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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 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Chamber Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatmar Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

George Black to be honored at upcoming Gospel Fest 2006

George Black, a man who came to Lubbock in the 1940's, will be honored at the 2006 Gospel Fest which will be held in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, November 19, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Many have been waiting for the return of The Williams Brothers who were here two years ago. Joining them will be Luther Barnes and the Sunset Jubilaires. This concert is sponsored by Each One reach One and Bridging The Gap, Inc.

At age 90, Mr. Black has been singing the gospel since he was a young boy chopping cotton on long, hot summer days in Central and East Texas. If you ask him, he would tell you, "I guess I started out chopping cotton and singing at 6 or 7."

Black moved to Lubbock in 1940, and left the farm to find work to support his young family. He will



tell you he had to shine shoes and did some janitorial work.

He started singing with some of the fellows at the Methodist Church although he was a Baptist. He is a longtime member of the St. Luke Baptist Church.

He started a group called the

South Plains Spiritual Singers about 1943. There was a group called the Hop Halsey Drug Store Cowboys and they performed weekly on radio from the drug store at Main Street and Avenue G. There was a lady in charge of the group. I asked her if we could sing on their pro-

gram. She said yes, and we were the first Black group to sing over KFYO, and it was just that one time.

When the group broke up, Black put together another group which he called "The Lone Star Gospel Singers." After talking with a gentleman at KSEL, he told to come by for a try out for the broadcast. This gave us an opportunity to have a 15 minute spot on Sunday mornings which lasted for six or seven months.

The Lone Star Gospel Singers also sang over KLLL for a while, but no luck in getting a sponsor. The group kept on singing, and would travel within a 200 mile area on weekends. It was difficult, but the group kept on as it was hard getting back to work on Monday mornings. The group finally broke up.

It was about 1956, when Black was approached by the Wayside Travelers. The group needed a

booking manager. He became a singer and booking manager. He carried the group from 1956 until about 1979 when he retired.

He said, "We made enough to pay our expenses and buy shoes or a suit. In the 50's, we put on programs and helped build churches."

"We just wanted to let Mr. George Black know how much we appreciated what had done over the years, and we are for ever grateful for all he has done," said Faye Brown.

"There has to always be a beginning for anything to happen. So our organization, Each One Reach One to thank him publicly," said Joyce Wright.

For tickets to the Gospel Fest 2006, call Select-A-Seat at (806) 770-2000. If you are out of the city, call toll free (800) 735-1288.

For further information, call (806) 744-6123, 762-3612 or 786-2971.

Bush says Rumsfeld is stepping down

President Bush said Wednesday Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is stepping down and former CIA Director Robert Gates will take over at the Pentagon and in prosecuting the war in Iraq.

Rumsfeld, architect of an unpopular war in Iraq, intends to resign after six stormy years at the Pentagon, Republican officials said.

The development occurred one day after midterm elections that cost Republicans control of the House, and possibly the Senate, as well. Surveys of voters at polling places said opposition to the war was a significant contributor to the Democratic victory.

Bush described Rumsfeld as a "superb leader" in a time of change, but said his defense chief recognizes the value of "fresh perspective." He said Rumsfeld is a "trusted adviser and friend," and that he's "deeply grateful" for his service to the country. Bush said he and Rumsfeld agreed that "the timing is right for new leadership"



Rumsfeld

at the Pentagon.

Last week, as he campaigned to save the Republican majority, Bush declared that Rumsfeld would remain at the Pentagon through the end of his term.

Rumsfeld, 74, was in his second tour of duty as defense chief. He first held the job a generation ago, when he was appointed by President Ford.

Gates is the president of Texas A&M University and a close friend of the Bush family. He served as CIA director for Bush's father from 1991 until 1993.

Gates first joined the CIA in 1966 and served in the intelligence community for more than a quarter century, under six presidents.

His nomination must be confirmed by the Senate.

Whatever confidence Bush retained in Rumsfeld, the Cabinet officer's support in Congress had eroded significantly. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (news, bio, voting record), D-Calif., the House speaker-in-waiting, said at her first post-election news conference that Bush should replace the top civilian leadership at the Pentagon.

And Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, who had intervened in the past to shore up Rumsfeld, issued a statement saying, "Washington must now work together in a bipartisan way - Republicans and Democrats - to outline the path to success in Iraq."

Rotary Club of Lubbock pays a visit to Parkway Elementary



Pictured in the photo above are: Rotary Club of Lubbock President Terry Kay, far right; and Keith Larremore, chairman of the book project, far left; Parkway fifth grader Alex Blus, left, and fourth grader Donna Reyes. Blue and Reyes proudly display their new "ScienceSaurus" books.

Wednesday, November 1, 2006, members of the Rotary Club of Lubbock visited Parkway Elementary School for their weekly Rotary lunch meeting and presented students with new science resource books.

Together, the Rotary Club of Lubbock and Outback Steakhouse

sponsored a fund-raising luncheon for Parkway Elementary science books project which netted more than \$3,580. With the money, copies of "ScienceSaurus" were purchased for each fourth and fifth grade student.

According to Lubbock

Independent School District Science Coordinator, Kim Perry, "ScienceSaurus" introduces and reviews key science topics, providing clear, detailed explanations and is an ideal complement to the IIRD science curriculum. Keith Larremore was the chairman of the fund-raising effort.

Feed a Friend - It's Easy as Pie

For the fifteenth consecutive year, Lubbock Meals on Wheels is enlisting the help of United Supermarkets, KAMC-TV, and KLBK-TV, for the "Feed a Friend - It's as Easy as Pie" fundraiser. This year's project will take place from November 11-18. For a \$5 donation to Meals on Wheels, participants will receive a coupon for a free fresh-baked 8-inch apple or pumpkin pie from any local United's in-store bakery. Lubbock Meals on Wheels hopes to raise \$40,000 with this fundraiser. Donations can be made at any local United Supermarket or at the Lubbock Meals on Wheels' office, 2304-34th. The event kicks-off with a pie eating contest at the United Supermarkets location at 82nd & Boston on Thursday, November 9th. Local celebrities will participate in the contest as it is aired live on KAMC's and KLBK's noon newscast.

Lubbock Meals on Wheels serves hot, nutritious meals to almost 500 homebound, elderly and disabled people each weekday, totaling over 120,000 meals annually. The organization depends completely on the community for financial support, receives no governmental funding, and is not a United Way funded agency. Over 1000 volunteers and ten staff members carry out the mission of Lubbock Meals on Wheels.

For more information, please call 792-7971.

Airport to improve displays and artwork to promote Lubbock



Visitors to Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport will soon get a chance to immerse themselves in the town's hospitality, culture and business the minute they step off the aircraft, thanks to a new partnership between the Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport and Interspace-Airport Advertising.

Selected by the City of Lubbock, Interspace is bringing an aesthetic upgrade and new technology to the existing terminal that will give a great first impression of the Lubbock area. Interspace is an award winning company that currently handles nearly 200 airport programs and, as a family business, has been dedicated to Airport Advertising for over 32 years.

Because of the Airport's vital role in tourism and economic development, area businesses can benefit by reaching key business decision makers and visitors in a first class Community Showcase. Once in place, the distinctive advertising program created by Interspace will feature technologically advanced displays and scenic wall murals designed to promote Lubbock and its businesses. Given the number of visitors who

make their way through the airport annually (1,098,879 passengers per year), the partnership will create huge new opportunities for local and regional businesses to effectively market to a dynamic group of travelers.

"By highlighting the businesses and attractions of the area, the Airport will serve as a warm welcome for visitors as well as a medium for enhancing the community feeling of pride," says Nathan Okuley of Interspace. "What better way to showcase to the visitors what the area has to offer by inviting them to stay at your property, enjoy an excursion, or entice them to plan a return trip. It's important to let them know what Lubbock has to offer!"

Program highlights will include themed wall murals showcasing the Region. It will also have state-of-the-art Interspace RevMax™ technology, Interspace EdgeLit™ technology and a Passenger Assistance Service System that allows passengers to collect information, research hotels, restaurants, and attractions or even call different entities through the use of brochures and direct dial phone lines.

Interspace programs have won eleven of the fourteen airport advertising awards given over the past seven years by Airports Council International (ACI-NA), the largest airport organization in North America.

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, but unfortunately, some people are always looking for something to criticize.

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The members of the New Hope Baptist Church are very pleased over the celebration of their Pastor and Family's 17th Anniversary. Rev. B. R. Moton, Sister Margaret Moton and Pam Moton, last Sunday morning, November 5, 2006. Guest speaker was the Reverend W. D. Davis, pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. The anniversary theme was "Called To Lead With Integrity", 1 Samuel 16:1-18.

A special thanks is given to all who did what they could do to make this a very beautiful program. May God continue to bless all of you.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will postpone their "Family & Friends Day" until early next spring, according to Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr., pastor. More information is forthcoming about this event which will involve many former members who reside in Lubbock, Texas and across the nation. This is expected to be an outstanding program.

Let us not forget to make plans to attend the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs which will be held at the

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2511 Fir Avenue, where Rev. J. Jerome Johnson is the proud pastor, on Sunday afternoon, November 26, 2006, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Sister Bennie Sims is the president.

Remember, the public is invited to attend.

The men who attended the Men's Fellowship Breakfast are still talking about the breakfast held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. This breakfast was done in conjunction with the men of Good Shepherd Family Worship Center, Dr. Robert L. McKenzie is pastor. According to the men in attendance, there will be more breakfasts in the future.

The Gospel Fest 2006 will be held Sunday afternoon, November 19, 2006, at the Lubbock Memorial Auditorium, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Special guest will be The Williams Brothers and Luther Barnes and The Sunset Jubilaires.

Tickets are available at Select-A-Seat locations. For more information, call Faye Brown or Joyce Wright at (806) 744-6123, 762-3612 or 786-2971.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Among some our citizens who are ill include Sister Doris Ragland, Sister Mary Ella Tucker, Sister Dorothy Nash and Brother Rudolph Belvin. There are others whom we do not know who are on the shut-in list.

Let us not forget those families who have lost loved ones. Remember, God is able!

The Lubbock Housing Authority and the UAH Property Management, L.P. will sponsor an Open House on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, from 6:00 p. m. until 8:30 p. m. at the park Meadows Village, 2502 Weber Drive. Quincy White, acting executive director of the Lubbock Housing Authority, and Fulton Berry will be the hosts for this event. The management staff will be providing tours for this event.

If you are not a subscriber to the Southwest Digest, then this is a very good time to subscribe for only \$37.30 a year. If you want to do so, call 762-3612 today. This is your newspaper, and your support is most appreciated.

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robertson

Your season of style

As your holiday calendar fills, a choice for every occasion, from entertaining at home to the event of the season.



Here are five easy ways to dress up your wardrobe.

1. Add life to your look with satin trimmed sandals and clutches
2. Beading- Shine through the holiday with subtly beaded tops, accessories and jewelry
3. Velvet- Bring your look to a new height of sophistication with luxurious velvet jackets, velvet-obi sashes, clutches and shoes
4. Cover Ups- Dress your holiday wardrobe with winter's latest evening jackets and wraps
5. Jewelry- Festive garnet red necklaces and earrings add color and radiance to all your holiday looks

Remember, you can enjoy the holidays more when you know you're looking good!

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

In Remembrance

Hearce Lee Ragdale
Funeral services for Hearce Lee Ragdale were held last Friday morning, November 3, 2006, at the Faith Temple Church.



Ragdale

Home of Lubbock. Mr. Ragdale died Thursday, October 26, 2006 at the VistaCare Hospices.

He was born February 23, 1922 East of Waco. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Annie; two sons, six daughters; three son-in-laws and a host of grandchildren; and great-grandchildren as well as many other relatives and friends.

Griffin Mortuary & Funeral

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Melvin Irving completes basic training



Irving

Melvin D. Irving, a 2004 graduate of Estacado High School, has just completed basic training from the U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Center in San Diego, California on Friday, October 27, 2006.

Prior to joining the Marines, he attended the West Texas A & M University, he will further his training in Ocean Side, California for 17 days, and will do his advance individual training at a facility.

He is the son of Randy and Jernie Wilson.

SPC online registration begins November 13

Students must have their pin number available to utilize the online registration system. Students will be able to register at www.southplainscollege.edu under the Campus Connect link. The online registration will continue through January 4. Spring classes begin January 17.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus America, too much is too wrong!

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

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 - The Lord said, behold (Look), I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing if you obey the commandment of the Lord, your God, which I command you this day, and a curse if you will not obey the commandments of the Lord, your God. But turn aside out of the way which command you this day to go after other Gods.

Lord, our forefathers prayed and worshipped giving all the glory and praise to you. You said, you would bless their seed, and the land and see them through.

Exodus 20:5 - The Lord said, you shall not bow yourself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord, our God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

Now we know America hates God by all the wrong things that she has said and do. We teach our children Hell-O-Ween. The way of the Devil, and we know he's not true!!!

John 14:6 - Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man come unto the father but by me."

Lord, the Devil gave out rights in the 60's, and America knew that they were wrong. He even deceived the Church leaders back then, and it's yet going on!!!

Romans 1:19-22 - Because that which way be known of God is manifest in them (The Church Leaders) for God has shown it

unto them. For the invisible things of Him (God). From the creation of the world is clearly seen, being understood by the things that are mad, even his eternal power and Godhead so that they (The Church Leaders) are without excuse, because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God. Neither were thankful, but became in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise. They (The Church Leaders) became fools.

***** The Church Leaders Did Rob God!!! *****

Lord, America had a little lamb, his fleece was pure white. Clean as the flesh new snow. The children would take this lamb with them. No matter when or where they would go.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19 - The Lord said, you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul. And bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be frontlets between your eyes, and you shall teach them to your children. Speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way when you lie down, and when you rise up.

The Lamb followed America's children o school. There was joy, and it made their day. The schools had love in them, and it was a home away from home and a place to pray!!!

Luke 18:1 - And He (Jesus) spake a parable unto them to this end that men ought always

to pray and not faint.

Lord, then America changed the rules to have the Lamb in schools, illegal it became. The children were told not to bring the Lamb back, and don't even speak his name!!!

Matthew 6:24a - Jesus said, no man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he held to the one and despise the other.

Lord, every day in America, it got worse and worse. Now the days turned into years. No joy in America's schools now. There are gun shots of killings and drugs. And many tears!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap, for that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

What must we do to stop this disaster that has taken over our schools and land? Put God back in your house, our Churches, the White House in God we trust and stand!!!

Jeremiah 9:23-24 - This said the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom. Neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glory, glory in this that he understands and knows me. For I am the Lord which exercises loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth for these things I delight.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Losing the Middle Class

Two weeks ago an Associated Press caption read: Goodyear Workers in Tyler Feel Betrayed." This reading grasped my attention for I have childhood friends and classmates who begin with the company when it was Kelly Springfield and retired. In fact, I had a deceased brother-in-law and another who retired from the plant. To further, heighten my interest, a nephew and one of my closest childhood friend's son presently worked at the plant.

The amazing part of the human drama was not recorded in the Associated Press' story. The crux of the matter is 1,100 workers have lost their financial livelihood. The people who worked these jobs were middle class. They face a financial dilemma that could lead to mental agony that requires professional help. These middle class workers thought Goodyear was a good solid company and the job they had would be there as long as they could work.

Goodyear was one of Tyler's largest employers and it stand to reason that community leaders are alarmed. The city offered Goodyear \$12 million dollars in incentives to stay open.

This writer was told the corporate executives flew into Pounds Field, set up for the media and told everyone that the closure is necessary to remain competitive and follow through on its previously announced plans to slash \$1 billion dollars in cost by 2008.

After informing the community their intent, these corporate executives return to their jet

closed the door, taxied down the runway, turn the rear-end of the jet toward the workers at Tyler, sprayed them with a hardship pill of "kiss my grit" and went on back to Akron, Ohio or wherever.

What is important to those who are limited in knowledge about how one might get the shaft (so to speak) is this plant was unionized. The United Steelworkers represented it. Goodyear had proposed protection for all plants except Tyler, and a trust fund to secure medical benefits for current and future retirees for many years.

The word is that plant workers in other states allegedly bowed to the corporate Baal because of the threat of what would happen if they did not kiss what they demanded to be kissed.

Allegedly, the Cooper Tire Company that is located in Texarkana, Texas (some 120 northeast of Tyler) went to flex-time operation and the result was the loss of 400 to 500 local jobs. The leaders in the city of Tyler has said that the plant's closing could cost the area \$948 million dollars. This city of 100,000 will face a major problem in acquiring other companies with the salaries of Goodyear to fill the void. Those who live in West Texas who own property in Tyler and Smith County will see their property taxes rise. Many of those workers at this plant own homes upward of \$100,000. If these homes are lost, the lending institution will lose. The schools will lose money because people will move away to find work and

state and federal money will be reduced. Other businesses will have to reduce their labor force because of reduction in business. Hospital cost will go up because the unemployed people have no insurance.

This writer feels that the real winner in this is China. Corporate greed is leading to the financial ruin of America. It will not be long, if things does not change before there will not be a middle class. The middle class is going to have to rise up and demand from our government that these corporate thugs, in the name of remaining competitive, be accountable to the American people. Remember, these thugs' children are getting the best of education, health care, exposure etc. while the middle class is trying to figure out a way to send their children to college while trying not to sink their souls financially by the rising cost in higher education.

Many wonder if that Plano base company who had been in Lubbock for number of years and closed overnight will lead others to get what they can out of Lubbock financially and disappear into the night? Remember the preacher who preached the sermon entitled: "Watch Those Dogs?" Lubbock leaders may need to start watching and asking more questions before committing to corporate leaders sweet line of bull. Lubbock's middleclass may need to get up from their loins and hold their leaders accountable when dealing with outside forces. A coral and king snake look alike. One is poisonous.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

The dedicated members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the lovely home of Brother and Sister Nickles last Saturday morning, November 4, 2006. Devotion was spirit led by the group. Minister Patrick and Minister Nickles also participated, and the vice president, Sister Christene Burleson read the morning scripture. Prayer was offered by Brother Nickles. A solo was sung by Sister Annie Day, which was entitled "There's Going To Be A Fire That The Fireman Can't Put Out!!! What a mighty time all had in the Lord!

The scripture lesson was taught by our teacher, Sister Elnora Jones. Her subject was "Building Communities of Peace Redeeming Our Neighborhoods."

Are we taking back what the Devil has taken from us? There's a bloody war going on in Iraq. Also, a culture war all around. Most of us have given up, and we feel like we

have lost the battle. The battle is not ours, Saints! It's the Lord's! **II Corinthians 10:4**. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holes.

Isaiah 59:19 - When the enemies come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

Acts 1:8 - We shall receive power after the Holy Ghost comes upon us, and we shall be witnesses in Lubbock and all surrounding places.

Matthew 9:37 - The Harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. He's calling for laborers today, Saints! Will you answer the call? I hope so!

Thanks for reading this word! **Thought:** If anyone ever decides to tell our life story, tell them, Jesus is the best thing that ever has happen to us!"

The Lord said, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you

today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendant may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him."

We want to especially thank our guest for their presence last Saturday morning. May God continue to bless each of you in all you do for the Lord.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in. We want them to know we are praying for them. God knows where you are and how you are feeling.

Sister Luella Spence was the receiver of our door prize last Saturday morning. Hope to see many more of you next month. Will you be among them? Hope so!

Thanks for reading, Saints! Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, November 5, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

If you are looking for a Church home, then you are welcome to come and worship with the Pastor and members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Just come!

The morning Sunday School got under way at 10:10 a.m. with Rev. Canady presiding. He taught the lesson, "The Purpose of God's Gospel. The scriptures were I Kings 18:20-24; 30-35 and 38-39. It was another wonderful lesson. The lesson reminds all believers who is control.

Our Superintendent, Sister Luella Harris, was last Sunday morning as she was in Austin attending the funeral services of a grand-

daughter. Our prayers go out to her family. Remember, God is able!

Let us continue pray for our sick and shut-in members and citizens. There are those who are ill and let's pray for all of them.

Also, let's pray for those who have lost loved ones.

Thought of the Week: "A Believer at war with another Christian can not be at peace with the Father."

Let us remember that God tries our faith so that we may try His faithfulness.

King Tut exhibit coming to Las Cruces

Las Cruces, NM - Las Cruces will welcome a 3,000-year old visitor, sort of.

More than 100 incredibly reproduced artifacts collected from King Tutankhamun's tomb are now on display at the Branigan Cultural Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico and will run through the end of January 2007.

"Wonderful Things" from the Pharaoh's Tomb

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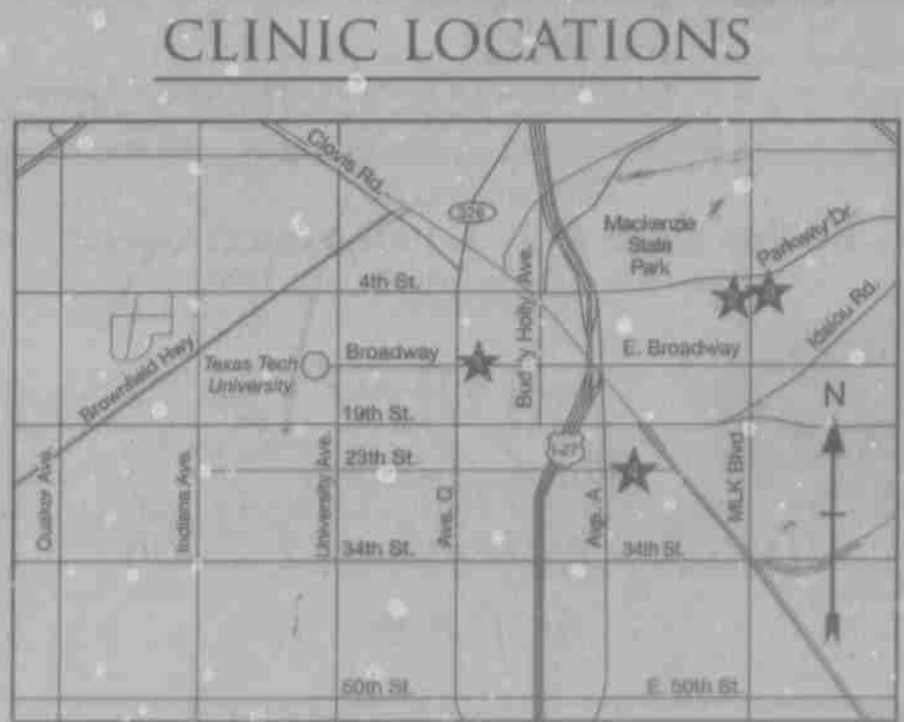
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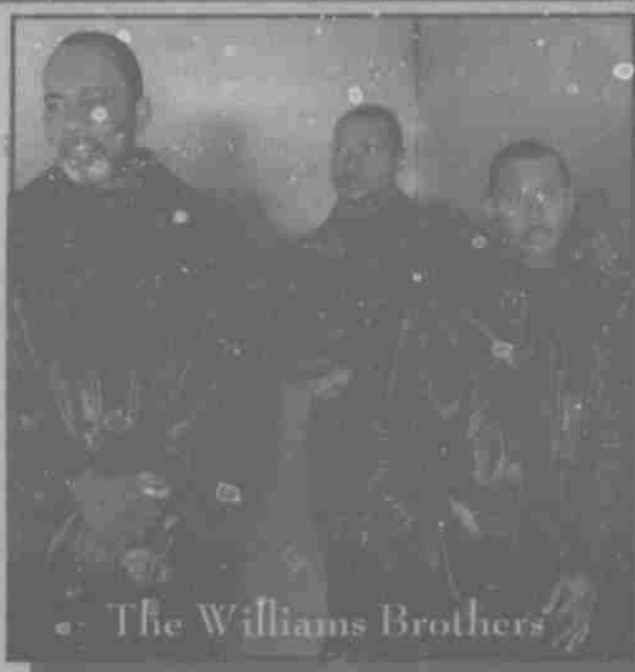
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Cory Booker wants change for Newark

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: U.S. Politics

Courtesy of the Oprah Winfrey Show

Cory Booker may seem like your average politician, but Oprah says this young mayor has the tenacity to truly make a difference.

Raised in a wealthy suburb, this New Jersey native received degrees from Stanford, Oxford and Yale Law School. Then, his life took an unexpected turn. He gave up a high-paying corporate job to run for mayor of Newark, New Jersey—a small city with a high crime rate.

Despite his relentless pursuit, he lost the first election in 2002. His campaign and the fight against what had been in place for so long, was chronicled in the award-winning documentary *Street Fight*. The film is now available on DVD and rumors of a sequel are buzzing. Legendary politician Sharpe James was his main opponent in the 2002 election, but dropped out before the 2006 election occurred. You can find out details about *Street Fight* on the director's website at www.marshallcurry.com.

Four years later, Booker ran again and won. On July 11, 2006, Cory Booker became the 36th mayor of Newark.

"I feel like this is my calling," he says. "How lucky is it in life to be able to wake up in the morning and feel like you're doing what you were meant to do, with people who inspire you every single day?"

Unlike most politicians, Mayor Booker doesn't live in a big house in an exclusive neighborhood. He calls one of Newark's poorest housing projects home.

For the past eight years,

When the elevators aren't working, Mayor Booker has to climb 16 flights of steps to his apartment, but his most pressing concern is the lack of heat. "This winter there will be no heat again so we're moving with great speed to get the residents to nice places," he says.

Although Mayor Booker was once a Rhodes Scholar, he says he's learned the most valuable lessons in life from his neighbors. "I always say I got my B.A. from Stanford, but my PhD in the streets of Newark," he says. "These are some of the most heroic people I've ever met. ... They've strengthened me. They've fortified me. They gave me a reason for living and taught me some of my best lessons. I've been the fortunate one in many ways."

In October 2006, Mayor Booker celebrated his 100th day in office. Critics have called him "too idealistic," but the mission statement he set forth on day one remains the same. "We are going to make Newark, New Jersey, the national example of urban transformation," he says.

Recently, Mayor Booker began mentoring two teenagers who allegedly wrote "Kill Cory Booker" on a wall. He says he made a pledge to these teens that if they live up to certain standards, he'll live up to their expectations.

The teens accompany him to bookstores, movies and restaurants, but they must abide by the mayor's strict rules. "The first thing I said is, 'You've got to dress properly. You've got to cut your hair. ... People judge you on how you present yourself,'" he says. "And you have to speak proper English. I can't deal with the double negatives and the slang. You have to speak the English of Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. DuBois [and] Booker T. Washington."



Cory Booker shakes hands with a Newark resident during his campaign. He knew that the only way to win the mayoral election was to do it in the streets. In 2002, he was defeated. In 2006, he won the mayoral race and has been in office since June 2006.

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After his morning run through the quiet streets of Newark, Booker boils water in an electric kettle and fills up a temporary camp shower. Booker has lived in Brick Towers, a dilapidated housing project, for eight years. It takes several pots of water to fill up the bag and is the only way to take a hot shower in the building in which he lives. The building has no hot water, but Booker aims to change that, along with many other things in Newark.

Mayor Booker has lived in Brick Towers, a housing project in one of Newark's most violent neighborhoods. Though the Housing Authority has declared his apartment building "unlivable," Mayor Booker wanted to live like the people who need him most.

Currently, no one in the building has hot water. Every morning, the mayor warms water in an electric kettle and pours it into a portable camping shower. This is the only way he can take a hot shower. "Sometimes you spill boiling water on your hand," he says. "That's why sometimes it's an incentive to [shower] the cold way. ... We have senior citizens that are bathing this way. It's just not right."

Despite a few setbacks-like dealing with death threats-Mayor Booker believes he can turn his city around. "I'm in this fight, and we can do it," he says. "This country's whole history is a perpetual testimony to the achievement of the impossible."

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

GOOD BREAKFAST MEETING LAST SATURDAY MORNING! THIS N THAT was one of the persons who were in attendance at the "MEN'S BREAKFAST" at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Saturday morning, November 4, 2006 where Black men of the community fellowshipped together and discussed issues in the Black community which affect our young Black males. One thing for certain was that these kinds of breakfasts should continue and then develop a plan of action to work with these young Black fellows.

THIS N THAT was glad a very positive discussion came up about the need for the **EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY** to help in supporting the **THEODORE PHEA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**. This is a crucial program which is needed to help these young people. So **THIS N THAT** is happy to see this kind of an effort happen in our community. It was a very **POSITIVE DISCUSSION** and this kind of a discussion needs to continue. **THIS N THAT** salutes all who were in attendance.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "The person who refuses to hear **CRITICISM** has no **CHANCE** to learn from it."

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WE MUST VISIT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS! THIS N THAT is still asking us as concerned citizens. Should visit our public schools. You see, with so

many problems happening in the world today, **THIS N THAT** believes our young people need to see us visiting their campuses. They need to see being concerned about them and what better way than by visiting them at their schools. There is no doubt about it these precious assets need us even more today. So if you can, will you take some time and visit our young people at their school. It would be great if we were given permission to even have lunch with them.

HOPE YOU VOTED NOVEMBER 7TH! THIS N THAT hoped you voted on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. You see if you didn't cast your precious **VOTE** then you have nothing to complain about if things don't go your way. There is no **EXCUSE** one can give for not voting in any election. Our **PRECIOUS VOTE** is always needed, and don't never let anyone keep you from voting. The General Election is over for this time, but always keep in mind how important it is for you to vote. Just thinking about how many people who lost their lives so we could vote and not to vote makes one wonder why. Just keep on **VOTING** as it will pay off after a while. For those of you who did vote, thank you for fulfilling your **AMERICAN DUTY!**



Think About It! Time Keeps Moving On!

by Eddie P. Richardson

This off year election was probably the most heated and interesting off year election in modern times. Mostly centered around our President and the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and the handling of both wars.

Praise to you if you voted! You were a good citizen and did your American duty when you exercised your right as an American citizen. If your candidate or candidates won, congratulations! You did your part to make it happen. On the other hand, if your candidate or candidates did not win, you still did your part and exercised your American right. But please remember your vote did count. If you have hurt or bad feelings for not voting, remember a vote is never lost. Some people say "I am not voting, because my vote doesn't count!" This is not true, because every vote does count. Every election can be won by just one vote.

Now if you did not vote

because of apathy, complacency, my vote won't count, or for any other reason, just see the end result. A lost by one vote does count. History reports that Abraham Lincoln won a major election, with a majority vote of well under ten votes.

Our congratulations to all the winners either nationwide as well as state wide, regional and local elections. The election is over and let's bury the mud and dirt, and let it stay. Just leave it there and move on with it. Let's continue take care of the business of the nation, state and local governments for the good of all Americans. It is our hope and prayer that the politicians now or to soon be in office will move away from partisanship, personalities, special interest, power, and get on with the good of America and the people for the good of all its citizens.

Non-direct political, but political in a sense, the Texas

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Closing Thought - "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



It is becoming more apparent than ever that a college education is a must if one desires to



Howard

earn a decent living working or by being self-employed. Because of this, there are states in our union working on trying to get more people educated by attending college and graduating. With such an initiative, it would appear that there would be more funding for college education. The time has come that the United States, like some European countries should adopt a policy of free college education.

The average student graduating from college owes his soul to the loans he received to help him get through college. He has to hurry and find a job so he can begin to pay the loans. This is not the way it should be. Taxpayers have put the money in the hands of the government. We have spent enough in Iraq and Afghanistan to pay for the college education of no less than half the students in college in America today. Why should an American college education be secured with the blood and tears of sacrifice and debt?

Most students who enter the world of work with a college diploma, usually obtain and entry level job, which for the most part, will not be the best paying job available. Yet, this young person has to find himself someplace available to live, eat and sleep while paying on his loans. This is not the American dream.

Parents dream of their children going away to college, but too few plan to help them to get there or stay there. Students take loans to help to defray their expenses and some parents do not want to give them a few dollars a month for personal needs. Once the child reaches the age of manhood, many parents feel that they no longer need to make any provision for them and that they should be independent. They do not realize that by helping their children through college, they will help to make them independent and eliminate the chance of their children, having to return home because of financial difficulties once they have left. We need to get 'in cinque' and realize that there is danger in a population which has only a little education. Pretty soon, the jail houses will outnumber the school house in our communities.

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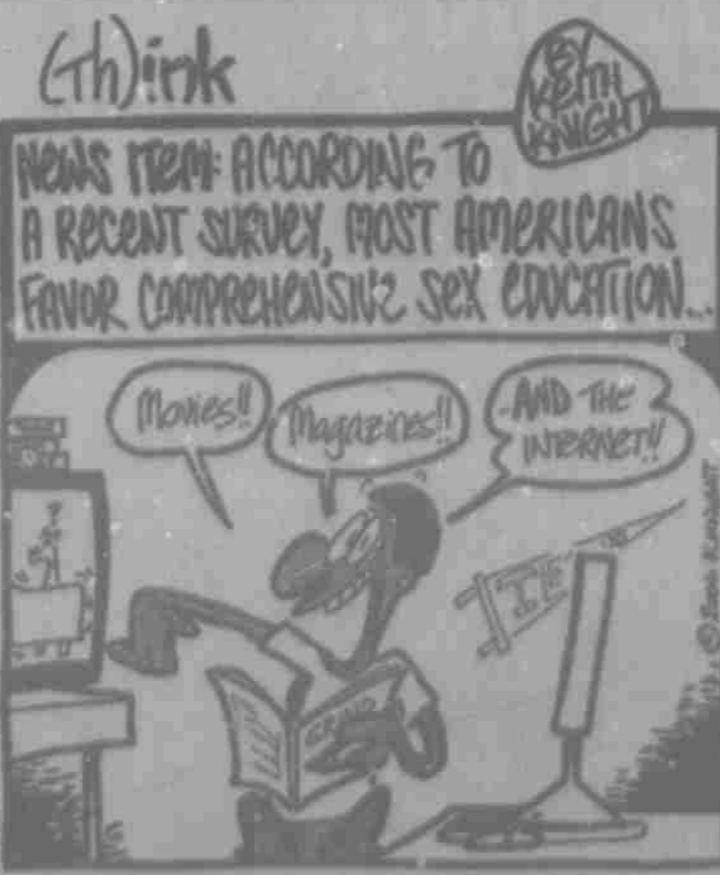
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Texas Cancer Council Awards grant to fight colon cancer on the South Plains

The Texas Cancer Council recently awarded a grant to the Lubbock Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force to help fight colorectal cancer on the South Plains. In 2005 the Task Force successfully completed a study and received funds from the U.S. Center for Disease Control to be used for colon cancer control activities in Lubbock County. The new grant will help expand these efforts to counties of the South Plains.

Colon cancer is one of the most common cancers among men and women. Over the next ten years approximately 100,000 men and women in Texas will be diagnosed with colon cancer. Colon cancer will be fatal for 40,000 if something is not done. The fact is that over 90% of these cancers can be prevented from occurring, and most of the deaths could be avoided. In 2003 Lubbock responded to

these challenges and formed the Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force, under the auspices of the American Cancer Society, to work toward the elimination of colon cancer as a cause of illness and death in the community. The Lubbock Colon Cancer Demonstration Project was initiated with the goal of reducing age-adjusted colon cancer mortality in Lubbock County by 50% by 2008 and by 90% by 2011.

The aim of the Task Force has been to develop a field validated model for an effective community-wide colorectal cancer control campaign that could be copied and implemented in other communities around the state. The Task Force planned, recruited, mobilized and coordinated activities with the numerous individuals and organizations in the campaign to reach these goals. The Texas Department of Health, under

contract with the Task Force, is currently conducting the BRPSS Survey in Lubbock County. This survey will help determine what proportion of the population has been receiving colon screenings as a guide for further actions. The Texas Cancer Registry has been working with health facilities in the area to document the number of new cases and deaths from colorectal cancer, but this data will not be available for a while.

The Lubbock Colon Cancer Campaign has been extremely successful and has received several state and local level awards. The Lubbock Colon Cancer Prevention Task Force activities received statewide attention. Many around the state are looking at the Lubbock community as an example to others.

However, Dr. Davcr Vugrin, FACP, Chairman of the Lubbock Colon

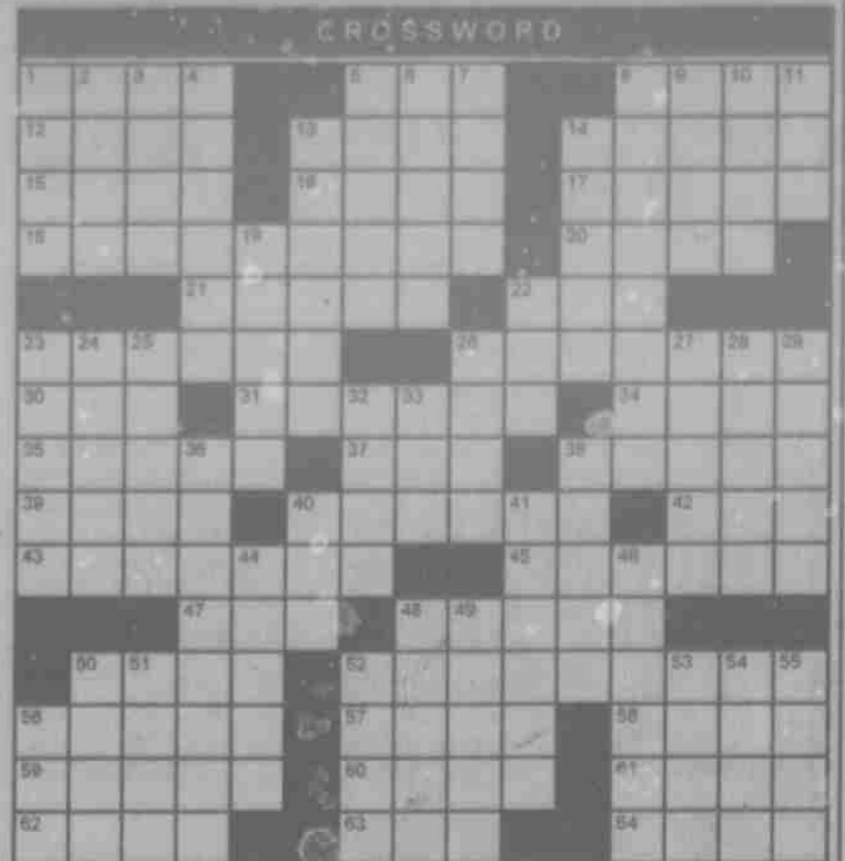
Cancer Prevention Task Force and Director for the Lubbock Colon Cancer Demonstration Project, stated that much more work needs to be done to achieve the 2008 and 2011 objectives.

Every person and every organization in the community is essential to the solution of this problem, and working together, we can make the colon cancer history."

For more information, contact Dr. Davcr Vugrin at (806) 793-0988, or Robin Gardner, American Cancer Society Lubbock Office Health Initiatives Director at (806) 792-7128.

THEME: THANKSGIVING

- ACROSS**
- Singer "on the dock of the bay"
 - Has April 15 as a deadline
 - Do it to a needle in a haystack
 - The v in a lightbulb
 - Play object
 - Cold-weather drink
 - Tangerine and grapefruit hybrid
 - Wine, neither red nor white
 - Stash away
 - Pilgrim ship
 - Smallest component of an element
 - Popular 1930s dance
 - Munchausen's story
 - Criminal's fear
 - Mexican shawls
 - She played Gidget
 - Lew chest of drawers
 - "The Kinks" hit
 - Very angry
 - The O in OPEC
 - Line up
 - "To _____ his own"
 - Characteristic of Geppetto's boy
 - Short for literature
 - Piano taken out of tune
 - Cud-chewing Andean animal
 - Fink
 - Pore
 - Sleep in a convenient place
 - Thanksgiving
 - Black and white and lives in China
 - A fit of shivering
 - Push for something
 - Perfect
 - Flees
 - Witnessed
 - "_____Off" oven cleaner
 - Founding member of #50 Down
 - Female sheep, pl.
- DOWN**
- Female gamete
 - "Animal House" party
 - Badly
 - Die from lack of O2
 - It lines the Thanksgiving Day Parade route
 - Indie actress Parker
 - Copycat
 - Thanksgiving entertainment
 - U.N. civil aviation agency
 - Peterson of "Cheers"
 - Jon Voight to Angelina Jolie
 - Quickly in Italian
 - Stool with back
 - Twisted cotton thread
 - Whimsical
 - Farewell in French
 - Ran again
 - Respond
 - Auctioneer's final word
 - Southern chicken stew
 - Phidias' _____ Marbles
 - Last float's passenger in Macy's Parade
 - Susan Walker in "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947)
 - Biography
 - Thanksgiving day
 - Japanese animation
 - After a bath
 - Calls forth
 - Fran Drescher's voice
 - Indian pony
 - Hawaiian export
 - "You're fired!" man
 - Early 20th century nihilistic art movement
 - Smallest whole number, pl.
 - Western Samoan money
 - Actress Barrymore
 - "A Death in the Family" author James
 - Desires
 - Thanksgiving dessert



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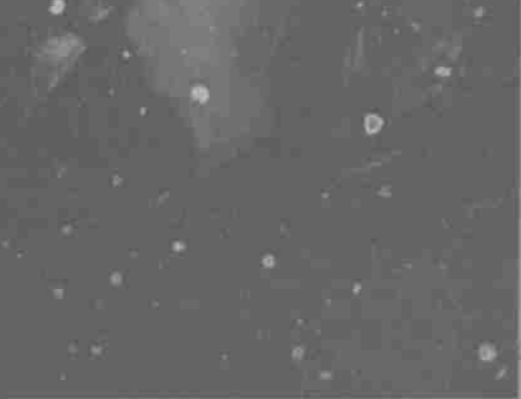
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