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Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks dies at 92



Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm (303 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.



Rosa Parks is shown in this 1999 photo.

Blacknews.com
Detroit, MI - Rosa Lee Parks, whose refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man sparked the modern civil rights movement, died Monday evening. She was 92. Mrs. Parks died at her home during the evening of natural causes, with close friends by her side, said Gregory Reed, an attorney who represented her for the past 15 years.



The bus on which Rosa Parks was arrested in 1955 is pictured in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. African-American civil rights pioneer Parks, whose refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man in 1955 sparked a movement to end legally imposed racial segregation in the United States.

Mrs. Parks was 72 when she committed an act of defiance in 1955 that was to change the course of American history and earn her the title "mother of the civil rights movement." At that time, Jim Crow laws in place since the post-Civil War Reconstruction required separation of the races in buses, restaurants and public accommodations throughout the South, while legally sanctioned racial discrimination kept blacks out of many jobs and neighborhoods in the North.

The Montgomery, Ala., seamstress, an active member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was riding on a city bus Dec. 1, 1955, when a white man demanded her seat.

Mrs. Parks refused, despite rules requiring blacks to yield their seats to whites. Two black Montgomery women had been arrested earlier that year on the same charge, but Mrs. Parks was jailed. She also was fined \$14.



A Montgomery (Ala.) Sheriff's Department booking photo of Rosa Parks taken Feb. 22, 1956, is shown Friday, July 23, 2004, in Montgomery, Ala.

The movement culminated in the 1964 federal Civil Rights Act, which banned racial discrimination in public accommodations.

After taking her public stand for civil rights, Mrs. Parks had trouble finding work in Alabama. Amid threats and harassment, she and her husband Raymond moved to Detroit in 1957. She worked as an aide in the Detroit office of Democratic U.S. Rep. John Conyers from 1965 until retiring in 1988. Raymond Parks died in 1977.

Mrs. Parks became a revered figure in Detroit, where a street and middle school were named for her and a papier-mache likeness of her was featured in the city's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Mrs. Parks said upon retiring from her job with Conyers that she wanted to devote more time to the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. The institute, incorporated in 1937, is devoted to developing leadership among Detroit's young people and initiating them into the struggle for civil rights.

"Rosa Parks: My Story" was published in February 1992. In 1994 she brought out "Quiet Strength: The Faith, the Hope and the Heart of a Woman Who Changed a Nation," and in 1996 a collection of letters called "Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue With Today's Youth."

She was among the civil rights leaders who addressed the Million Man March in October 1995.

In 1996, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded to civilians making outstanding contributions to American life. In 1999, she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Mrs. Parks received dozens of other awards, ranging from induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor to an NAACP Lifetime Award for her 1999 appearance on CBS' "Touched by an Angel."

The Rosa Parks Library and Museum opened in November 2000 in Montgomery. The museum features a 1955-era bus and a video that recreates the conversation that preceded Parks' arrest.

"Are you going to stand up?" the bus driver asked.

"No," Parks answered.

"Well, by God, I'm going to have you arrested," the driver said.

"You may do that," Parks responded.

Mrs. Parks' later years were not without difficult moments.



Civil rights hero Rosa Parks (L) and former U.S. president Bill Clinton look at Parks' Congressional Gold Medal award during a ceremony in Washington in this June 15, 1999 file photo.

Joseph Skipper, pleaded guilty, blaming the crime on his drug problem.

The Parks Institute struggled financially since its inception. The charity's principal activity, the annual Pathways to Freedom bus tour taking students to the sites of key events in the civil rights movement routinely cost more money than the institute could raise.

Mrs. Parks lost a 1999 lawsuit that sought to prevent the hip-hop duo OutKast from using her name as the title of a Grammy-nominated song. In 2000, she threatened legal action against an Oklahoma man who planned to auction Internet domain name rights to www.rosaparks.com.

After losing the OutKast lawsuit, attorney Gregory Reed, who represented Mrs. Parks, said his client "has once again suffered the pains of exploitation." A later suit against OutKast's record company was settled out of court.

She was born Rosa Louise McCauley on Feb. 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Ala. Family illness interrupted her high school education, but after she married Raymond Parks in 1932, he encouraged her and she earned a diploma in 1934. He also inspired her to become involved in the NAACP.

Looking back in 1988, Mrs. Parks said she worried that black young people took legal equality for granted.

Older blacks, she said "have tried to shield young people from what we have suffered. And in so doing, we seem to have a more complacent attitude."

"We must double and redouble our efforts to try to say to our youth, to try to give them an inspiration, an incentive and the will to study our heritage and to know what it means to be black in America today."

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Harvest Home Festival will be held Monday evening, October 31, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, from 6:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. Donations of apples, chips, wrapped candy...

Congratulations to the Estacado High School Matador Band for their hard work in acquiring a "2" Saturday, October 15, at Lowery Field. These young people did a marvelous performance in marching and playing their instruments. No doubt about it, the Estacado High School Matador Band is on the move! Word comes that there are more than seventy young people in the band. Now, get this, more than one hundred young people are in the bands of Alderson and Dunbar Middle Schools. Sure, things are on the move, and our young people are helping to make it happen.

Another Congratulations are in order for one of our residents, Shelia Harris, who was named "Employee of the Month" in her workstation of the Lubbock Juvenile Justice System, where she serves as a supervisor. Keep up the good work!

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. There are many who are on the sick list. This time it is them, and tomorrow it could be you. God is able. No matter our circumstance or station in life.

Also, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones over the past week.

Many citizens of Lubbock, it was reported, attended a special program in honor of James Thompson, who celebrated his 100th birthday on October 13th. A special program was held for him at the New Zion Baptist Church, Rev. H. K. Thomas is pastor. A resident since the 1940's, Mr. Thompson moved to Lubbock from Littlefield.

The Lyons Chapel Baptist Church's Missionary Society will sponsor a "Gospel Sisters Musical" on Saturday evening, October 29, 2005, beginning at 6:00 p. m. The featured groups are: Hollins Family, King Sisters, Lewis Sisters, Moore Sisters and Price Sisters.

Sister Lula Spence is General Mission President and Sister Linda Woods is General Mission Vice President. Rev. W. D. Davis is pastor.

Services were well attended at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning, October 23, 2005. Meditation and prayer began the service. The Praise Team sang several selections out of their hearts and souls. After the morning prayer and scripture, the Inspirational Choir sang several selections.

Pastor B. R. Moton who spoke on the subject "Your Breakthrough Is Within Your Reach" delivered the morning sermon. His scripture text was St. Mark 2:5.

After an invitation to discipleship, Sister Annie Taylor read the morning announcements. Brother Napoleon Cooper welcomed all visitors.

The Women Missionary Society program of New Hope Baptist Church, which was scheduled for the fifth Sunday, October 30th, has been rescheduled for the fifth Sunday in January, 2006. Sister Joan Y. Ervin is president and Sister Lottie F. Barrow is program chairman.

Let us not forget the upcoming anniversary of the Pastor and Wife and Family, Rev. & Mrs. B. R. Moton, and daughter, Pamela, set for November 2005. More on this next week.

In Remembrance

Alfred Anderson

Lorenzo - Funeral services for Alfred Ray Anderson were held Thursday afternoon, October 13, 2005, at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Hankson, pastor, officiating.



Anderson

Burial was held in the West Side Cemetery in Lorenzo under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Lorenzo.

Mr. Anderson passed away Friday, October 7, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born December 2, 1950 in Crosbyton to Albert, Jr. and Jean Hall Anderson, who preceded him in death. He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lorenzo, and had attended high school in Lockney. He lived in the Lorenzo area most of his life, and worked for the Farmers Co-Op Compress.

He is survived by three daughters: Mariana, Monica and Rhonda, all of Lubbock; his fiancé, Carl Gonzales of Lorenzo; his stepfather, Vernon Hall of Lamesa; and five grandchildren.

Sharon Lynn Carr

Funeral services were held for Sharon Lynn Carr Wednesday afternoon, October 19, 2005, at the St. Mark Baptist Church.

Burial was held in the city of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Minister Travenia preaches first sermon

by Shirley Roberson

The year 2005 has proven to be a year of spiritual elevation, especially in the life of Minister Ruby Travenia.



Travenia

Minister Travenia humbly accepted her calling and preached her first sermon Sunday, October 16th, at the First Progressive Baptist Church, where Rev. Homer Avery is pastor. Her title was "God Care for You." It was an electrifying message which was both encouraging and enlightening.

Family, friends and church family members surrounded Minister Travenia, with her obedient submission.

Refreshments were served following the services.

She was born February 9, 1967 in Lubbock to Mary and Lee Jackson. She passed away Thursday, October 13, 2005, at the University Medical Center.



Carr

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jackson; a sister, Tresha Jackson (McConic); a daughter, TeAundra Jackson; three sons: Tremaine, Tyrell and Martell Carr; a grandmother, Apple Reel Jackson; four grandchildren; two nieces; a nephew, all of Lubbock; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Gettie Carter

Funeral services for Gettie Carter were held Thursday afternoon, October 6, 2005, at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Lamesa.



Carter

Burial was held in the Lamesa Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

She passed away Saturday, October 1, 2005, at University Medical Center.

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I know what it's like to lose that sense of home. In my case it was a voluntary move, but it wasn't an easy transition. Leaving my parent's home for the first time, I felt very lost and alone. Everything was new and unsettled. I cried a lot. Nothing seemed to satisfy the emptiness or give me peace.

Sometimes it's not until our material situation fails us that we look for a spiritual solution. Prayer is my spiritual problem solver. To start my prayer I often rely on *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy. In that book, this statement inspires me: "To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings." It is a wonderful promise, but I began to feel its support only when I let go of my human opinion of the situation. I had to trust God to give me the ideas to meet each challenge. Once I started to trust more, I began to feel God's love and support that had always been present. God's love and care were right there to comfort and guide.

And with prayer I was given an action plan that I needed to follow. After each step I was given the next idea. It was big and small things, like where to buy groceries, what thing to do first on a project, and who to rely on as a friend. More and more I turned to God for every idea I needed. So I was finding the love and support that I connected with home in my relationship to

God. A third of mine notes the thought that home is Harmony of Mind expressed (Mind with a capital M being another name for God.) So home may be like it is a roof over our heads but at another time it could be a tent or evacuation center. It is really an idea. This idea of home, when it is based in God, can never be lost or interrupted.

It was a big step in my spiritual growth, to depend on God more. Each time I was faced with a stressful situation, I would lean on God. It wasn't an overnight change, but I gradually overcame the sense of losing my home and was happy and peaceful again.

The benefits of this kind of prayer have been numerous and long lasting. Losing the physical structure we call home can seem overwhelming, but gaining the spiritual sense that God is always with us provides a peaceful refuge that never fails.

About Martha Sarvis
Martha Sarvis is a freelance writer whose goals are to offer healing ideas in response to news and current events. Her monthly columns have been published in several newspapers, and she's had features on www.spirituality.com.

A San Antonio native, and lifelong Texas resident, she recently moved to Boerj with her husband of 17 years and their 9-year-old son. With this move, she was thrilled to be able to be a full-time mother to her son, plus two dogs and a cat.

Sarvis has a bachelor's degree in MIS (Management Information Systems) from Texas A&M and an MBA from Our Lady of the Lake in San Antonio, and worked for sixteen years as a computer programmer.

The spiritual ideas from Mary Baker Eddy's writings have influenced Sarvis' life in a positive way. Many of Sarvis' columns include quotes from Eddy's writings.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

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Lubbock Chorale to perform African Sanctus at Tech

The Lubbock Chorale will be performing "The African Sanctus" at Hemmle Hall on Saturday, October 29th at 8:00 P.M. Individual and season tickets are available through "Select-A-Seat" or may purchased at the door.

The work is based upon the travels and recordings of the English composer, David Fanshawe as he studied and recorded African music throughout the continent of Africa.

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Groundbreaking held at Estacado High School for new gymnasium



An artist's rendering shows what the new gym at Estacado will look like. Construction is expected to be completed by Fall 2006.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Estacado High School Spectator Gymnasium was held Wednesday, October 12, 2005. Community partners joined the Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees in marking this occasion. Speaking to the crowd, Board President Mark Griffin noted that this project was evidence of the investment the Board of Trustees and the community is making in the neighborhood and with the hopes more students will be moving into

the area to live and attend school.

Financed by the 2004 bond project, the gym will seat 1,600 and cost approximately \$3 million. The exterior of the building will feature an added band of concrete masonry in colors representative of the landscape of the Llano Estacado. The project will also feature a courtyard area connecting the gymnasium with the existing building.

The construction is expected to be complete in time for the 2006-2007 basketball season.



Lubbock Independent School District school board members participate in the groundbreaking at Estacado High School last week. From left to right are Karen Slay, Vice-President, Vernita Woods-Holmes, Superintendent, Wayne Havens, Roy Grimes, and LISD school board President Mark Griffin.

Covenant offers Halloween safety tips

Witches, goblins and ghosts parading the streets in search of goodies is a typical sight you may see on Halloween night. To ensure a successful night of trick-or-treating, Covenant Health System reminds parents, homeowners and children that safety is key.

Younger children are often the focus when it comes to safety involving Halloween but according to Trauma Services at Covenant, children of all ages should be aware of safety precautions.

"Trick-or-treaters of all ages are getting hit by cars, it's not just the little ones," said Paula Ponder, R.N., Trauma Services, "it is important that drivers of all ages slow down and watch for pedestrians."

With these helpful tips from Trauma Services for homeowners, parents and youngsters, Halloween is sure to be a fun and safe night for everyone.

HOMEOWNERS:

- Turn porch light on to welcome trick-or-treaters.

- To prevent excited children from falling clear yards of ladders, flowerpots, hoses, etc.
- Use battery-operated lighting instead of open flames when lighting Halloween decorations.
- Secure pets, unusual costumes can sometimes scare animals.
- Consider healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters like single-serve boxes of cereal or packages of fruit rolls.

PARENTS:

- Accompany young children.
- Ensure that children's costumes are made of flame-retardant material.
- Contact information should be given to every child in case of an emergency.
- Double-check candy and fruits given to children, throw away anything suspicious.
- Consider trick-or-treating at local businesses instead of homes.

YOUNGSTERS:

- Only visit homes with their lights

- on.
- Carry a flashlight and wear reflective material or tape on costume.
- Obey traffic signals.
- Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.

"Precautionary measures involving costumes, candy, stranger awareness and pedestrian safety will help keep Halloween accident free," Ponder said.

For more information regarding Halloween safety tips, visit www.covenanthealth.org.



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Veterans receive assistance

Glady's Diggs, Coordinator for the Lubbock VA Outpatient Clinic Social Services Department, initiated assisting veterans living in substandard conditions and homeless veterans to improve the quality of their lives. This includes soliciting donations for household items, furniture, and clothing to provide for these veterans. Roughly 1/4 to 1/3 of all homeless individuals are veterans. Many of these veterans suffer from the effects of serving during wartime.

Assistance with securing disability pensions, if eligible, is a first step, i.e., if they do not already have income. Securing an apartment or other housing is next. Furnishing the apartment is significant, since many veterans do not have sufficient incomes to afford to secure housing and furnish it at the same time. This process allows for some stability in the lives of those in need and who have served our country.

The Social Services Department at the Lubbock VA Outpatient Clinic has only one staff person. Without the help of one VA employee, Thomas Myrick, it would not be possible to continue this effort, according to Ms. Diggs. Not only does Mr. Myrick solicit for furniture and household items; he picks up the items and transports them to the veteran's homes. Additionally, he assists with setting the items up. The goal is to make the apartment or house a home, one that anyone would be proud to call home. Ms. Diggs' efforts are often outside of the normal work hours, Mr. Myrick's efforts are always outside normal work hours, and there is no pay for the many hours he donates to make one life better. According to Ms. Diggs, he never says no, he

never complains, and he has been the only volunteer to perform these duties. Both, Ms. Diggs and Mr. Myrick use their own vehicles to benefit the veterans.

Since Ms. Diggs initiated this effort in 2001, many veterans have benefited. Several have been able to move from homelessness to having a place to call home. Ms. Diggs stresses that without one man, Thomas Myrick, this effort would not have had the success that it has. Unfortunately, due to lack of storage space and staff, this effort has been discontinued.

Editor's note: We think that this program should be continued and given full support by the administration to help needy veterans. The timing is vital.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME

Dr. Patricia C. Hood is a long time resident of Lubbock. She received both her Ph.D. and M.D. degrees from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. She also completed her residency in Family Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Patricia C. Hood, MD, PhD
Family Medicine



Dr. Hood has been in medical practice in the Lubbock community since completing her medical training in 1999.

Recently, Dr. Hood joined the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine. She sees all ages of patients from newborns to adults, and has a special interest in children's and women's health.

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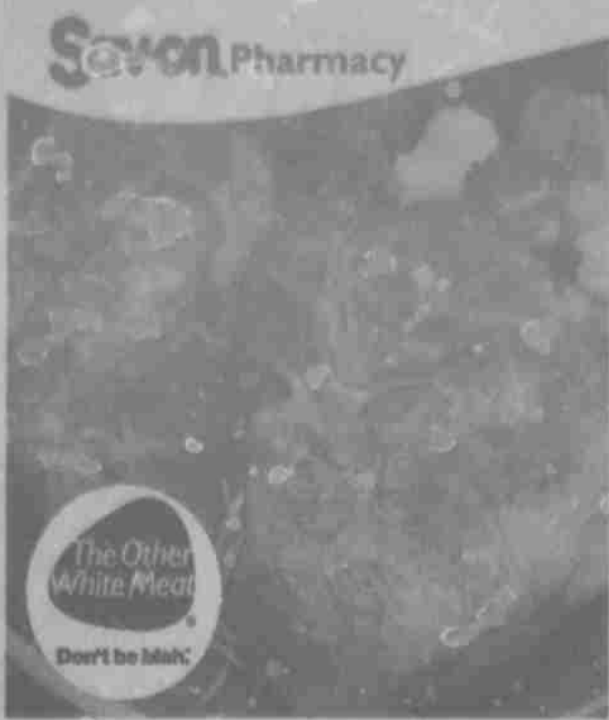
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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

AMERICAN LEGION, POST 808, DID GOOD JOB THIS N THAT ... wants to salute the members of **BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, POST 808, AMERICAN LEGION** for doing an outstanding job as host for the **19TH DISTRICT CONVENTION** of the American Legion Department of Texas Saturday, October 16th at the KoKo Cave. **ALFRED CAVEL** is Post Commander. Also, the **LADIES AUXILIARY OF POST 808** did a very good job as well! **GEORGIA RICHARDSON** serves as their leader. **THIS N THAT** is glad to see what Post 808 is doing, and may they continue to serve their community.

MABLE BUNTON SALUTED! **THIS N THAT** wants to also salute one of our Lubbock citizens, **MABLE BUNTON**, for being recognized for serving as a member of the **BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, POST 808, AMERICAN LEGION** for serving **53 YEARS** as a member in good standing.... She was completely surprised for the recognition by the 19th District. **MRS. BUNTON** said, "I KNEW I HAD BEEN A MEMBER FOR A LONG TIME, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS 53 YEARS!" Now this is dedication, and hopefully, some our young people will take note to what you can do. She has served for a good reason. **Mrs. Bunton**, may you continue to work with **AMERICAN LEGION, POST 808** for many more years!!

HARD WORK PAYS OFF! **THIS N THAT** appreciates the effort by the members and pastor **Rev. Edward Canady**, of St.

Matthew Baptist Church for having the dedication to re-develop their **FELLOWSHIP HALL**. The project cost \$90,000, and the mortgage was burned during church services, Sunday morning, October 16th. It goes to show with hard work, anything can be accomplished. This is another **VERY GOOD OMEN** that things are happening and will continue to happen in **EAST LUBBOCK**.

VERY POSITIVE GROUND BREAKING AT FHS! **THIS N THAT** was glad to see the **GROUND BREAKING** take place at **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL**, Wednesday October 12th. It was reported that by the beginning of the 2006-07 basketball season, the new **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL SPECTATOR GYMNASIUM** will be ready for usage... This project is a result of the 2004 bond package, and this \$3 million facility was made possible because of this! This too, only adds to the positive posture of **EAST LUBBOCK**. The new facility will seat 1,600, and the way the basketball program is growing at Estacado, they just may need more seating... Anyway, what a wonderful project for all of us! All we have heard is it was a very, positive ground breaking.

LENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE TODAY, for tomorrow the SUN MIGHT NOT SHINE"

149 ABORTIONS PER HOUR? **THIS N THAT** received a memo from the **SMITHLAWN HOME**, a

Maternity and Adoption Service which reports a startling statistic. It stated that **149 ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED EVERY HOUR!** Now, this should be something we need to pay close attention in our community, as these abortions every hour are done in the United States. It is just chilling to realize that so many have such little regard for human life. It appears as though **ABORTION** is the easiest choice for expectant mothers who experience an unwanted pregnancy.

A GOOD TIME TO VISIT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS! **THIS N THAT** would like to suggest that this **VERY GOOD TIME** to visit our **LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**. Just by showing up, you are letting our young people know you are watching their **MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**, and you just wanted to come by and let them see you on their campus.... As we have always suggested, while you are there, **HAVE LUNCH** with them. Oh, by the way, you need to check with the Principal's Office when you arrive on campus... Let's get on with this! Who knows what this visit will lead to in the future?

KEEP PUSHING EAST LUBBOCK. **THIS N THAT** will continue to ask all of you to stand tall for **EAST LUBBOCK!** As we see it, there are so many opportunities for all of us. Sure, we realize where the growth is happening, but keep in mind - that area doesn't have what **EAST LUBBOCK** has - and don't you forget that! Just keep standing for **EAST LUBBOCK!**

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



A few days ago, a former United States Secretary of Education, a member of the Reagan Administration, Mr. William R. Bennett made a statement on a radio show, which has grabbed the attention of every person of color and some who are not of color. He made a racist statement, which cannot be overlooked or forgiven. In essence, he said that the crime rate in the United States would go down if all male Black babies were aborted.

One does not have to be a rocket scientist, though it would help, no pun intended, to know the meaning of abort. It means to bring to a premature or unsuccessful conclusion; failure to complete development. An abortion in terms of babies' birth means that he will be killed to prevent his live birth.

The country is divided on the subject of abortion. Half support the 'Right to Life' organization and half support the right not to give life by choice, or the case of *Roe v. Wade*, which upholds a woman's right to have an abortion if that is her desire. To have an abortion or not to have an abortion is not the question here. The question is, why would a god-fearing individual with a high profile make a statement regarding the abortion of a particular class of fetuses to cut the crime rate in the United States? Some blame attributed to the Bible, there is supposed to be a passage to the effect that 'As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.' In other words, the things we say are the things we thought. We had to have the thought to say the words. God forbid that we say everything that we think!

This is a typical example of something thought which by no means should have ever been said, even in private, not to mention on the live radio. Somehow, it seems that he may have been among the

proponents, which advertised the systematic sterilization of Black male babies at birth during the fifties and his feelings never changed with the changing time.

It appears from social great studies that the crime rate has a high correlation with the socio-economic level of citizens. If the William Bennetts of this country would focus more on the causes of low-socio-economic conditions and actually do something to eliminate the blight, much of which is found in the Black neighborhood because of selective politics, the crime rate of America would be lowered everywhere. Crime breeds where there is not enough of anything to make the residents comfortable and happy. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and provide equal education, housing, medical access, employment and pay for work done, to all citizens of this country and those whom are permitted to work here, though they are not citizens. We need to pray for Mr. Bennett and hope that he does not aspire to a job on population control.

Letters to the Editor

East Lubbock Odor

Based upon complaints of foul odor from Chatman Hill residents, the Concerned Citizens sought answers from City Hall. The following information was received from City Manager Lee Ann Darnsbald.

"The Environmental Compliance Department, working with the Water Reclamation Plant, Water Utilities Engineering Department and the Industrial Monitoring and Pretreatment team, investigated the odor situation. The Chatman Hill residential area is surrounded by businesses with multiple potential sources for odor. In searching for the origin of the odor, an assessment of the sewer plant, sewer lift station and non-City facilities, i.e. cottonseed oil plant and feedlots.

"Indications are that the odor is most likely originating from more than one source. Cottonseed stored at the oil plant seemed wet and emitting a very strong odor. Higher than normal humidity could cause additional odor from the feedlots.

"From the Health Department and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, they do not believe the fumes from the above two sources pose a health hazard to the community, although the fumes are unpleasant.

"The cause of the odor results from natural process, such as fermentation/decay of the seeds and normal odor associated with animals.

"As a result of the Concerned Citizens inquiry, the City staff will meet with appropriate parties to discuss odor reduction strategy. The feedlots recently installed a system that periodically sprays the pens to control dust, as well as reduce odor."

The Concerned Citizens request east side residents, who are not satisfied with the above information, contact the City of Lubbock Environmental Compliance Manager, Dan Dennison, 775-2880.

The Concerned Citizens can be reached by calling Clarence Denson, 744-5050 or P.O. Box 3475, Lubbock, TX 79452.

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Supporting Our Schools

As you know, we recently had an exciting day for the students, parents, and individual supporters of the committee to "Save O.L. Station".

By working collectively (magnet and neighborhood parents alike) we assured that the magnet program would be sustained, and that neighborhood children from North and East Lubbock would not be forgotten and fall victim to school closings that historically occur in these districts.

While the fight is not over, because other neighborhood schools in these districts will be facing closure in the upcoming year (allegedly Jackson, Guadalupe, and Neil Wright), we have helped to bring the school district back

to the people. We reacted in a voice of solidarity, and as a result the individuals voted in by tax payers, as well as those employed by the taxpayer, were forced to listen to us.

Your support in vocalizing our issues helped to sustain this school that has a successful school program, and has repeatedly been recognized for outstanding achievements in the performing arts and academic areas.

However, this attack on neighborhood schools in North and East Lubbock also allowed for others to recognize the lack of quality tutoring and supplemental educational programs that do not exist for neighborhood children; the lack of equitable opportunities in leadership roles by students of color; as well as the lack of supplemental programs to bridge students to magnet and honorable mention status, to surface.

As such we ask that you continue to advocate for neighborhood schools and more importantly for children, as future, by bringing light to these issues, and making elected officials and administrators accountable for the quality education of Lubbock students.

Christy Martinez-Garcia,
Lubbock, TX



Think About It!

So much is going on now!
Thank God, it's not all bad!

So much has happened recently worldwide which included tragedies, the President and Vice President have big investigations among their top staff, and the President's recent appointment is under pressure even by some of his supporters. And, let's not forget, the Number One Senator and Number One Congressman are under investigation.

The world is in an uproar. There is misfortune everywhere, but all is not bad. Things are still happening everyday. The Lubbock Musical Festival was a huge success. The legendary part was most impressive as well as the total festival. There was something for everyone. This writer's favorite was the "Oldies" with Berry Hobb's Drifters, Platters and Cornell Gunter's Coasters, along with Lubbock's own legend Virgil Johnson, Butch Avery and many others.

Last Saturday, the Booker T. Washington, Post 808, American Legion hosted the 19th District meeting, which was a big success. Mrs. Mable Bunton received a 50-year pin for her years of dedication as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 808. Lubbock also hosted the

112th Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas, with the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church as host. This, too, was great, but on the other hand, with over 1,200 delegates at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, this writer observed Lubbock police congregating early morning on Tuesday, across from the meeting. All of this happened at approximately 10:30 a. m. The question to ponder was why there are so many Lubbock police across from this Black Baptist who were meeting in our city? Now really, what kind of message will this send? What kind of a perception will delegates take from the convention?

Now we look at the North & East Lubbock Development project. After many years of blood, sweat and tears, along comes John Hall, a quarterback for the project, and guess what? Along comes Texland, the oil company, who wants to continue drilling for oil in this depressed area of Lubbock. It appears when good things taking place, especially after 40 years of nothing and neglect as well as being left along, Texland has decided to put oil jets in the area. Wonder why was it done at this time? Thank

God, however, the North & East Lubbock Board of Directors suspended all efforts until an agreement can take care of this mess. No doubt about it, right will win!

Some important news comes from our grapevine that advised that there are at least four suits against a well-known organization will be forthcoming. More later.

The local Habitat for Humanity is still alive and doing the best it can. It continues to build homes. This is for the sub-standard housing victims and others all over the worldwide: disasters. The cash flow is down. The number of homes during the bliss is down, but it keeps on building. The number of homes built is not the disaster. The disaster is if we lose the program.

Thought of the Week: "Some people will never learn anything. For this reason, because they understand everything too soon." -Alexander Pope



(Th)ink

News Item: THE PRESIDENT RECENTLY SUGGESTED USING U.S. MILITARY AS CIVILIAN POLICE (I.E. MARTIAL LAW) IN THE EVENT OF A BIRD FLU PANDEMIC IN THE UNITED STATES...

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U.S. House passes flawed Head Start bill

The House of Representatives passed a Head Start bill last month. The bill does not dismantle Head Start and includes several positive provisions including putting a halt to the National Reporting System until a new assessment can be developed. The bill, however, has three major problems.

The bill requires 50 percent of all Head Start teachers to have a A, A- degree, but does not provide programs with additional dollars to pay teachers a fair wage. The bill weakens the power of the policy council by making it only an advisory committee with no real authority.

The bill allows Head Start programs that are run by or affiliated with faith-based organizations to discriminate against their employee's religious beliefs.

The U. S. Senate is expected to take up Head Start at the end of

October or the beginning of November.

A Republican Congressman, Mark Souder (R-Ind.) offered an amendment that passed the rules Committee only to be defeated on the floor of the House by a vote of 153 to 266. Souder's amendment would have restored the full authority of parents serving on policy councils. The Indiana Congressman says he will continue to work with the National Head Start Association and key Republican senators to encourage the Senate HELP Committee leadership to include changes to restore the role of parents prior to a vote taking place on the floor of the Senate.

It is highly anticipated there will be domestic cuts by the Congress to the tune of more than \$50 Billion and the areas expected to receive these cuts are programs that currently serve low-income families. The

cuts will affect programs like Head Start, food stamps programs, TANF, and child care. Ten billion dollars in cuts are expected for the nation's Medicaid program.

According to reports, the Senate Head Start bill (S. 1107) would weaken the role of the policy council. Under this Senate bill, the policy council would only be allowed to "consult" with the board of directors - something much different from the current law which provides for a system of shared governance.

Parents with children in Head Start are asked to do two things: (1) Call your member of Congress by dialing toll free 1-800-426-8073 and urge your member of Congress to oppose any effort to cut funding for programs serving low-income children and families; and (2) Send a short statement describing your experiences while serving on your program's policy council. Tell what

you have learned and how important it is to continue parental participation in shared governance in Head Start.

Send your written testimony to all of the following:

- Senator John Cornyn, 517 Hart Senate Ofc. Bldg., Washington, D.C.
- Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, 284 Russell Senate Ofc. Bldg., Washington, D.C.
- Congressman Randy Neugebauer, 1205 Texas Avenue, Suite 810, Lubbock, Texas 79401 or the House of Representatives, Rm. 151, Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C.

For more information, contact Kahree Wahid at (318) 776-0061.

Additional information may be obtained from the Policy Committee Chair Mistie Miller at (806) 928-2253.



From the New Beginning's program in Lubbock, Bryan's sister, dad and mom visited to be able read a story called *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn. After reading the story the parents assisted their own child in making hand prints and placing a "kiss" sticker in the center. This was a wonderful family activity. Had a great turnout!

Head Start: One Lubbock family's story

As chairman of the Head Start Policy Council, Mistie Miller keeps herself busy. Miller is a 1993 graduate of Sudan high school and mother of three children. She is also in the process of obtaining a nursing degree.

Miller is very concerned about the future of Head Start, because as its name indicates, it provides a head start for children who, because of economic or special needs reasons, would otherwise not have a chance to learn social skills and basic problem-solving skills.

Head Start uses parental involvement to help enrich the experience of the children in the program.

Many of these children would otherwise be lost in the shuffle, but because of this program, they have made it to the "top of the heap."

Of Mistie's three children, one has finished with Head Start, one is currently in the program, and the other did not go.

While the child that didn't go through Head Start is doing well, Mistie can see the benefits of the program in her other two children.

Miller wants everyone to know




Upcoming scholars working on computers. Shown here are Gilberto (4) and A'Shawnti (4).

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