 11th graders are overweight or at risk of being overweight.

Healthy habits that have a positive effect on weight maintenance begin during childhood, and because of the work of the West Texas Area Health Education Center, the Texas Department of State Health Services honored them with the Outstanding Program in a School Setting award. This award is a part of the Texas Cardiovascular Health Promotion Awards presented by the Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke, and aim at improving cardiovascular health in communities.

West Texas AHEC was honored for the Coordinated Approach to Child Health program or CATCH. This program, which was the largest school-based health promotion study ever done in the United States, is a curriculum

designed to prevent sedentary behavior, poor dietary choices and tobacco usage at the elementary school level.

Pam Danner, director of the West Texas AHEC, said research shows that CATCH works. "Studies show that students who participated in CATCH consumed less fat and have higher levels of physical activity than non-participating students. Not only do students' healthy behaviors improve, there are noted improvements in the schools," Danner said.

Yet, Danner said because the state law requiring a coordinated school health curriculum was an unfunded mandate, many school districts struggled with the implementation.

"This need presented an opportunity for the West Texas Area Health Education Center program to work directly with school leaders in a different capacity than the

traditional classroom presentations of health careers promotion. It offered the West Texas AHEC a means of developing a significant outreach to promote healthy living,

Texas AHEC program, submitted an application to subcontract with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center on its Centers for Disease Control diabetes grant for

Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health also contributed \$25,000 of state funds to the project.

Danner said since then, the West Texas AHEC program has expanded its outreach to assist 59 rural school districts (90 elementary schools) across the South Plains, Panhandle, Permian Basin and West Central Texas regions of West Texas by:

- providing the curriculum at no cost, providing new physical education equipment
- organizing curriculum training to meet the state mandate
- assisting with CATCH Parents' Nights
- assisting with the collection of Body Mass Index data.

"This program has given school staff the opportunity to take a proactive role in helping their students learn about making healthy choices, but most importantly getting their families involved," Danner said. "Having the Texas Department of State Health Services take notice of this work is a wonderful honor."

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which is one of the program's four key strategies," Danner said.

In 2003, AHEC of the Plains, an independent center of the West

\$50,000 providing the CATCH curriculum and training for school districts in the South Plains region of West Texas. The TTUHSC F.

School of Medicine to provide free health fair Tuesday

The School of Medicine student chapter of the Texas Medical Association will host a free health fair from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday (May 8) at United Supermarkets located at 2630 Parkway Drive.

School of Medicine students from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will provide free diabetes screenings and blood pressure screenings. Raphael Escovar, SOM student and TMA treasurer, said the only way to tell if a per-

son has high blood pressure is to have it checked.

"The American Heart Association says that one in three U.S. adults has high blood pressure, but because there are no symptoms, many people don't know they have it," Escovar said. "If you have a family history of high blood pressure or have not had your blood pressure checked, keep in mind that uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to serious consequences such as stroke, heart attack

or even kidney failure."

Other activities for children will be available such as face painting and games. Booths will include "Hard Hats for Little Heads," with bicycle safety information for children and their families. Forty bicycle helmets will be given away to the first children who arrive.

The Health Fair also will include a smoking cessation area for those interested in receiving information and help in stopping smoking.

According to the American Heart Association, cigarette smoking is the most important preventable cause of premature death in the United States. Steven Alred, SOM student and TMA vice president, said cigarette smokers are more likely to die from coronary heart disease than non-smokers.

"This health fair is a great opportunity for the community to stop and take a minute for your health," Alred said. "Taking the steps to preventive

health such as stopping smoking, checking your blood pressure or eating healthy and exercising can prevent illness for you and your family."

Immunizations will be provided by the City Health Department. Parents must bring a copy of their children's immunization record in order to be immunized. Families also will have the opportunity to learn more about nutrition and exercise as well.

For more information, contact call (806) 778-9569.

Three former Lady Raiders return to Lubbock for pro game

Three former Texas Tech women's basketball players will be playing in the WNBA preseason game being held at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock on Fri., May 4, at 7 p.m. Sheryl Swoopes and Erin Grant will be playing for the Houston Comets as they take on Penélope Pierson and the Detroit Shock.

Swoopes, who was a member of Texas Tech's 1993 National Championship team, returns to Lubbock after playing in the Hub City in 2004 when the USA Women's National Team took on Japan in an exhibition game prior to the 2004 Olympics.

Pierson and Grant return to the United Spirit Arena for the first time since playing for the Lady Raiders. Pierson wrapped up her career in 2003, while Grant finished just a year ago.

Tickets are still on sale for the WNBA preseason game between the defending WNBA Champions the Detroit Shock and the four-time WNBA Champions the Houston Comets.

Tickets are available for \$10 for lower level reserved and \$5 for upper level general admission.

A limited number of tickets are still available for the pre-game dinner for \$25, which will be held in the City Bank Conference Center at the United Spirit Arena from 5:30-7 p.m. The doors for the game will open at 6 p.m.

There is also a limited number of reserved parking passes available for \$20. The reserved parking area is the North Lot of the United Spirit Arena. The other parking lots surrounding the arena will be open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Fans can also purchase a \$5 upper level general admission ticket to be donated to the local YWCA.

For tickets to the WNBA game, please contact (888) GO-BIG-12 or (806) 742-TECH or stop by the Texas Tech Athletic Ticket Office in the north end of Jones AT&T Stadium. Tickets also can be purchased through the Texas Tech athletic website at www.texastech.com and at area United Supermarket and Select-a-Seat locations. If purchasing tickets from the Athletic Ticket

Office at Jones AT&T Stadium, please use the east side parking lot as the west side parking lot is not accessible from 4th Street.

Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the game starting at noon at the Athletic Ticket Office at the United Spirit Arena.

For more information, please contact the Marsha Sharp Leadership Circle at 806-742-1950.

Sharpton taking fight to the streets

Who knew that two weeks after Don Imus's ouster and Oprah Winfrey's big "Town Hall" meeting, the saga demonizing hip-hop culture would continue.

Last week "Hip-Hop CEO" Russell Simmons asked the industry to ban "The N-Word," "The B-Word" and "The H-Word."

This week, Reverend Al Sharpton is staging a "March of Decency."

On May 3, the former presidential candidate and formidable civil rights activist will co-lead a march from Sony Music's United States headquarters on Madison Avenue and continue to Time Warner's Columbus Circle headquarters.

Universal Music Group's Broadway offices are also a part of the marching trail.

"I think it is important that we make a strong appeal as consumers to demand standards that will not offend us or dehumanize us based on race, gender or any other category," Sharpton said. "This march will be led by Denzelle Millroy, Councilwoman Darlene Mealy and other women, but we encourage that it be attended and supported by all and I am proud to be a part of it."

According to Sharpton's longtime spokeswoman Rachel



Rev. Al Sharpton will stage a March of Decency at the offices of New York record companies on May 3, 2007.

Noordinger, the children of late "Godfather of Soul" James Brown will also march. May 3 would've been the music pioneer's 74th birthday.

Through its new Decency Initiative, the Sharpton-led National Action Network will call for record

companies implement a code of conduct for artists in their lyrics. The primary focus of the march is to protest sexism, racism, and homophobia in music and the usage that is perpetuated in the recording industry that glorifies misogyny, Noordinger explained.

Price off the hook, DeLeon's fate undecided

As we go to press this week, City Councilman Floyd Price's name was taken off the hook as one of the City Council members being sought in recall petitions. The other City Council member, Linda

DeLeon, is still on the list for a recall petition. The recall petitions were picked up by several citizens last Friday, April 27, 2007.

A press conference was held in front of City Hall on Tuesday afternoon, May 1, 2007, with Roger Settler, one of the organizers, advising that Councilwoman Price's name has been taken off after talking about certain issues needed to be addressed by him. Price represents District Two. Councilwoman DeLeon's

name remains on the recall petition and organizers have thirty days to receive a total of 494 qualified signatures of persons living in District One to recall her. A veteran of the Lubbock Independent School

Board and City Council, she has nearly twenty years of service in both political subdivisions.

The person seeking the recall petitions was Raul Cruz Ortiz, whose legal residence is 121 Avenue P, who sought recall petitions against Linda DeLeon, the incumbent City Council member for District One.

Requesting recall petitions against Floyd Price, the incumbent City Council member of District Two, was Naida DeLeon Gonzalez, 3912 East 3rd Street.

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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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.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

There has been a good report about the Chatman Hill Restaurant which is serving delicious food each day. This establishment is located at 512 East 23rd Street, and is open Tuesdays through Sundays, from 11 a. m. until 9 p.m. The chef is Cynthia Wilson and the owner is Bobby Domingo. For more information, call 744-2501. In the past, many of us have complained about not having an eating establishment in the neighborhood, and now, here is one. Go by and support this effort. Your support is so vital. Let them know you heard about them through the Southwest Digest.

Friday morning, May 4, 2007, beginning at 11 a.m., the Stewards of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will sponsor a "Fish Fry." The public is invited to go by and support this special effort. For more information, call 744-7552.

The Presiding Elder of the Greater Fort Worth District of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Johnnie Mitchell

will be conducting worship services Wednesday evening, May 9, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p. m. at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive. Rev. Sonia J. Beaty is host pastor.

If you want to get involved in the upcoming Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration, then you are invited to attend the third Saturday evening meeting at the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 2511 Fir Avenue, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Rev. J. J. Johnson is host pastor. Attend the meeting and bring some ideas with you so this will be another outstanding celebration.

Parents are to be reminded of the upcoming 2007 All Star Sports Camp which will take place at the Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut Avenue, July 23 thru 27, 2007. The camp is open for any child Kindergarten thru 6th grade in the 2006-2007 school year. The young people may pre-register at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, Southwest Digest, 902 East 28th Street, Asbury United Methodist Church, 2005 Avenue T and

Irigo Wireless, 2508 Auburn Avenue. For more information, call 535-6427.

The monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday, May 27, 2007, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, where Rev. Sonia J. Beaty is pastor.

The 40th Year Reunion of Estacado High School will be held June 29th thru July 1st. This reunion will include Classes of 1967 through 2007. For more information, contact either Linda Davis, 747-8389; Irene Silvas, 687-5424, or Kay Grant, 745-2513.

Let us continue to pray for those persons on the sick and shut-in list. Word comes that Brother Gary Bunton has been moved to a private room from ICU. There is no doubt about it, prayer changes things.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones in our community. Remember God is able. Your prayers will be most appreciated.

In Remembrance

Robert Jarmon
Funeral services for Robert Jarmon were held Tuesday afternoon, May 1, 2007, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at the University Medical Center.

Charlie B. Kelly
Funeral services for Charlie B. Kelly were held Monday morning, April 30, 2007, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating. Burial was at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at the University Medical Center.

Emma Mosley
Plainview - Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon, April 28, 2007, at the Happy Union Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Bartley Funeral of Plainview.

She passed away Monday, April 23, 2007.

Reina Mae Pearson
Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon, April 28, 2007, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating. Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in

Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Reina Mae Pearson passed away here Sunday, April 22, 2007. She was born February 3, 1952 to Don A. and Jester Pearson. She married Willie James Turner, Sr. on February 9, 1975.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Don A. & Jester Pearson; two brothers, Lee and Johnny Pearson; and a sister, Mae Helen Jones.

She is survived by three sons: Nelson Pearson, Sr. (Pam), Willie Turner, Jr. (Shantell) and Don-dale Turner (Kim), and one daughter, Nakeesha Coleman (Tony), a brother, Glendale Pearson (Jean) and two Sisters, Josephine Kyles (Bob), Evon Pearson, all of Lubbock; 15 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mattie Laura Sheffield
Tatum - Funeral services for Mattie Laura Sheffield were held last Saturday afternoon, April 28, 2007, at the Zion Hill Baptist Church.

Burial was held in the Zion Hill Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of

Lubbock. She passed away Thursday, April 19, 2007.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

EMBELLISHED SUITS

Just when you thought we had enough decoration on suits, the fashion industry exhibits even more embellishments.

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Embellished suits are plentiful, what you wear, how you wear it and the amount of decoration on it, is entirely up to you. Remember when you think you have on a little to much, it's probably just enough.

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

Statewide Juneteenth essay contest open to youth

THEME: Why My Father Should Be Recognized As JUNETEENTH GODLY FATHER OF THE YEAR 2007?

"Al Edwards JUNETEENTH Gospel Gala" annual celebration will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2007. A portion of the program will be dedicated to the JUNETEENTH Godly Fathers' Award. Any Youth between the ages of 13 to 18 is eligible to participate in the

JUNETEENTH Godly Father's Appreciation Essay Contest.

Please include special highlights of your father's contribution to (1) the church, (2) your family, and (3) the community. Essays must be double-spaced with 12' font and at least 250-500 words. The essay is required to have a cover page with the following information:

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(Home & Cell) School Name & Grade Level Church Name & Pastor Any essay not meeting all of the requirements will be automatically disqualified. Awards & Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place

Email or Mail all essays to: Theola Booker, 2726 Lakecrest, Pearland, TX 77584 thpat-songh@aol.com The deadline for entries is MAY 31, 2007.

Prayer Vigil Chain Members to have celebration

The Prayer Vigil Chain Members Celebration will be held Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at the River Smith, 5th Street and Avenue Q, from 12 noon until 2 p.m.

Sister Blanche Swisher, spokesperson for the group, says, "We are just thankful to the bless-

ings of God for what He has done for us. "God is so good to all of us," she continued. Call 744-

4415 for information. The theme is "Where Is Your Faith?" Hebrews 11:1.

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contact Hodges Community Center at 767-3706.

National Pet Week was jointly founded in 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Auxiliary to the AVMA, and is now widely celebrated throughout the United States and other parts of the world. In 2007, the week will be observed May 6-12. Each year, its goals are: to promote responsible pet ownership, celebrate the human-animal bond, and pro-

vide public awareness of veterinary medicine.

Hodges Community Center offers a variety of classes for all age groups beginning with pre-school age children through adults with the goal of providing quality programming that will enhance the lives of Lubbock citizens. The Center is located at 41st and University and is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - Noon and 1 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, 10 - 6 p.m.

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UMC HEALTH SYSTEM

West Texas Watercolor Society show starts Friday

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center is pleased to host the annual West Texas Watercolor Society's Experimental Show and Competition, which opens during a reception from 6:00-9:00 p.m. during the First Friday Art Trail on May 4, 2007. May's Featured Artist in the Lobby Gallery is well-known local painter, Laura Lewis. Select members of the society will demonstrate watercolor techniques during the reception. Refreshments will be provided and anyone registering for classes at the Garden and Arts Center during the reception will receive a 10% discount.

Lela Spencer, President of the

West Texas Watercolor Society, says that this show is extra special to WTWS members because it gives them a chance to experiment with different types of watercolor. "Many of our members like to exhibit in this show because they can bring out their gouache or acrylics and even experiment with different types of papers."

This year's show will be juried by Warren Taylor of Midland, Texas. Mr. Taylor was born and raised in Kansas, earning his bachelor of fine arts degree from Bethany College, and both a master of arts and a master of fine arts degree from Fort Hays State University. He currently teaches art at Mid-

land College. Mr. Taylor's work has been included in Watercolor USA, American Watercolor Society, and National Watercolor Society exhibits and has earned signature memberships in each of these organizations. He continues to lecture and teach workshops at universities, including Midwestern State, Ball State, Cal-Poly, and Baylor and has also taught at Chautauque Institution in New York, Texas Tech and Springmaid Beach Workshops.

With an early interest in drawing and painting, May Featured Artist Laura Lewis had the good fortune to study portraiture with Glenna Goodacre. Then at the

University of Texas at Austin, Laura majored in fine art. At the time, her interest was in printmaking. Later on, her focus was portraiture in pastel and oil. More recently, Laura has been very enthusiastic about landscapes of the high plains of Texas.

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center is located at 4215 University Avenue. For more information on classes or reservations please call the Lubbock Municipal Garden & Arts Center at (806) 767-3724, email ngriffith@mylubbock.us or visit our web site at www.lubbockgac.org.

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from visitors who stay overnight in Lubbock.

Applications and other associat-

ed documents are available online at www.civiclubbock.com or by calling 775-2236 or 775-2267.

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: American Holidays

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Movie marathon "ogre" at Mahon

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, invites children to the library on Friday, May 4 to watch two animated movies starring a green ogre and his talking furry friend. The first film starts at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the library at 775-2838.



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Southwest Digest, 902 E 28th St.
Asbury United Methodist, 2005 Ave. T
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SENIOR CITIZENS RECOGNITION EVENT

The Concerned Citizens would like to recognize individuals within the community that have reached the ripe old age of 90 and above. The Recognition Ceremony will be held in June. At this time, we request the following information. Further information will be supplied at a later date.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

MORE PROBLEMS AT CITY HALL! THIS N THAT has learned that several citizens have sought to RECALL two sitting City Councilpersons, **LINDA DELEON & FLOYD PRICE**, who are representing District One and District Two. However at press time, **THIS N THAT** learned that Price's name was taken off the list. The news was announced by one of the organizers, **ROGER SETTLER** in a press conference in front of City Hall on Tuesday afternoon. DeLeon was re-elected last year, and Price is up for re-election in May, 2008. Several citizens picked up forms from the Lubbock City Secretary's Office to begin such a process. The citizens in District One and District Two must sign the recall petition and must be qualified voters in order to bring forth the recall election. After that, ten percent must verify they voted in the past election for the person being recalled in District One. All in all, there must be **494 VOTERS** signing the petition to recall DeLeon. These signatures must come forth within thirty days. If the signatures are valid from the district, she will have five days to resign and the Lubbock City Council would call for an election. No matter how you look at it, this brings about more problems for the Lubbock City Council. **THIS N THAT**, who was a part of this body of government, will advise this is a very serious position for anyone elected to be involved. The same was attempted against this writer years ago. Evidently, there is an apparent disconnect between the

voters of **DISTRICT ONE & DISTRICT TWO** and this can become a cancer if nothing is done about it. You take this situation and with the upcoming District Three election (being held because a city councilman resigned after serving one term). There is no doubt about it. Something must be done to bring the City of Lubbock back again. Really, no one on the city council has taken the seriousness of becoming involved with the **TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML)** or the **NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC)**. Of course, there is never a perfect solution, but at least they could visit and see what other political sub-divisions are doing in Texas and across the United States of America! If you would ask, Councilman Price, he'd probably say things can be worked out. Isn't communication what it is all about?

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "The beginning doesn't mean a **THING** as it is the **END** which really counts."

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP! THIS N THAT wants parents of young people who catch the bus to attend Estacado High School to know that there appears to be a problem on the property of **MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**. This church is located at the corner of East 24th Street and Fir Avenue. Apparently there has been destruction of the **HISTORICAL MARKER** which acknowledges this is a historical building. For those young people

need to know that **MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH** is the oldest Black Church in Lubbock County. Parents, let's advise these young people of this history and maybe this incident will not happen again. Also, windows to the bus on the property have been knocked out and broken, so **PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION IS NOT FAR OFF! **THIS N THAT** is asking those of you who want to participate in the upcoming **LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION** to attend the monthly meetings at the **MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH, 2511 Fir Avenue**, and give your input for another outstanding event. It takes a lot of hard work for anything to become a reality, and matters how much you put into the effort, it will become a success. Please consider getting involved. Please do so this month, and do what you can.

HAVE YOU EATEN AT CHATMAN HILL RESTAURANT? THIS N THAT is asking you to go by and have a delicious meal at the **CHATMAN HILL RESTAURANT**, located at 512 East 23rd Street. It is good to have this business in the Chatman Hill Neighborhood, so let's keep it here by visiting this establishment. You know, words of encouragement help ANY situation. **THIS N THAT** wants the owner, **BOBBY DOMINGO** and the chef, **CYNTHIA WILSON** to know we are behind what you are doing.



Think About It! What's In A Name?

by Eddie P. Richardson

There is so much vocal conversation pro and con on the Caesar Chavez Street name. Why? Caesar Chavez was a very good man and was concerned about the welfare of the grape pickers in California, especially the migrant workers as well as other disenfranchised farm workers. This writer supports for this amazing man. The problem, in this writer's opinion, is the location. The problem is why is this particular street was chosen to be named in his honor.

The problem this writer has is why a path in the particular area. Why go to the expense and trouble to change a street that is off the beaten path with nothing on it. Why? There is not even a short major street in an area of Mr. Chavez's origin, like Martin Luther King, J. Blvd, or an area all across America are in the area of his origin.

In this writer's opinion, this is more political than anything else. From the beginning of the single member district elections, which was more than 20 years ago, those community active citizens in District One and District Two

made a handshake agreement. This agreement was done when Maggie Trejo and Linda DeLeon were elected to represent District One on the city council and school board. T. J. Patterson and Billie Caviel were elected represent District Two on the city council and school board. This was an honorable and friendly agreement which was honorable and workable. Of course, we had some people of Hispanic origin to run in District Two. This agreement was not binding or legal, but was among credible friends who are now, in many cases sick, old, dead or out of the picture. Now we have a new group that was not around, not involved, or had no interest. At this time, there is no interest in what happened in the past, and there is no commitment to how the agreement came about, nor care about the past, which they are not bound to.

The reason, in this writer's opinion, is the talking lies on the street name change is to take a step backward to gain two steps forward and get the door with the street name change and follow up with the City Council seat and

Lubbock School Board seat. District One and Two have not been heard much from since T.J. Patterson and Victor Hernandez were on the council. There is no doubt about it, they were visible and vocal. The message we are getting from District One and Two is mostly negative, but when T.J. and Victor were there everyone knew we had a District One and Two because Victor was raising hell and T.J. was preaching, but everyone knew who they were and what they stood for. Now for the recall, Linda DeLeon has not lost anything, but on the other hand, Floyd Price has lost businesses, plus the road work which was a part of Williams Chicken as part of the building agreement. The bond projects, which include the baseball diamonds when all were not constructed as well as the constructed of the fly by on MLK Blvd. The recall situation will be very interesting.

Closing Thought: "You are not imprisoned by your circumstances you are free by your choices."

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- Also for this special month, Adult Protective Services in concert with the APS Silver Star

Board, TTUHSIC Garrison Institute on Aging, and Sears Methodist is presenting the first annual **SENIOR AWARENESS EXPO** on Thursday, May 17, 2007 from 12-4 p.m. There will be speakers providing our attendees with information ranging from Social Security/Medicare issues, Scam alerts for Seniors, Senior health care in the home, to Senior legal issues. **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AND DOOR PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE EXPO!** A variety of health care vendors will have booths to display information about all of the health services available to our Seniors.

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PLEASE be an angel to our neighbors in need!! What if it was YOUR loved one?

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Just when we thought we would be able to see the light of day as far as daily transportation was concerned, we find that we are not there yet. We have been stressing over the possibilities of automobile fuel hitting the \$3.00 mark. That was what we thought we worried about, especially after the media predicted that the price would top out about \$2.62 a gallon in the summer and then go down again.

Down is a word which is seemingly not in the vocabulary of those selling or making fuel for vehicles. Those of us who travel a long distance daily to work, have noticed the cost of gasoline increasing at least 8 cents per day. It has far surpassed the expected \$2.62 everywhere. As a matter of fact, it has surpassed the \$3.00 mark in many places for Regular gasoline. The Premium gasoline is \$3.00 plus in places where the Regular fuel is less than \$3.00.

We have been upset about \$3.00 a gallon and now we are

told that the real deal will be \$4.00 a gallon. What is a poor person to do? In rural communities, the average worker travels anywhere from 30 to 50 miles one way to work. At \$4.00 per gallon, a vehicle attaining 30 miles a gallon will cost the person traveling 60 miles roundtrip a total of \$8.00 per day; \$40 per week or about \$170 per month for gasoline. With the high cost of vehicles averaging monthly payments of \$300 per month for a used car, plus the cost of insurance at about \$100 per month, transportation alone would cost this short trip to work a whopping \$570 per month. Woe be to the worker who has to travel 100 miles per day roundtrip even if his vehicle does get 30 miles to the gallon. He will still spend about \$14.00 per day for gasoline to the tune of \$70 per week or about \$300 per month for gasoline. If you add the cost of the same used car to this example, \$700 will be the cost of transportation.

Transportation will be out of the question for some of us if we plan to eat and have some place to sleep. If we cannot afford to go

to work we will have to apply for welfare to purchase gasoline. If our government cannot control the spiraling cost of fuel, then they should make provisions for the average citizen to afford it, by granting some kind of subsidy for gasoline and other oil derivatives. We must get "in cinque" and give our Congressmen and women something positive to do along with trying to get our troops out of Iraq, as the war in Iraq is definitely one of the reasons that the cost of gasoline is leaving our grasp.



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BY KEITH VAUGHN

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