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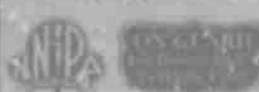
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Community Meetings

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 Friday 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 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association's 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 Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunions 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.

## Obama's visit to Darfur once again brings to light the region's tragedies

By CHRISTOPHER WILLS

Her dress is brilliant orange, full of life. Her face is a picture of despair. Her name is Aziza and she is 20 years old. She has been living in this refugee camp with her father for nearly three years. The rest of her family is dead.

She has barely enough food. She does nothing but work and cook in the camp, or sometimes walk miles to the nearest town looking for odd jobs. She risks being attacked when she leaves.

She wants to go home, back to the Darfur region of western Sudan. But that's where the gangs of killers are waiting.

Aziza is one of at least two million Darfur residents who have been forced out of their homes in a campaign of violence by Arab gangs called "janjaweed." The janjaweed want the land and herds of the area's black residents, and they are taking it by force - apparently with the blessing of Sudan's government.

Since 2003, about 200,000 people have been killed by the janjaweed or the government. Refugees say there is no difference between the two. Even more have been raped and tortured.

Sen. Barack Obama visited this refugee camp in Chad on Saturday and said the United States and other Western nations must act urgently to restore order to Darfur, both to help the people there and to keep the violence, already spreading to Chad, from destabilizing more African nations.

"We've got an emergency on our hands that has to be solved right away," the Illinois Democrat said after his 90-minute tour of the camp.



Obama

Local officials and U.N. aid workers say Sudanese rebels sometimes hide in Chad, while Chadian rebels cross the border and hide in Sudan. Sudan's Arab government started an offensive last week targeting Sudanese rebels who refused to sign a U.S.-brokered peace deal in May aimed at the conflict.

The residents of Mide desperately want the U.N. to send a peacekeeping force to Darfur. "Please quick," read one banner they waved at Obama. But the Sudanese government opposes such a force.

Jan Egelund, the U.N.'s undersecretary for humanitarian affairs, warned recently that Darfur is on the verge of "a man-made catastrophe of an unprecedented scale."

More than 230,000 refugees are living in a dozen refugee camps, like Mide. Residents of the camp - nearly two-thirds of whom are children - spend their days searching the countryside for firewood and trying to grow crops and raise goats to supplement their food supply.

The men of the camp dress mostly in white robes, the women in a rainbow of bright dresses. The children, some rolling makeshift hoops along the ground for fun, wear robes or tattered shirts and pants. One boy shades his head with the hood of a winter coat.

The camp has been around long enough for its people to organize. They have 10 schools, a literacy program and a vocational program to teach girls sewing.

Residents say they have enough food to get by - millet, wheat, sorghum, salt. "It doesn't really suffice, but we make do," Aziza said through a translator.

"I feel safe here in the camp, but I'm not happy. I want to go home," she added.

The possibility of further turmoil constantly hangs over the refugees' heads.

When the women leave camp in search of firewood, they could be attacked in this lawless region. Thieves sometimes come in the night and raid the camp. Disputes over scarce water and wood sometimes break out with the local Chad residents.

Malaria, diarrhea and other health problems also plague the refugees. Fierce thunderstorms sweep through during the rainy season, while sandstorms pound the camps at other times.

The rebel groups fighting the Sudanese government recruit soldiers from the refugee camps - sometimes by force. Aid workers try to discourage connections to the rebels for fear the camps will be attacked by the janjaweed or the Sudanese military.

"We're very concerned they



Women and children dressed in bright colors wait in a refugee camp in Darfur. There has been heightened awareness of the ongoing crisis, with violence and many calls for the world's leaders to take action.

could be a target," said Matthew Conway, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "We don't want Sudan to feel they are legitimate military targets."

No camps have been attacked yet, but bands of militia killed over 100 Chadian villagers in April, according to Human Rights Watch, and about 35,000 people have been forced out of

their homes.

Obama said he wants to hold new Senate hearings on the Darfur situation and called for the appointment of a U.S. envoy to focus on getting Sudan to accept a peacekeeping force.

"There's a lot of other activity competing for the world's attention," he said, "and it's important that these folks here are not forgotten."

## Lubbock Music Festival kicks off next weekend

The Second Annual Lubbock Music Festival will be a celebration of the music and musicians that are a part of Lubbock's history and future. The festival will launch with two street concerts in the Depot Entertainment District on Buddy Holly Avenue and will build on the historical base of music that stretches from ranch dances and roadhouses to courthouse gazebos and symphony halls. The festival is a joint effort of many community leaders in the arts.

There will be dancing and twisting when the festival begins Friday, September 15th with the Friday Night Street Concert with headliner Chubby Checker, "The King of the TWIST." The all day music celebration begins in the Depot



Checker

Entertainment District at 2:00 p.m. to 2 a.m. and breaks for the 6:00 p.m. street concert with Texas troubadour Pat Green. Price for the

Lubbock Music Festival's Friday night Chubby Checker street concert is \$5.00. Price for an all-day Saturday pass to the Lubbock Music Festival is \$15.00 and includes the Pat Green street concert and all the Saturday street concerts and events and free entrance into the Depot Entertainment District venues. The Saturday night Pat Green concert can be purchased for \$5.00. Tickets are available at the gate or at Select-A-Seat at 1.800.735.1288 or at www.selectaseatlubbock.com. Tickets will go on sale with Select A Seat on Monday August 14th. Tickets will be exchanged for wristbands at the gate at 19th and Buddy Holly Avenue. (\$5 evening concert tickets do not include access to daytime events on Saturday or Depot



Green

Entertainment District venues) Representing Lubbock's her-

itage in music, the 2006 Lubbock Music Festival is a tremendous opportunity for the Lubbock community and surrounding areas to enjoy an incredible amount of music and entertainment for both families and adults. The Entertainment Lubbock Sub-Committee of Civic Lubbock, Inc. and Broadway Festivals Inc., have joined their efforts of the Depot Entertainment District, and The Convention and Visitor Bureau for the festival. The Lubbock Music Festival's mission is to help Lubbock develop its entertainment industry and embrace this asset as a major economic development concept.

## "Retirement Rocks" to focus on retirees

The Other Lifelong Learning Institute at Texas Tech University (OLLI) at TTU is sponsoring "Retirement Rocks," a workshop for people contemplating retirement and the recently retired, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sept. 16 at the International Cultural Center on the Texas Tech Campus. OLLI at TTU is a program of the Division of Outreach & Distance Education.

The keynote speaker will be Vickie Hampton, Ph.D., CFP®, Division of Personal Financial Planning at Texas Tech University. Her presentation, "It's Not Your Parent's Retirement," will focus on defining retirement goals and

lifestyle and on funding one's dream retirement. How to choose a financial advisor will also be discussed.

Other workshop presentations include: "Accumulating Funds for Retirement: How Much and Where," John Salter, Ph.D.; "Retirement Redesign: What Will I Do Now?" and "Retirement Distribution Strategies: Making the Peanut Butter and Jelly Last to the End of the Sandwich," both presented by Deena Katz, CFP, and "Social Security, Medicare and Other Insurance," presented by John Gilliam, Ph.D.

OLLI at TTU is a membership organization which provides personal enrichment and

learning opportunities for people 50 years of age and older who want to continue to expand their knowledge and interests. Membership is not required to take advantage of the course offerings.

"Retirement Rocks" will begin at 8:30 with a continental breakfast and conclude following a luncheon at 1:30. At the luncheon a panel of recent retirees will share their experiences. Cost for the workshop is \$30 and includes the meals.

For more information or to register, contact the Division of Outreach & Distance Education, at (806) 742-7200, ext. 270 or visit [www.ollit.ttu.edu](http://www.ollit.ttu.edu).

## Rain increases chance of mosquito activity

The heavy rains last weekend and warmer temperatures predict an increase in mosquito activity throughout the South Plains. With increased activity comes the possibility of mosquito-borne diseases, including but not limited to, West Nile Virus.

The first positive mosquito pool of 2006 in Lubbock has been confirmed by testing done at The Institute of Environmental and Human Health (IEHH) Texas Tech University.

Lubbock area residents are asked to take precautions to prevent being exposed to mosquitoes.

Prevention is key in eliminating the risk of exposure to mosquitoes. The Health Department Vector Control has increased

spraying activities in the City. Citizens can further reduce exposure by protecting themselves and their homes.

WNV is a disease of birds. Humans and horses get exposed to the virus when they are bitten by mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. The infected mosquitoes become the link (vector) that spreads the disease from birds to man or horse through a mosquito bite. Dead birds should be bagged and disposed of in the trash. If you believe that you have a mosquito problem in your area, call the mosquito hotline at 775-3110 and provide the requested information.

For questions about West Nile Virus contact Rick West, Vector Control Coordinator at 775-2932.

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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# The Southwest Digest will turn 29 on September 11!

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.

### Diabetes group meets monthly

Come share ideas, concerns and learn new information and exchange recipes. Highlights of the support group include talking and share with others about diabetes, learning new ideas on how to manage your disease, and free healthy refreshments. There are two meeting places. Our Lady of Guadalupe, 1120 52nd. The contact people are Pilar or Bertha Martinez at 762-

1879. The other option for the meetings are at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway. The contact person is Yvonne Martinez 765-2611 EXT 1009. These classes are the last Tuesday of every month and are sponsored by Community Health Clinic of Lubbock Primer Paso Promote a program.

### Funeral services set for longtime Lubbock resident

Mrs. Grace Sullivan  
Funeral services for longtime Lubbock resident, Mrs. Grace Sullivan, will be held at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church at 11:00 Saturday morning, September 9, 2006.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral

Home. Visitation will be held at the Ossie Curry Funeral Home Friday evening, September 8, 2006, from 6:00 to 8:00. A devoted member of her church, Mt. Vernon United

Methodist Church, she moved to Lubbock in 1925. She was also a dedicated supporter of Dunbar High School. More information about this pioneer in next week's edition.

### FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robertson  
*Floor sweeping skirts*

Ladies, the heavy rain will not be the only thing dropping this fall. Our favorites are also bringing a dose of that's right. You're going to see floor-sweeping skirts everywhere. Ankle length hem lines designed to flatter every figure. Skirt fabrics are soft and flowing, enhancing the appearance of long, lean and sexy. Found in your better department stores.

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

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The True Vine Church, 1310 East 17th Street, where Rev. H. Edom is pastor, will have a Revival next week, Friday through Sunday, September 15, 16 & 17, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p. m. and Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. The theme of the Revival is: "The Seven Churches: Which One Are You?" Revelation 2:1-29; Revelation 3:1-22. Greg Sheppard, "Ephesus"; Minister Lester Harris, "Smyrna"; Minister M. White, "Pergamos"; Chaplain Jennie Hoffmann, "Thyatira," Minister White, "Sardis," Pastor Rose Hall, "Philadelphia," and Minister Perry Clark, "Laodicea."

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Waco, September 12th thru 16th. Brother Hillary Hutchinson will be a delegate from Bethel as well as Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr., pastor.

Church services of the New Hope Baptist Church were well attended last Sunday morning, September 3, 2006, where Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor. New Hope is the "Church Where The People Really Care."

Services got underway with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team did another outstanding job in singing God's praises. The morning scripture and prayers were offered. The Male Chorus did a wonderful job in singing God's praises. Praise God for the Men!

Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "What To Do When The Bottom Falls Out!" His scripture text was Psalm 55:22-23.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were made by Sister Elaine Lindsey. Sister Brenda McKnight welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens in the community. Among those

shut-in this week include, Brother Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher to the Southwest Digest, who is a patient at University Medical Center, Room 464. He is reported to be doing nicely at this report. Also, Brother Al Caviel, owner of Caviel's Pharmacy, who is a patient at Covenant Medical Center. Your prayers will be most appreciative for these Brothers! Let us not forget those not mentioned. Let us not forget that God is able!

Brother Oree Matthews is also a patient at Covenant Health Center, Room 987. Remember, Brother Matthews was one of the outstanding players of the Black Hubbers.

The Parkway & Cherry Point Community will be holding a Neighborhood Cleanup on Saturday, September 16, 2006. Those interested in participating are asked to contact any member of the Parkway & Cherry Point Association. President of the Association is Sister Tina Betts.

If you are not able to attend your Sunday morning services because of illness, you can tune in to Radio Station KJAK 92.1 FM, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

## Parkway & Cherry Point Neighborhood Clean-up

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Tina Betts 762-0353

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**ACROSS**

1. Pig feed
5. Mentally quick and resourceful
8. Bay of \_\_\_\_\_, site of 1961 attempt to overturn Castro
12. Heart of Inca empire
13. Period in cricket
14. Plant fiber used for rope-making
15. Fifty-fifty
16. Prong of a fork
17. Movie "The \_\_\_\_\_ ville Horror"
18. Famous 1966s rock festival
20. "\_\_\_\_\_ and shine!"
21. Mindless
22. Hollywood legend West
23. Gain favor by flattering
26. U.S. President from 1963 to 1969
30. Frozen H<sub>2</sub>O
31. Nut with wrinkled shell
34. Spanish for bull
35. Healthy reddish color
37. Propels a rowboat
38. World in Italian
39. Soviet Olympic gold medalist Ko-but
40. Plural of papyrus
42. Bear's hibernation place
43. Controversial flash point of 1960s
45. Stick firmly
47. Snake-like fish
48. "Je \_\_\_\_\_, donc je suis" ("I think, therefore I am")
50. Western cord necktie
52. First man to set foot on the moon
56. Michael Jackson's sister
57. Pioneering fashion designer Chanel
58. Don't let it hit you on your way out
59. "\_\_\_\_\_ and blood"
60. One thing on a list
61. Poet Pound
62. Gene Simmons' rock band
63. Clarice in "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer"
64. This "Grateful" band formed in 1965

**DOWN**

1. Expel
7. Left in Russian
3. Black and white cookie
4. Political expert
5. Par \_\_\_\_\_, indicates airmail
6. One hundredth of English pound
7. "Star \_\_\_\_\_" TV show created in 1966
8. Often found inside a green olive
9. Osiris' sister and wife
10. Area of airport terminal
11. "\_\_\_\_\_ and The Family Stone"
13. Capital of Canada
14. Abraham's wife
19. Australian mountains
22. Word in French
21. Soviet battlecruiser
24. Round opening in architecture
25. Slice of apple
26. Twelve angry men, e.g.
27. Type of probe
28. "\_\_\_\_\_ in the court!"
29. Nobody
32. Type of rich soil
33. Siesta
36. Without a date
38. "In the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crowd"
40. Pen
41. Kidnapper's demand
44. \_\_\_\_\_ on be \_\_\_\_\_
46. What shepherd did to sheep
48. Prefix indicating first or earliest
49. Host at formal occasions
50. Resort island in Indonesia
51. Smallest whole number, pl.
52. Turns blue litmus red
53. What goo will do
54. Best-selling American romance author Roberts
55. Alvin
56. U.S. President assassinated in 1963



# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus The worldly man and his prayers

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

**John 9:31** - We know God hears; not sinners, but if any man be a worshipper of God, and do his will, Him he hears.

In Lubbock, Texas, it is said, the City prayed, and their prayers got us rain. If I Lubbock thinks she called on God, and she gave out rain. She must be insane!!!

**Isaiah 1:2** - Hear, O' Heaven, and give ear, O' Earth for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

\*\*\* Will Lubbock Rob God??? \*\*\*

We know Lubbock is like all America, she has turned away from God. She is on the wrong track, going downhill fast, because God is not in her heart!!!

**Roman 1:28** - Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God has them over a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

The world thinks God is a genius in the bottle, and he obeyed their every command. God doesn't hear the worldly man's prayers and this he must understand.

**Jeremiah 5:23-24** - The Lord said, these people have revolting and a rebellious heart. They are revolted and gone neither say they in their heart. Let us now fear the Lord, our God who gives rain. Both the former and latter in this

season. He reserves unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

Is this not the same man or woman who prays they will win \$500,000 Lotto. You can keep praying and praying. But to receive \$500,000 that is just a big No, No!!!

**Jeremiah 9:23-24** - This said the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom. Neither let the mighty man glory in this so he understands and knows me. I am the Lord which exercises loving kindness in the earth, for in these things I delight.

\*\*\* Is God's Delighted Is Lubbock's??? \*\*\*

Now this is the only reason doesn't hear the sinner man or woman's prayers, because their heart is not in tune unto him, and his ears will not be tuned to theirs!!!

**Luke 19:14** - Jesus said, his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, we will not have this man to reign over us.

We know Hurricane Ernest hit the south US coast, and from the storm, we got rain. As I said before if you think you brought to Lubbock, you're insane!!!

If you had waited for the Lubbock County Fair to come as Lubbock says, it always brings the rain. Each time it comes. So if the Fair brings the rain why pray????

\*\*\* Lubbock If God Answered

Your Prayers, Pray For These Things Also!!! \*\*\*

(I pray America will return to God before it's too late. Pray for the salvation of all mankind. Pray churches will preach Jesus, and not so much about money. Pray for love in the families. Pray drug dealers will stop bringing drugs into our city and killing our children. Pray the terrorists stop. Pray for the sick in the hospitals, and they are healed and empty. Pray for the fatherless' children. Pray the tornadoes will stop, and the young people will marry and stop shacking. Pray for the death penalty will be enforced. Pray the child molester be castrated a put off the streets. Pray for the peace in the Middle East. Pray the hate gangs stop killing. Pray for the gas prices will go back down to \$1.50 per gallon. Pray the homeless will receive a home. Pray for the Minimum wages to become \$10.00 per hour. Pray for the family who lost a loved one in a alcohol drug accident. Pray for the rebuilding of the Hurricane homes in the South!!!

**II Chronicles 7:14** - The Lord said, If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith In a global world we cannot walk alone

Sunday evening September 3, 2006, I was watching a Labor Day weekend episode of the Jefferson's.

One of the episodes was very moving for there was chaos in the streets over the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Violence was everywhere. In the midst of these troubling circumstances, George Jefferson was trying to obtain a loan for his new business - a dry cleaning shop. George's wife, Louise, was a maid for some rich white people and it was her desire not to go to work on this particular day. However, her employer insisted she come to work or face the consequence of her actions. George was listening to the conversation and asked Louise to hand him the telephone. Reluctantly, she conceded and after conversing briefly with Louise employer, he told her she had quit.

Meanwhile Lionel, the couples' son, was upset because of what was happening and decided to go and join the crowd and take a TV from a department store because theirs' was on the blink and this was a chance to "borrow" without payment or consent" a new one. Louise pleaded with Lionel not to do such a thing.

Meanwhile, a white banker knocked on the door with his coat covering his face because of the violence. He told George that they were going to let him have the loan he had made application for. However, he had to move his business from the neighborhood. George refused the offer and was without a way of making an income. Louise was out of a job. Lionel was about to become a criminal.

George decided he was

going to join the others who were committing criminal acts to the displeasure of his wife. Just when he was telling Louise about what he was going to do, Lionel walked in and said he was going to get a television from the streets. Louise asked George to stop him and reminded him of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King: "But there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plain of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone."

This episode of the Jefferson reminded me of a news article I read about a high school principal who left her position two weeks after singling out black students' poor test scores over the school's intercom system. During an address of the first day of class, the principal said black students who failed math on the state's accountabil-

ty test had caused the high school to be rated unacceptable. The suburban Fort Worth campus is about 59 percent black.

Low math and science scores among black students of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills reduced the school's rating to academically unacceptable. About 33 percent of black students passed math, and 32 percent passed science. Under the state's accountability system, a school fails if any subgroup of students, by race, ethnicity or economic disadvantage, does not meet standards.

I disagree with the principal of Everman Independent School District departure. Like it or not, this principle's ideology is caught up in the web of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. words "And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom."

The parents of the black students should realize that this principal was not only helping their children, but the total school district. The black parents should be very concerned that 67% of their children failed math and 68% failed science in this technological age where Americans are competing with China, India, Japan and other Asian countries. These students are making the author of the Bell Curve look as if he knew of what he was speaking about Blacks (genetically inferior). There should not be a racial debate. The debate should be between parent and child in achieving excellence in a highly competitive global world. A statistic shows that African-Americans of this generation are on and under the rear-end of the tail of the donkey in academics.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach breakfast met last Saturday morning, September 2, 2006, in the home of Sister Luella Spence. The morning devotion was led by the Ladies What a spirit filled devotion for all in attendance.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones, our teacher, who did an outstanding job as usual. Her scripture texts were: I Corinthians 12; St. John 7:38; Psalm 22:14 and 5:15; and Revelation 22. Her subject was "Stuck In A Dry Place, Only For A Season With A Wilder's Mentality."

Were you there? We had many friends and guests present last Saturday morning. You should have come and heard this spirit filled teacher speak the word. She said, "Every believer is a member of Christ's body. With a definite ministry, true ministry is the exercise of spiritual gifts. There are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. Ministry gifts must be exercised in love, God's people, let's not get stuck in a dry place. This lesson was truly a blessing to all in attendance.

"Let's Pray For Health And Healing"

Father in the name of Jesus, we confess your word concerning healing. As we do this, we believe and say your word will not return to you void, but will accomplish what it says it will. Therefore, we believe in the name of Jesus that according to I Peter 2:24 in your word, Jesus, himself, took our infirmities and bore our sickness. Therefore, with great boldness and confidence, we say on the authority of that written word that we're redeemed from the curse of sickness, and refuse to tolerate its symptoms.

Satan, we speak to you in the name of Jesus and say that your principalities, powers, your spirits who rule the present darkness and your spiritual wilderness: in heavenly places are bound from operating against us in anyway. We're the property of Almighty God, and we give you no place in us, God's people. We dwell in the secret place of the most high God. We abide, remain stable and fixed under the shadows of the Almighty whose power no foe can withstand.

Now, Father, because we reverence and worship you. We have the assurance of your word that the angels of the Lord encamp around about us, and delivers us from every evil work. No evil shall befall us, no plague or calamity shall come near our dwelling. We confess the word of God abides in your people to deliver to perfect soundness of mind and wholeness of your people's touch. We have on the whole armour of God and the shield of Faith protects us from all the fiery darts of the wicked. Jesus, you are the High Priest of our confession, and we hold fast to our confession of Faith in your word. We, your children, stand immovable and fixed in full assurance that we have the health and healing now in the bodies of your people.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. (Amen)

Read and believe, we can move mountains, in Jesus' name.

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

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services last Sunday morning, September 3, 2006, were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Pastor Canady. The morning subject was "Finding Security." The scripture text was Genesis 9:1-15.

The morning worship hour began with devotion at 11:15

a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang out of their hearts and souls! Oh, what a wonderful time in God's house to hear his praises in songs.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "Pray For The Preacher." His scripture text was Acts 12:5. What a wonderful and uplifting sermon for all in attendance.

Let us continue to pray for all on the sick and shut-in list. If you know of someone who is ill, then continue with prayer and visits.

If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Thought For The Week: "God is not dead. He is just sick of all our mess."

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# Black Money Movement gains steam

By Zekita Tucker

I sent in a petition in support of the 'Black Money Movement' to African-American members of Congress and to Senator Barack Obama in September of 2005. A copy of this was also addressed to the US Congress, the US Senate and the US Treasury. This letter made headlines in Atlanta in Emerging Minds and the 'Black Money Movement' has been consistent with gathering many supporters.

The letter proposes that those members (and others who will receive the next batch of letters) make efforts towards changing the face of our currency (or at least one bill). It is my belief that this country's proclaimed success as a flourishing 'Superpower' owes the credit to the African slaves (my ancestors and yours). It is also my belief that the 'power' behind the U.S. currency would not be as such, had it not been for my ancestors. Therefore, I pose this question-Why are they not on it?

Seriously, it's time to stop playing around with these people. We have had all the marching and singing and begging that any one person can stand. It's time to hit them with the hardcore. It is time to address the most intrinsic issues of the problems that we have today. And now we don't want to ask for anything, it's time to just take. Asking obviously does not work. And with that, we need to unify on all of our issues- not just this one. I ask that you please erase the fear and the doubt- there is tremendous strength in unity and in our people, but it seems that we have lacked the necessary tools. Why? Because we have undoubtedly been under the tutelage of and influenced subliminally by an oppressor who took the chains off of our hands and wrapped them even tighter around our minds.

Since there is a 'fallacious' mindset in this country of progression and unity and the potential for the elimination of racism and an 'illusory' proclamation of equality- there should be no reason for the President, any U.S. officials or U.S. Treasury Officers to not take this seriously and grant this request. They use multiple avenues to try to give the illusion that they want

'work together.' We have talked enough and listened to enough empty promises, lies, deceit, and have been crossed into indulgence in every other political agenda but the ones that are truly liberating for us. Well, now it's time that we

DEMAND that they SHOW and PROVE.

To sign the petition or to read the letter, go to [www.petitiononline.com/212AMPX/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/212AMPX/petition.html). There is a link at the bottom for anyone who wants to sign the petition.

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## THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson



## Think About It! Yes, I Can!

by Eddie P. Richardson

**SUPPORT THE STUBB'S STATUE! THIS N THAT** is asking those who can contribute to the efforts of the C.B. STUBBLEFIELD STATUE at 108 East Broadway Avenue in the SECOND ANNUAL STUBB'S STATUE PARTY which will be held Saturday, September 16, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. JOE ELY will be the headliner of the affair. This event is sponsored by the Lubbock Music Festival, and funds raised from this event will help to keep the statue of Stubblefield like it should be. It is just good to see this kind of an opportunity happen in Lubbock, since Stubblefield made many contributions to the Lubbock community. The night before, CHUBBY CHECKER of the famed "TWIST" will sing and perform on Friday night, September 15th. Lubbock's own VIRGIL JOHNSON of the Velvets will perform Friday night, as well. Appearing on Saturday evening will be PAT GREEN. This should be a great weekend, so get ready to help with what you can as these kinds of activities help our total community. THIS N THAT is wondering if there will be a lot of TWISTING IN LUBBOCK next week!!!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "SOME PEOPLE go through life just standing in line at the COMPLAINT

COUNTER!"

**VISIT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS! THIS N THAT** is still asking as many as can to VISIT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS to see what our kids are doing and learning. Just think of what the outcome would be if more of us would visit our public schools. While we are on campus, ask if it is possible to eat lunch with our young people (after getting permission to do so). These young people need to see us concerned about what they are doing in the classrooms. At the same time, let us develop a relationship with the various educators in these schools. We need them on our side so they will continue to do their very best!

**Will you get involved by visiting our public schools? If you will do so, then advise THIS N THAT!**

**CONCERNED CITIZENS ABOUT PHEA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB! THIS N THAT** was glad to see more than ONE HUNDRED CITIZENS SIGN A PETITION about the apparent FIRING of a young employee of the THEODORE PHEA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB. These persons are waiting for what will happen from their signing. Hopefully, THIS N THAT, along with others will see something happen because of this special effort. If you never get involved in anything, then nothing ever happens for the effort. THIS N

THAT hopes there more than 100 petitioners will continue to monitor what is happening at the Boys & Girls Club. Our young people need this kind of involvement.

**THE LEWIS SISTERS CONTINUE STAY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER! THIS N THAT** is glad to see the special LOVE of the LEWIS SISTERS, who for the past several years have been meeting in a special reunion in various cities in Texas. They spend time and reinforce the love of each other. They give a special salute to their DAD for just being Dad. THIS N THAT told their Dad, BROTHER GEORGE LEWIS, that he should be very proud to have such daughters who continue to tell the world, "WE LOVE YOU, DAD!" THIS N THAT is hoping these young ladies will continue to do what they are doing letting the world know of what they think about family! Hopefully, others will duplicate what they have done and continue to do.

**LET THIS N THAT HEAR FROM YOU! THIS N THAT** would like to hear from you about THINGS you think are important to mention in this area of the SOUTHWEST DIGEST! Just give us a call or send us a note.

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"Yes, I Can," was the title of a book written by the late Sammy Davis, Jr., after his release from the military service with a bad taste of the military after receiving some bad experiences before President Harry S. Truman integrated the U. S. Armed Forces.

This still holds true today as there are always obstacles and stumbling blocks. A person can do or be anything he or she wants to be if they are willing to work hard and pay the price. Nothing or anything as well as anybody can keep us (Black People) from succeeding if we want the end results to be positive for us.

Look back in history and check the record, and you will see so many of our forefathers of all races, cultures and backgrounds who had to overcome huge odds to become successful. They, no doubt, had faith and believed in themselves, worked harder, gave more because they believed in themselves.

One of our major problems today is we (Black Folk) want someone to give it to us. Really, I'm not talking about you, just talking about what they (others) are talking about. Some of us want to see success without paying the price. We want to take the elevator and ignore the stairs.

Even if we take the elevator, we do not know what's down below. You can't really lead where you don't go. Can't teach what you don't know!

A good example of "Yes, I Can," is the speaker for the first ever Juneteenth Fundraising Banquet in October, 2003, Anthony A. Williams, Mayor of Washington, D. C., who came from an average Black family who served as a dishwasher, a waiter, and is now in his second term as Mayor of the Capitol City of the United States of America. Mayor Williams graduated with honors from not just

one, but two Ivy League institutions, i.e., Harvard and Yale. He has held numerous high level positions before becoming Mayor. Lubbock was honored to have had this gentleman on Saturday evening, October 18, 2003. This writer continues to encourage Lubbock and surrounding areas to encourage this kind of community activities.

**Closing Thought:** "You can't beg and bargain at the same time. You either do one or the other. You have to find a team and play on it, and keep in mind you can't play on both!"

## In Cinque

with Renetta Howard

Try as I may, I am still having a difficult time understanding public school uniforms. It appears that someone thought that uniforms would make all students equal. Equal to what? Could it have been their economic status, their mentality or their disposition? Uniforms will not change any of that.

The economic status of many students has been changed by the provisions of free breakfasts and lunches. In some schools, less than one percent of the student body pays a reduced fee for lunch and less than that pay the full price for lunch. The free meals definitely increase the family budget for other purchases, making them about as equal as everyone else who does not pay for lunch.

Student mentality or the ability to learn printed materials and grasp concrete and abstract concepts literally begins and ends with the genes inherited from his parents. The uniform will not change his abilities. Good teaching may help him to work up to his mental capacity, but not because he wears a uniform.

The disposition and attitude

toward education which a child brings to school is not launched in a uniform. Years before he began a school career, his disposition was formed in his home by his parents, guardians or caretakers and others with whom he socialized. Too often, too many children do not get the socialization necessary to attend any school. Regardless, public schools are bound by law to provide a free public school education for its children. The only problem with that is, some school officials believe that uniforms will make all children teachable. Sorry Charlie, it just is not so.

In order to make all children teachable, laws must be enacted to require a class in parenting for all mothers and fathers during prenatal care as a prerequisite to child birth. This course should emphasize parenting skills for the pre-school years. The next course should be required upon the child's completion of 5th grade, to prepare parents for the intermediate years and grades 6th through 8th. The third course should be required prior to enrolling in high school, and the final course prior to college entrance, as there is a high rate of un-teachables enrolling in colleges these days, which are not serious about education, but have serious party notions. They want to be a part of the socialization and fratern-

izing, not education. For these reasons, it is time to get 'in cinque' and think and re-think strategy to enhance public school education without uniforms.



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BY ANDY SINGER

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## St. John's holding Wednesday night meals, classes

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Pre-registration for classes is required a week prior to the course starting, in order for instructors to be prepared with materials. Classes for the fall, along with their registration deadlines, include: Teaching to Adult Audiences (Sept. 20); Personal Finance Topics (Sept. 27); Contemporary Environmental Issues (Sept. 27); Lay Speakers Training: Leading Small Groups (Sept. 27); Super-Proclinet Concept (Oct. 11); An Evening with St. John's Authors (Oct. 18); Gospels

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Children and Youth opportunities are offered in fine arts, hand chimes, hand bells and choir. Nursery is available for all Wonderful Wednesdays.

St. John's United Methodist Church's mission is to worship and

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To register for classes, make meal reservations, or to receive more information, please visit [www.stjohnslubbock.org](http://www.stjohnslubbock.org) or call the church office at 762-0123.

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Volunteers from churches, businesses and service organizations will work on the house during this time. Volunteers will also be painting several current Habitat houses in their "Paint Your Neighborhood" Project that are in need of an exterior paint update.

The first work will begin Saturday, September 9th from 8:00

a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This house is located at 2111 Darnmouth Avenue, Habitat Addition.

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