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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 M.L.K. Blvd., 806-773-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hib City Kinans meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dambar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Dockers T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten Warriors 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
- Dambar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dambar-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 & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 pm at Alderman Middle School, 219 Walnut Ave.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Dan Elementary Cafeteria.

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Walking Hand In Hand At Convention



This quartet is walking proudly at the Democrat National Convention in Denver, Colorado on August 29, 2008 where more than 87,000 people were in attendance. This is the Democrat Party ticket for the Office of the President of the United States of America. They are, from left to right: U. S. Senator & Mrs. Joe Biden and U. S. Senator Barack Obama.

This is a theme as to what the United States of America should be about as we move forward in this historical event which will take place Tuesday, November 4, 2008, when the next President will be elected. If you are a registered voter, you must vote!

The Southwest Digest is hoping all Americans will want to "walk hand in hand together!"

Two Working Hard For Position of Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3 on November 4, 2008!



Gilbert A. Flores (D)

There are two persons seeking the position of Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3. One is Gilbert A. Flores (D) and Frank Gutierrez (R).

An article will be featured in the Southwest Digest of each, beginning his week is Mr. Flores, and Mr. Gutierrez next week, Thursday, November 23, 2008.

Flores, a native of Slaton and former Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3, says "There is a need for good representation in Precinct 3 in order to accomplish and goal and have harmony on the Court with all. You see, working together, anything can be accomplished. At present time, in my opinion, there appears to be great division between the elected officials on the Court. I want to help

overcome this obvious problem. As an initiative for him if elected, he would bring back the quarterly meetings between the City of Lubbock, Lubbock Independent School District and Lubbock County. "In doing so, we will be able to communicate our problems as well as our successes."

"Working together with all three political subdivisions, there would be a opportunity to work with our young people as they are part of Lubbock County," he says.

Flores will tell you his twelve years as Lubbock County Commissioner and his 192 hours with V. O Young Institute of County Government at Texas A&M University, plus attending the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public

Affairs University of Texas Curriculum 2000. He also has 64 advanced hours based on 34 county topics. Flores has served as Vice President West Texas Association of County Judges and Commissioners. He has also been chairman of the Texas Association Hispanic Judges and Commissioners.

Flores says it is important that the new holding facility for prisoners must be well funded and staffed with professional personnel.

He says, "Housing our inmates should not be a taxpayer burden. Housing all Lubbock County inmates in-house should save \$3.7 million; leasing 300 beds will generate \$1.8 million in revenue. During this adjustment or transition, savings and jail revenue should be sufficient to meet its financial obligation."

"Balancing our Lubbock County budget is priority, keeping tax rate stable -- if not lower -- will be a must," he says.

"Lubbock County should and does provide indigent services for those in need such as healthcare through the University Medical Center Hospital where approximately \$35 million is allocated yearly. Also, our judicial system provides court appointed attorneys and public defenders; Children and Women's Protective Services; and General Assistance for funerals, welfare issues, food, shelter and utilities.

"At this time, Lubbock County does not budget services for our homeless, we pray that our local churches, Salvation Army, Red Cross and other entities will continue these services. Hopefully, in the future, this issue will be addressed in a positive manner," says Flores.

Mr. Flores says, for the record, if elected, he will have a diverse staff in his administration, which would include persons from the African American community.

"I will be fair and above board for all what it comes to hiring Lubbock County residents," he says.



City Councilwoman Judy Freeman Chambers

Mexia City Councilwoman Vying For TML President This Month

The City Councilwoman from Mexia, Texas, Judy Freeman Chambers is vying for the Texas Municipal League (TML) president in San Antonio October 28, 2008.

She is a five term City Council Member where the terms are two years each. During her tenure, she has won numerous awards as an elected official through the Texas Municipal League.

Councilwoman Chambers has served as president of two affiliates of TML, namely: Texas Association of Black City Council Members and the Association of Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners.

At present time, she serves on the TML Board of Directors and has been appointed to key legislative boards by the League.

She has also been a constant moderator during the Annual Conferences and other training events hosted by the League.

Councilwoman Chambers says, "I consider myself a leader and follower in my community and state."

She is employed as a victim's advocate for five years with the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children. She has also been employed as the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Falls County, Texas District and County Attorney. Both of these two positions are funded through the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

While in Falls County, she was responsible for writing and maintaining the grant for the program.

If elected, Councilwoman Chambers would be the fourth African-American to serve as President of the Texas Municipal League following: T. J. Patterson of Lubbock, who was the first; Mayor Jackie Livingston of Groesbeck, and Dock Jackson of Elgin.

"I just want to be able to bring forth a positive program to the Texas Municipal League as I utilize my skills and be a voice of the cities, towns, villages, and mayors of Texas," said Councilwoman Chambers.

Mayor: Feds turned my town 'topsy turvy'



POSTVILLE, Iowa (CNN) -- Meet a dozen Somali Muslims strolling outside their makeshift mosque on Lantier Street, its shut-draped windows emblazoned with the words "Sunday Matras." Women are covered head to toe in traditional Muslim robes.

Across the street, a couple of Latino immigrants stroll the sidewalk in front of the town's long-standing Mexican restaurant. Just down the road, scores of ultra-Orthodox Jews walk down the street to the local synagogue. It's not uncommon to see people from Russia, Ukraine and the tropical island nation of Palau here as well.

Welcome to ground zero of the nation's immigration debate -- the tiny town of Postville, Iowa, a rural community of 2,400 tucked into the northeast corner of a state that's 94 percent white.

It's a town that's been turned "topsy turvy," Mayor Bob Pomeroy says, since hundreds of heavily armed federal immigration agents swooped in a few months ago and raided its main employer, Agriprocessors, the nation's largest

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Deaconess Ministry of the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, will be sharing clothing and small items the church and community on Saturday, October 18, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Sister Julia Swain is Chairperson of the Deaconess Ministry.

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, October 26, 2008, at the St. John Baptist Church where the host pastor is

Rev. Solomon Fields. Sister Bernice Sims is president.

The monthly meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Let us be aware that the Early Voting for the upcoming Presidential General Election will begin Monday, October 20, 2008 thru Friday, October 31, 2008. The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 4th. Be sure and vote, that is, if you are a registered voter!

The morning services of the New Hope Baptist Church, where Rev. B. R. Moton, host pastor, were well attended last Sunday morning, October 12, 2008.

Services began with Meditation and Prayer. The members of the Praise Team were at their post of duty singing out of their hearts and souls. The morning scripture and prayer were offered.

After the New Hope Choir sang, Pastor Moton delivered a powerful sermon entitled "You Can make It Through This Walking By Faith." His scripture text was Exodus 14:13-14. What a strong message for all in attendance!

After the invitation to discipleship, Sister Tamara Clay read the morning announcements. Brother Billy Dailey welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include Brother Saroo Nash, Jr. Pastor Avery pass away Tuesday evening at Covenant. God is able!

the law of the lord. And in his law do he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth it's fruit in its season whose leaf also shall not wither and whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the congregation of the righteous. For the lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

FASHION FUN
by Shirley Robinson
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It will be Christmas soon! Don't miss it, stand out.

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LISD Board of Trustees Met Last Thursday Morning, October 9th

Lubbock ISD. Trustees reviewed the FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating for the district at a public hearing this morning. The district earned a perfect score and superior ranking from the Texas Education Agency in the evaluation instrument which is based on two years of audited financial records. FIRST is the state accountability system for the business practices of all school districts in Texas.

In their regular meeting, board members approved the calendar for the 2009-2010 school year which will have students starting school on August 24 with the last day of classes falling on May 27, just before the Memorial Day holiday. In other action, the board recognized Jim Douglass for being selected for the 2008 Hero for Children Award by the State Board of Education. State Board of Education member Bob Craig

was present for the recognition and praised Douglass for his contributions to the district and the community. Nominated by LISD, Douglass has served or more than a dozen community boards and on two LISD bond steering committees. His involvement with the LISD PTA spans two decades. Douglass will be honored at a ceremony in Austin in November. Dr. Sam Ayers was also recognized for his selection as the 2008-2009 Region 17 Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. Ayers, promoted to Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education in July, was the principal of Hutchinson Middle School last year.

Trustees also approved a district application to the Texas Education Agency for a missed day of instruction on September 12, 2008. Classes were dismissed when the City and County declared states of emergency due to complications from a record rainfall in excess of eight inches in a 24-hour peri-

od. Information items presented to the board included an update on Eduphoria AWARE, a newly acquired software which allows district and campus staff the ability to analyze TAKS and local assessment data in a rich, interactive format. The software will allow teachers more efficient access to testing data to facilitate interventions for students who need them. Positive Behavior Support (PBS) coordinators James Harris and Anna Jackson presented an overview of the PBS program which is beginning its second year of districtwide implementation.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday, October 12, 2008, services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Sunday School started at 10:00a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: "God Loves Sinners". Romans. 5:6-19

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way. What a great job they did!

The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith."

The responsive reading was read by Rev. L. C. Lee. It came from Psalm 23:1-6. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Lee also with the Senior Choir singing "Yes Lord."

Sis. Rochellette Hood read all the announcements and reported of all the up-coming events which will be taking place.

There was the fellowship period held for about 5 minutes, and then the offering was taken

up. The Senior Choir sang "I'll Go" and "The Lord Is Blessing Me." Rev. Lee preached the sermon entitled: "The Contaminated Sin." Romans. 5:12, and afterwards Brother Brown sang the song "Without Him."

The invitation to discipleship was extended, and there were several of the members who came for prayer.

Continue to pray for those in our surrounding counties & communities. Also pray for those who are traveling to the Pastor and Wives' Retreat. They had a blessed time, and will return back safely.

Let's continue to support the weekly meetings held throughout the week. Encourage those who haven't been coming out to come out.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK:
Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly. Nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in

Meet Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez Of The Church Of The Blessed



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation.
Pastoral Counseling & Prayer for Healing, Marriage, Drug Addiction, Alcohol Abuse, Youth, Single Parents on Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend these important programs. Jail Ministry is still held each morning at 3:00 a.m.
Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p.m.

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the family at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for services this week

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Free Exams To Raise Breast Cancer Awareness

To mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center will offer free clinical breast exams from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 13-17 and Oct. 20-24 at 301 40th St.

The Combest Center, which is part of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing, joins the YWCA Breast and Cervical Health Initiative (BCHI) to offer exams to the public.

The BCHI targets women who would not otherwise have access to breast and cervical screening and diagnostic services, according to Linda McMurry, M.S.N., R.N., executive director of the Combest Center. McMurry says the program is offered for two weeks to give Lubbock-area residents more of an opportunity to participate in the screening.

All women need to take an active part in their health care. A major part is examining their breasts monthly, said Terry Curran, F.N.P., clinical director at the Combest Center.

"During a clinical breast exam we explain and show the patient how to examine their breasts correctly," Curran said. "Breast cancer is treatable if found early."

The exams are free. Mammograms are free only to women ages 30 to 64 who meet financial eligibility guidelines through the YWCA.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center at (806) 743-9355.

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Wednesday Services
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12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER"

Church News



FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH "WATCH THOSE DOG'S"

Racism is defined as a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities and those racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race.

Race and racism is also a time tested weapon of mass deception exploited to smoke-screen public attention from important issues.

A week or so ago I listen to the pastor of 1st Methodist in Lubbock in a weekly televised message try to make the case that racism has no part in our life. He invoked the thought that we as humans are all of God's children. The congregation faces showed mixed emotions. I was told some twenty years ago that 1st Methodist and St. John United Methodist Churches were the most positive mind driven protestant churches as it related to race in the community.

Frauda's online article "Obama's possible election like to make racism USA's biggest problem ever" notes the following: About one-third of US citizens, both white and black, consider themselves racists. A half of respondents said that racial issues still exist in the United States. Every sixth Afro-American believes that racism remains one of the biggest problems in the nation. Almost 80 percent of white Americans

have a strong aversion to Afro-Americans, Professor Jack Dovidio, a specialist of interracial issue believes.

Some specialist say that the future of the entire nation will be put in jeopardy in the event Barack Obama is elected president. They say that in this case Obama will either cast his lot with Lincoln or Kennedy, or become isolated in the White House, because the white America will explode in reventrist measures toward the black population. Racism in its open and extremely hostile form has all chances to become USA's biggest problem.

Maulana Karenga argued that racism constituted the destruction of culture, language, religion and human possibility, and that the effects of racism were "the morally monstrous destruction of human possibility involved redefining African humanity to the world, poisoning past, present and future relations with others who only know us through this stereotyping and thus damaging the truly human relations among peoples."

Could this type of thinking and behavior be spilling from John McCain's rallies? The AP News reported the anger is getting raw at Republican rallies and John McCain is seting to temp it down. McCain was

boored by his own supporters when in a abrupt switch from raising questions about Barack Obama's character, he described the Democrat as a "decent person and a person that you do not have to be scared of as president of the United States."

The report also stated a sense of grievance spilling into rage has gripped some GOP events this week as McCain supporters see his presidential campaign lag against Obama. Some in the audience are making it personal, against the Democrat. Shouts of "traitor," "terrorists," "liar," and even "off with his head" have rung from the crowd at McCain and Sarah Palin rallies, and gone mostly unheeded.

The report stated a voter said, "The people here in Minnesota want to see a real fight." Another said Obama would lead the U.S. into socialism. Another said he did not want his unborn child raised in a country led by Obama.

"If you want a fight, we will fight," McCain said. "But we will be respectful. I admire Sen. Obama and his accomplishments." When the people boored, he cut them off. "I don't mean that has to reduce your ferocity," he said, "I just mean to say you have to be respectful." "I have to tell you, he is a decent person and a person that you do not

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We Thank God for Jesus

"PEACE OF MIND IN THIS TROUBLED WORLD"

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

Jeremiah 6:13-14, The Lord said, "Because from the least of them even unto the greatest of them; every, Everyone is given to covetousness and from the prophet even unto the priest everyone deals falsely". They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, Peace; when there is no peace.

The world is like a ship tossing and turning, as is a troubled sea.

The world is going crazy; because they can't find happiness and no Peace!

Ezekiel 13:10, The Lord said, "Because they have seduce my people, saying, Peace; and there is no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo other daubed it with untempered (useless) mortar.

America walks away from GOD; and wants everyone to sow his or her own seed.

Now look at her and her People; this land is full of SHAME, SHAME, and SHAME!!!

Isaiah 1:5-6, The Lord says "Why should you be stricken any more? Will you revolt more and more; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up,

neither mollified with ointment".

The Stock Market has fallen; like lumpy dumple that fell off the wall.

The people are so AFRIAD everywhere; you can hear them SQUAL AND BAIL!!!

Luke 4:18-19, Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

These are signs of time; the Lord is soon to come; even He is now at the door.

The sign are all around you; tomorrow may not be anymore!!!

Matthew 24:8,12, Jesus said, "All these are the beginning of sorrows. And because of iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold".

Some people believe Mr. Obama will fix America's mess or Mr. McCain will.

But this thing is bigger than them both; and only IF GOD'S WILL!!!

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 sins, and will heal their land "(GOD WILL.)

So America is living in her SINS; and she doesn't want to call on the LORD.

She thinks mankind can fix this thing; without the help of GOD!!!

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

* Your money gone; where will you turn now???

Some people thing Mr.Obama or Mr. McCain will pull them out of this;

But they're just dreaming a dream; ONLY GOD CAN GET US OUT OF THIS MESS!!!

JEREMIAH 9:23-24, The Lord said, "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man in his riches: but let that glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgment, and for in these things I delight.

I Billy B.J. was at one time; was living and believing, in the world of sin.

There was no joy in my life; and there was no PEACE WITHIN!!!

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church service at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, October 12, 2008, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Discerning Gifts For Leadership." The script ure

text was Acts 6:1-5, 8-15.

The lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

It was another wonderful lesson.

The key verse was "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams in

charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls: "What a blessing it was to hear God's praises in songs.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "Lord, You Are The Potter, I Am The Clay." The scripture text was Jeremiah 18:1-6.

The Rock of Ages stands secure.

He always will be there; He watches over all his own

To calm their anxious care.

Thought For Today: "Keep your eyes on the Lord; He never takes His eyes off you."

Don't Lose Sight of the Goal

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."—Philippians 3:14

Numerous sources have told the story of Florence Chadwick, who on one foggy morning in

July of 1952 waded into the waters off Catalina Island, intent on swimming across the channel to the Southern California mainland. This challenge was not too difficult for Chadwick as she had been the first woman ever to swim the English Channel in both directions.

However, on this day, having lost sight of the land because of the fog, Chadwick decided to give up. As it turned out, she had only been one-half mile from reaching her goal. She

was not exhausted or cold. Rather the fog, having obscured her vision from the goal, was the reason she quit. Still, some two months later, on a clear day, Florence Chadwick attempted the same challenge - and this time succeeded, setting a new speed record, because she was able to keep her eye upon the goal.

As Christians, we have a goal: to follow Jesus, to become like Him, to love and serve Him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength.

But, we often encounter the world's fog, which can obscure our vision and keep us from seeing the goal clearly.

There is a saying that goes like this, "Cease to struggle and you cease to live."

Life can be hard. What is the focus of your life?

Do you dwell on only the struggles? The apostle Paul says those things should not be our focus.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The recently organized Outreach Prayer Group met Saturday morning, October 4, 2008, in the home of Sister Gloria Dandford. The spirit ran high as usual. Sister Luella Spence, President, brought the scripture lesson. It was found in Jeremiah 33. Saints, read this entire scripture.

(11) - The voice of joy, the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. The voice of those who will say, Praise the Lord of host for the Lord is good. For His mercy endures forever.

(16) - And Jerusalem will dwell safely, and this is the name by which she will be called. The Lord Our Righteousness.

Thanks, Sister Luella Spence!

This writer is saying: The Lord is cleaning out His places of worship by rearranging some of them. We are living in a time when thousands of dollars are being spent on saving the spotted owl and whale. While many people are dying, because they are unable to get the necessary medical attention they need. No money! This is the problem.

There are debates about almost everything, but in the end every knee will bow.

Isaiah 54:13-17 - And all your citizens shall be taught by me, and their prosperity shall be great. You will live under government that is just and fair.

Your enemies will stay far away. You will live - peace! Terror shall not come near. If any nation comes to fight you, it will not be sent by me to punish

you.

Therefore, it will be routed. For I am on your side. I have created the smith who blows the coals beneath the forge and makes the weapons of destruction, and I have created the armies that destroy, but in that coming day, no weapon turned red against you shall succeed and you will have justice against every court room lie. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. These are the blessings I have given you, says the Lord.

Smiles don't cost you nothing. "Try it!"

Continue your drive by prayers have to be scared of as president of the United States.* What does that last statement mean?

Smiles don't cost nothing. "Try it." Continue your drive by prayers for your community, church and schools.

Two Prayer Groups met in Fellowship last Saturday. We were blessed!

Sister Luella Spence, President; Sister Dorothy Hood, Reporter.

Dwell on These Things Russ Lawson

Our memories can be of good times, or bad times, or even a combination of both. A lady wrote me recently and said that I didn't have any idea what it was like to go through "real problems or hard times," because I always write positive articles. I replied that I had my share of difficult times in my life, but just chose not to dwell on them.

Anyone who grew up on a farm knows the bad or hard times, but that's not what we choose to remember. Actually, the farming part of my life only lasted until I was 13; after that I started working as a construction laborer, then eventually as a carpenter (summers and weekends) until I graduated from High School. During this time, I became independent, to an

extent, buying most of my clothes and taking care of other needs.

I don't have any idea of how much manure, how many tons of gravel, or how many yards of dirt I shoveled in my youth. I don't have any idea how many thousands of board feet of lumber I carried on my shoulder; or how many thousands of nails I drove with my hammer. I don't know how many times my thumbs and fingers were smashed or how many splinters

I had to dig out of various parts of my body. Not only don't I remember those things, but I don't care to remember them either - they are unimportant.

I know lots of folks that love to remember the bad times in their lives. How do I know that? I know that because that is all they talk about. You don't have to be around them very long to know they are stuck in the memories of bad things that have happened to them. Struggles are part of everyone's everyday life!



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Obsequies

Herman Ray Nichols

Funeral services were held for Herman R. Nichols on Monday morning, October 13, 2008, at the Full Armor Ministries.

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

A former resident of Lubbock, he passed away Monday, October 6, 2008, in Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Nichols, Sr. He was born March 8, 1958 in Lubbock. He was a graduate of Estacado High School and received an Associated Degree in Electronics from an accredited Technical Institution in Dallas.

He worked for Adelco/Sanmina Corporation in Allen for 17 years, and was a sought after TV repairman in his spare time. After leaving Sanmina Corporation in 2006, he acquired a Texas Real Estate License and worked for J & L Realty until his health failed him.



He is survived by his wife, Joanne Nichols; father, Rayford Nichols; mother, Billie Nichols; step-mother, Kathy Hill; a son, Trey Suggs; a daughter, Alexander's Reeds; step-children: Rachel Paige, Jason Paige, and Jared Paige; five brothers: Rayford Nichols, Jr., Lonnie Ray Nichols, Carl Ray Nichols (Pam), Hezzie Ray Nichols (Brenda), and Shawn Nichols; four sisters: RaNell Fuller (Wayne), Bobbie Bruce (Frances), Sabrina Nichols, and Jessica Nichols; three grandchildren; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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Magic Johnson Responds To Radio Hosts' Remarks About "Faking AIDS"

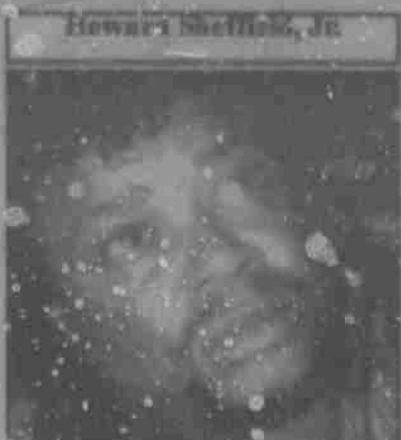


NEAPOLIS (AP) — Magic Johnson criticized a pair of talk show hosts Friday for accusing him of faking AIDS but said he didn't want them to be fired. Chris Baker and Langdon Perry of KTLK in Minneapolis made the remarks during Baker's conservative radio show on Wednesday. After Johnson condemned the statements, the station said it regretted "some off-hand remarks" by the pair.

"We can't have people out here making false statements and putting out bad information, because this battle is too big when it comes to HIV and AIDS," Johnson told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"I poured my life into it and a lot of other people have poured their life into it, into getting out the right information so people can protect themselves and know what HIV and AIDS is all about."

Johnson called the remarks "so stupid," and said he hadn't heard from the station. He also



Howard Sheffield, Jr., 56, of Olton passed away Monday, October 6, 2008. He was born February 21, 1952 to Howard Sr. and Lorine Carey Sheffield in Olton. He met and married Alice Carter. He was a member of Bohmer Chapel Baptist Church under the leadership of Bobby Lawson. He leaves to mourn his wife, Alice Sheffield; one son, Kevin Carter Sheffield; one stepdaughter, Valencia Phillips (Donny); two brothers, Julius Sheffield (Carolyn) and Willie Sheffield (Mary Ann); two sisters, Nettie Harlin and Irene Springer; a host of other relatives and friends.

Service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, October 11, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Olton. Burial will follow at Olton Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Griffin Mortuary.

Greater Mount Zion Baptist Will Celebrate 94th Church Anniversary



Crosbyton — The Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church of Crosbyton will be celebrating its 94th Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 2, 2008, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Also, Saturday, November 1, 2008, the church will be sponsoring the 24th Annual Mr. & Miss Greater Mount Zion Pageant and banquet, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The pageant and banquet will be in honor of its founder and organizer, Mother Dorothy R. Terrell. Mother Terrell took her rest from earth to eternity on June 8, 2008.

She is and will be missed, but will forever live in the members' hearts.

The public is invited to attend both celebrations. If you cannot attend on Sunday, come

on Saturday night at the pageant and banquet. This year, there will be a talent show in memory of Mother Terrell.

Your donations will be most appreciative. You mail them to: Deborah M. Hutchinson, 2201 22nd Street, Apt. B., Lubbock, Texas 79411. Address all donations to: Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church.

The banquet tickets are: \$15.00 per couple or \$8.00 for singles. If you purchase your ticket by October 24, 2008, couples will only be \$13.50 and singles \$7.00.

For more information, call Deborah M. Hutchinson at (806) 747-6591 or Mollie Thomas at (806) 781-4140 by November 1, 2008.

Full Armor Church Sponsors Youth Ministry

The Men's Ministry of Full Armor Church will be ministering to parents and students between the ages of 13 and 18.

The Men's Ministry is asking for those interested to attend this session on November 8, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Minister Donald Ross has received this information which may very well serve as a life changing, educational uplifted experience for many.

Bishop L. Chatham is pastor.

We find that gay and bisexual black men in California have household incomes that are 44% lower than their heterosexual counterparts."

The study also shows that nearly 55% of Black women and 11% of Black men in same-sex couples in California are raising children. Williams Institute Senior Research Fellow Gary Gates adds that, "African-American men and women raising children in same-sex couples experience economic disadvantage compared to their different-sex married counterparts with lower household incomes and home ownership rates." The homeownership rate of Black individuals in same-sex couples raising children is 29% compared to 63% of those in different-sex marriages raising children.

The full report may be found at: www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute <<http://www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute>>

SPC Crosbyton Extension Center slates ribbon cutting

CROSBYTON — South Plains College and the Crosbyton Community Technology and Economic Development Center recently hosted a press conference and ribbon cutting. The newly-completed campus is located at 206 Aspen St. in Crosbyton.

"This marks the completion of the vision of that began several years ago of making the Levelland campus the hub of a wheel and the spokes lead to the extension centers" said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, president of SPC.



Thank God For Jesus From Page 3

Psalm 40:1-3, I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he has put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

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Matthew 11:28, Jesus said, Come unto me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. MIN-

wants the hosts to keep their jobs.

"I would rather they educate their audience," he said. According to a partial transcript and audio clip posted on a media watchdog site, mediamatters.org, the remarks came after a caller asserted that health care isn't a basic right. Perry responded by asking about treatable diseases that a person can live with for a long time: "if you just get some basic drugs."

Baker responded, "Like Magic Johnson?"

Perry replied, "Like Magic with his faked AIDS. Magic faked AIDS."

Baker said, "You think Magic faked AIDS for sympathy?"

Perry replied, "I'm convinced that Magic faked AIDS."

"Me too," Baker said. Johnson was diagnosed with HIV in 1991 and then retired from the NBA at 32.

KTLK's statement said it recognized the seriousness of AIDS and the "great work" Johnson has done to call attention to the disease.

"We regret that some off-hand remarks by commentators on KTLK did not reflect that,"

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The statement said. "To better inform our listeners and employees, KTLK will be airing HIV/AIDS awareness public service announcements, and will be reaching out to Mr. Johnson to get his thoughts on education efforts."

Program director Steve Vermick said the station wouldn't comment beyond the statement.

Johnson, 49, said his health is "wonderful." He also noted that he has HIV, not AIDS.

Over 7,000 Gay Couples Living Together

LOS ANGELES — Today, the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law released a new research study providing demographic and economic information for the more than 55,000 LGB Black individuals and 7,400 Black men and women in same-sex couples living in California.

Study co-author Christopher Ramos notes that "these analyses break stereotypes about gay, lesbian, and bisexual people, like the idea that they are all

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THIS 'N' THAT

by J.J. Patterson

EARLY VOTING BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH! THIS 'N' THAT is hoping there will be a **LARGE NUMBER** of qualified voters going to the polls on Monday **OCTOBER 20, 2008** and you must remember each of you have a **key role** in voting for the next **PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**. Now if you happen to be over the age of **50 YEARS OF AGE** you should be extremely excited because there was doubt as to whether there ever would be an **AFRICAN AMERICAN** having such an outstanding opportunity to win. This individual happens to be none other than **BARACK OBAMA** who serves as the Junior U. S. Senator from Illinois. He entered this Presidential race not as an African American but individual who wanted to be able to make an outstanding contribution to the United States of America. He just happened to be Black. **THIS 'N' THAT** has already acknowledged he is a **WINNER** because of the posture he has taken and his position as a candidate for the highest office in land will only produce more **BARACK OBAMA** in years to come and not only will they pursue this office but they **AFRICAN AMERICANS**

will believe they can climb the mountain and attain any reasonable goal in their mind. Regardless of how you look at it come November 4th **HISTORY WILL BE MADE** as either an African American will become President or a White Female **GOV. PALIN** will become the first **WHITE FEMALE** to become **VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**. So can't you see how important it is to go to the polls this election year and you can either **VOTE EARLY** beginning on Monday or until **OCTOBER 31, 2008!** **THIS 'N' THAT** reminds all of you that you really can't put the outcome in the various **POLLS** because once a voter is behind closed doors or in a place by him or herself strange things will happen. So as some will say **GET READY!! GET READY!! & GO TO THE POLLS!** Now remember if you don't go and vote really you nothing to say if things don't go your way!

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ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS ALL OF US! THIS 'N' THAT wants all of us who are **CITIZENS OF EAST LUBBOCK** to know that the young people of **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** really needs our involvement. Just think what would happen if we all got involved with this important education facility. There's no doubt about it the enrollment would grow and then this high school would

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Lubbock's Past, Lubbock Present, Lubbock Future!!!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Take a walk back through history in our fair city of Lubbock, and it is very clear how history repeats itself. At one time before we had the single member district, we had the at-large district. We as minority, disenfranchised, affective class minorities had to go to Federal Court in order to be truly represented on the Lubbock City Council issues. At that time, the at-large system was known as the silver dollar district, because the mayor and council members all lived in a 16 or 17 square block area. That's why it was called the silver dollar district. It was no way the total city could be properly represented when the then city council did not even know where some of the district was located. Now that the silver dollar mayor and council is no more, there is a new beast on the loose. Now it is called the 'four', better known as the 'big four' no matter what the name that involves so called minorities, disenfranchised, affective minorities the 'big four' has it covered. There is no way for the minorities to

win. Looks like, we need to go back to the Justice Department and Federal Courts and H. U. D. to do some more restructuring to be heard and be equitable in city affairs, because we are swept under the rug by the 'big four'. Take a look at some of the recent city issues: Councilwoman Linda DeLeon and Councilman Floyd Price were out voted by the 'big four' on all issues that affected the disenfranchised. For us to be properly represented, it is time to go back to Federal Court one more time. Recent events in Lubbock lately prove this to be true. For example, the arts program as well as the hockey program - which are quality of life programs to bring business and industry to town as well as families good schools, churches. Quality of life is what brings people to town as well as jobs moving to the area brings people but. On the other hand, you have to have something to make them want to come.

The arts program, a quality of life program, which is relaxation, family entertainment and something to do with little or no money. Hockey, basically the same thing gives family enjoyment and a nice place to go and even take out of town game with no big price tag. 'Big four' why is it such a big issue when something is not in new Lubbock. The Milwaukee Avenue off Frankford Avenue are no matter how small the cost? But on the other hand when it is not in new Lubbock, the cost is no limit. But on the other hand, for example the Gateway Funds for the fly over from the Slaton highway to the Preston Smith International Airport that was already approved years ago was in 12th place and made it to 7th place but fell off the cliff. The present mayor was a councilmember then. We are asking him what happened? On the other hand, what happened to the rest of the proposed baseball fields on East 19th Street?

Lubbock is a good city, but flawed. I am not needs some adjustments when it comes to treatment participation on an equitable manner with its disenfranchised citizens.

begin to move as it should. Are there any of you who would like to sit down and come up with some ideas on how this can be accomplished. What's happen has already happened as we need to move forward for the sake of our **PRECIOUS YOUNG PEOPLE! THIS 'N' THAT** would like to hear from you!!! Now remember if we just sit back and do nothing to help **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL** then it is our own fault. So let's start talking about doing **GREAT THINGS**. If we would do that it would help its enrollment and it could once again become a **4A HIGH SCHOOL**. There are some **OUTSTANDING YOUNG PEOPLE** on that campus with some **OUTSTANDING TEACHERS AND STAFF**. So will you only **HELP??**

ONE OF OUR PUBLISHERS IS ILI! THIS 'N' THAT wants you to know about a **VERY GOOD FRIEND** of the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** who is sick at this time and is a patient at Covenant Medical System. He is **BIDAL AGUERRO**. **THIS 'N' THAT** and **EDDIE RICHARDSON** will never forget what he and his wife **OLGA** did to help this newspaper in our early days. There doors were always open to us and we had a **FREE REIGN** in putting the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** together for publication many weeks. **BIDAL & OLGA** are the owners and publishers of **EL EDITOR** which was organized about the same time as the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** which totals more than **30 YEARS** for both publications. Anyway with all sincerity **BIDAL** as well as **OLGA** would appreciate your precious **PRAYERS!** **THIS 'N' THAT** says **JUST HOLD IN T HERE, BIDAL & OLGA** it's going to be alright as in life there are always **UPS & DOWNS!** **GOD BLESS YOU, BIDAL AGUERRO!!**

HATS OFF TO CPERRY-POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION! THIS 'N' THAT read a very interesting article in the **THE NEIGHBOR'S CONNECTION** produced by **LUNA** which revealed a program which involved some dedicated citizens. Among them were **MRS. CEROLA LEWIS & MR. WILLIE BLOCKER** who made some very **POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS!**

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

federal government as well as the several states. To illustrate how the verses of the Bible have been followed religiously, the movements and demonstrations to secure equality and justice have for the most part in the past been peaceful even when confronted with water hoses, attack dogs, clubs, tear gas, lynchings and bullets. Progress has been made, but there are those whom would commit crimes of all sorts to make sure that progress does not continue, especially if it means that a Black man can by any means be considered equal to a member of the Anglo-Saxon majority group in America and be elected President of the United States.

It is disgusting to say the least to hear people, so called Christians exhibit themselves on worldwide television and degrade themselves in an attempt to deride Barack Obama in one of John McCain's town-hall meetings. McCain made an admirable attempt to show some decency by coming to the defense of Barack Obama by saying that Obama was a decent Christian man, not an Arab, and a family man, even though he felt he could make a better president and pointed out that they both wanted the same thing, but just had a different route for achieving their goals. Some of the protesters said that Obama was a monster and others said that he was dangerous. One would wonder what they have been watching for the past eight years as funds and jobs dry up and homes slip away. Where is the invisible and dangerous monster? Obama is not the President of this country, not yet. Why is color important to get a job done if the person doing the job has the skills to get the job done. Beneath the color of the skin, we all have the same systems of tissues, muscles, organs and circulatory systems. If out, we all bleed red blood. In the end, when the time comes, we all die. Why is it so difficult to get 'in cinque' and love, live and let live. Our country needs a mammoth prayer meeting requesting some clean hearts and clean politics.

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The Thurgood Marshall College Fund Awards Of Excellence Dinner Returns To Richmond



Richmond, VA. — On Wednesday, October 15, 2008, The Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) will host its 2ND Annual Awards of Excellence dinner at the Jefferson Hotel, 101 West Franklin Street in Richmond, Virginia. The Awards of Excellence dinner recognizes leaders nationwide who exemplify professional and civic excellence and individuals who share Justice Thurgood Marshall's concern for civil rights and his passion for justice. This year we are proud to announce the following Awards of Excellence recipients: The Honorable Viola O. Baskerville, Secretary of Administration, Commonwealth of Virginia, The Honorable Yvonne B. Miller, Senator, Commonwealth of Virginia, Mr. C.T. Hill, Chairman, President and CEO-SunTrust Bank Mid-Atlantic and The Honorable James R. Spencer, Chief Judge- United States District Court EDVA.

"The Award of Excellence offers a great foundation to recognize community leaders that inspire and serve as role models for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's merit scholars," said Dwayne Ashley, President and CEO of Thurgood Marshall College Fund. "I hope that busi-

ness and communities across the country will join these very deserving honorees in their efforts to continue to unite people of all races and backgrounds to ensure that education and opportunity are available for everyone."

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund, Inc., named for the late U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice, was established in 1987 and represents 47 public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) located in 22 states with a population of well over 235,000 students. It is the only national organization of its type that provides merit-based scholarships and programmatic support to students attending the nation's public Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Over the last 20 years, Thurgood Marshall College Fund has awarded more than \$91 million in scholarships and programmatic and capacity support, enabling more than 7,500 students to attend public Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Thurgood Marshall College Fund also provides internship programs and joins corporate and foundation

partners in providing leadership training and support to students preparing for undergraduate and professional schools. Thurgood Marshall College Fund is a 501(c) 3, tax-exempt organization. Please visit the Thurgood Marshall College Fund at <http://www.thurgoodmarshall-fund.org/>

Councilman Price Hosting Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, October 21st

Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price, District Two, will be hosting a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday evening, October 21, 2008, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Anderson Middle School, located at 219 Walnut Avenue.

The purpose of the meeting is to address citizen issues in District 2. The round table discussion format will allow District 2 residents one-on-one time with City staff to ask about particular concerns.

All citizens of District 2 are invited to attend this meeting as it is a very important meeting for all citizens of District 2.

South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock Hosts AKC Agility Trials

The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock will be hosting three days of American Kennel Club All Breed Dog Agility Trials. The event will be held at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center Friday, October 17th thru 19th. Trial hours will start at 8:30 a.m. and end approximately 5:00 p.m. each day. Approximately 150 pure breed dogs from surrounding states will be judged at this event, many of which are the top agility trained dogs in the country.

Agility is one of the newest AKC events and is open to every breed. Dogs must be at least one year old to compete.

In an Agility Trial, a dog demonstrates its ability to negotiate a complex course that will include a walk over a bridge, jumping through objects, going through tunnels, weaving through a line of poles and pursuing status will be judged at this event, many of which are the top agility trained dogs in the country.

team will be judged at one of 3 different levels of competition: Novice, Open or Excellent. The dogs competing in these classes are working toward AKC Agility titles.

There will be free, accurate educational material available at these trials. No admission fee will be charged for this fun filled and educational event. Agility is a fast paced sport that is exciting for the dog, handlers and spectators. Don't miss it! For more information call 525-3704 or email at spot@compuserve.com.

Does drinking alcohol shrink your brain?

People who drink alcohol -- even the moderate amounts that help prevent heart disease -- have a smaller brain volume than those who do not, according to a study in the Archives of Neurology.

While a certain amount of brain shrinkage is normal with age, greater amounts in some parts of the brain have been linked to dementia.

"Decline in brain volume -- estimated at 2 percent per decade -- is a natural part of aging," says Carol Ann Paul, who conducted the study when she was at the Boston University School of Public Health. She had hoped to find that alcohol might protect against such brain shrinkage.

"However, we did not find the protective effect," says Paul, who is now an instructor in the neuroscience program at Wellesley College. "In fact, any level of alcohol consumption resulted in a decline in brain volume."

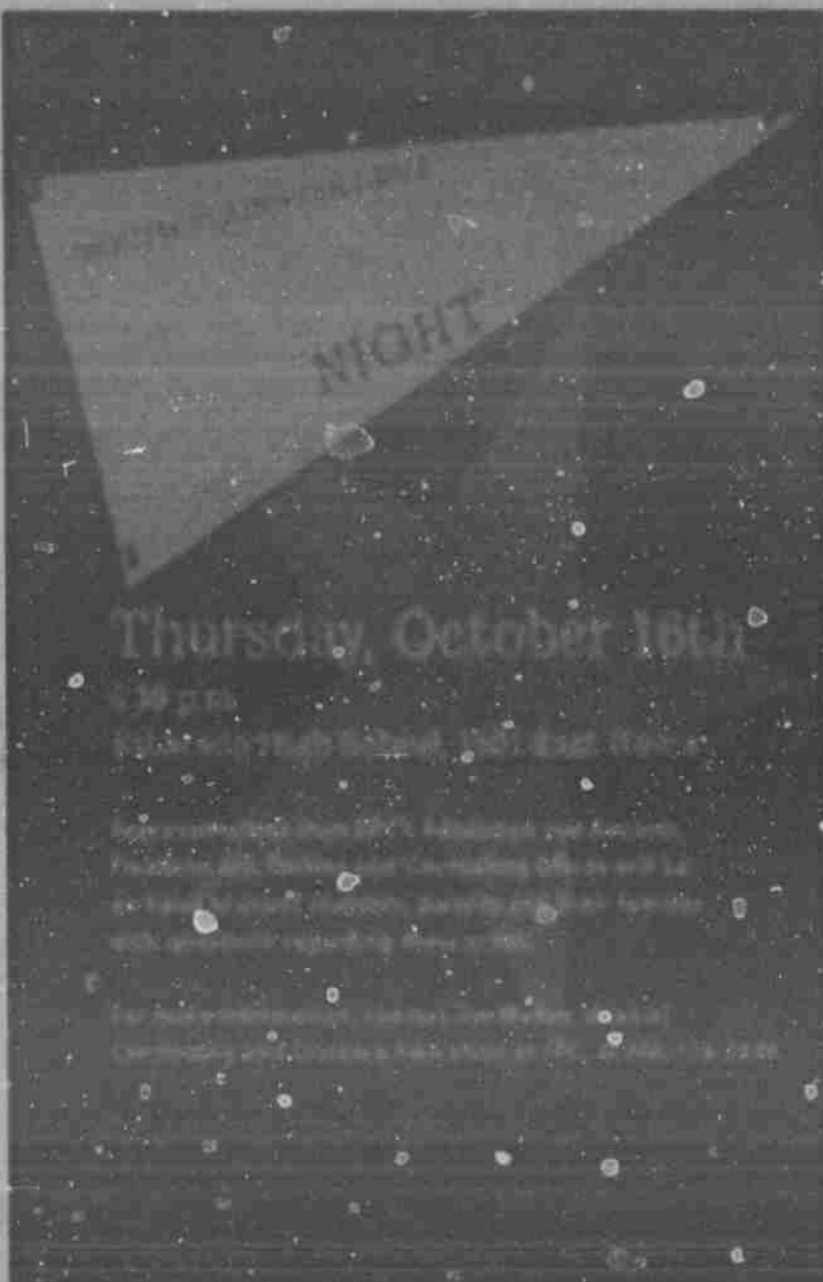
In the study, Paul and colleagues looked at 1,839 healthy people with an average age of about 61. The patients underwent magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the brain and reported how much they tipped. Health.com: Ten best foods for the heart.

Overall, the more alcohol consumed, the smaller the brain volume, with abstainers having a higher brain volume than former drinkers, light drinkers (one to seven drinks per week), moderate drinkers (eight to 14 drinks per week), and heavy drinkers (14 or more drinks per week).

Men were more likely to be heavy drinkers than women. But the link between brain volume and alcohol wasn't as strong in men. For men, only those who were heavy drinkers had a smaller brain volume than those who consumed little or no alcohol.

In women, even moderate drinkers had a smaller brain volume than abstainers or former drinkers. Health.com: Six reasons why a little glass of wine each day may do you good.

It's not clear why even modest amounts of alcohol may shrink the brain, although alcohol is "known to dehydrate tissues, dosages results in shrinking of the brain although alcohol is "known to dehydrate tissues, and constant dehydration can



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Some Arlington council members unhappy with mayor's stance on beer sales at Six Flags

ARLINGTON — Six Flags has the right to sell beer and the city should not interfere with the amusement park's business, said some council members who do not agree with the mayor's public protest of the issue.

Council members Gene Patrick and Mel LeBlanc expressed concern Monday that Mayor Robert Cluck's opposition to beer sales at Six Flags Over Texas and Six Flags Hurricane Harbor would be seen as a reflection of the whole council, which has not taken a public stance.

Both representatives said they have no problem with the company wanting to sell beer, saying that it would provide more sales tax revenue for the city and that other venues near the park sell alcohol, including Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

"In my opinion, this is a business decision to be made by the Six Flags organization. Their desire to sell a legal product currently sold literally across the street from their venue should not be elevated to a public safety or moral debate by elected public officials," said LeBlanc, who represents north Arlington. "Mayor Cluck has every right to articulate his personal opinion, yet he does not represent the will of the City Council of Arlington."

Cluck wrote a letter to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in February asking the state to deny Six Flags' request for a mixed-beverage license, citing public safety concerns.

Cluck also plans to testify today before an administrative judge who will listen to testimony on the permit and decide the case.

"This is a matter I wanted to take up personally. I think that it's a dangerous precedent for an entertainment venue primarily

targeting kids... to serve alcohol. It's not a good mixture," Cluck said Monday.

In his letter, Cluck raised concerns that underage employees at Six Flags might not be equipped to handle intoxicated adults or minors attempting to drink at the park. He also said intoxicated people may vomit on others during rides or make poor decisions and choose rides they might otherwise have avoided because of medical conditions. Cluck wrote that the parks are near Texas 360 and Interstate 30 and that alcohol sales may contribute to increased traffic accidents.

Council members didn't raise concerns when Cluck wrote the letter, but LeBlanc said several members were upset last week

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have to be scared of as president of the United States." What does that last statement mean?

Racism is alive and well when a candidate has to tell his supporters that the opposing candidate is a decent, family man, citizen that he just happens to have disagreements with on fundamental issues. One has to wonder about the wisdom of a candidate for the president of the United States when his running mate is allowed to inject racial overtones!

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"This is nonsense. We didn't realize he was going to publicly, physically go there and quar-

rel," LeBlanc said.

Six Flags officials have said that the park is seeking the opportunity to sell beer at the request of its patrons and that the beer will be sold responsi-

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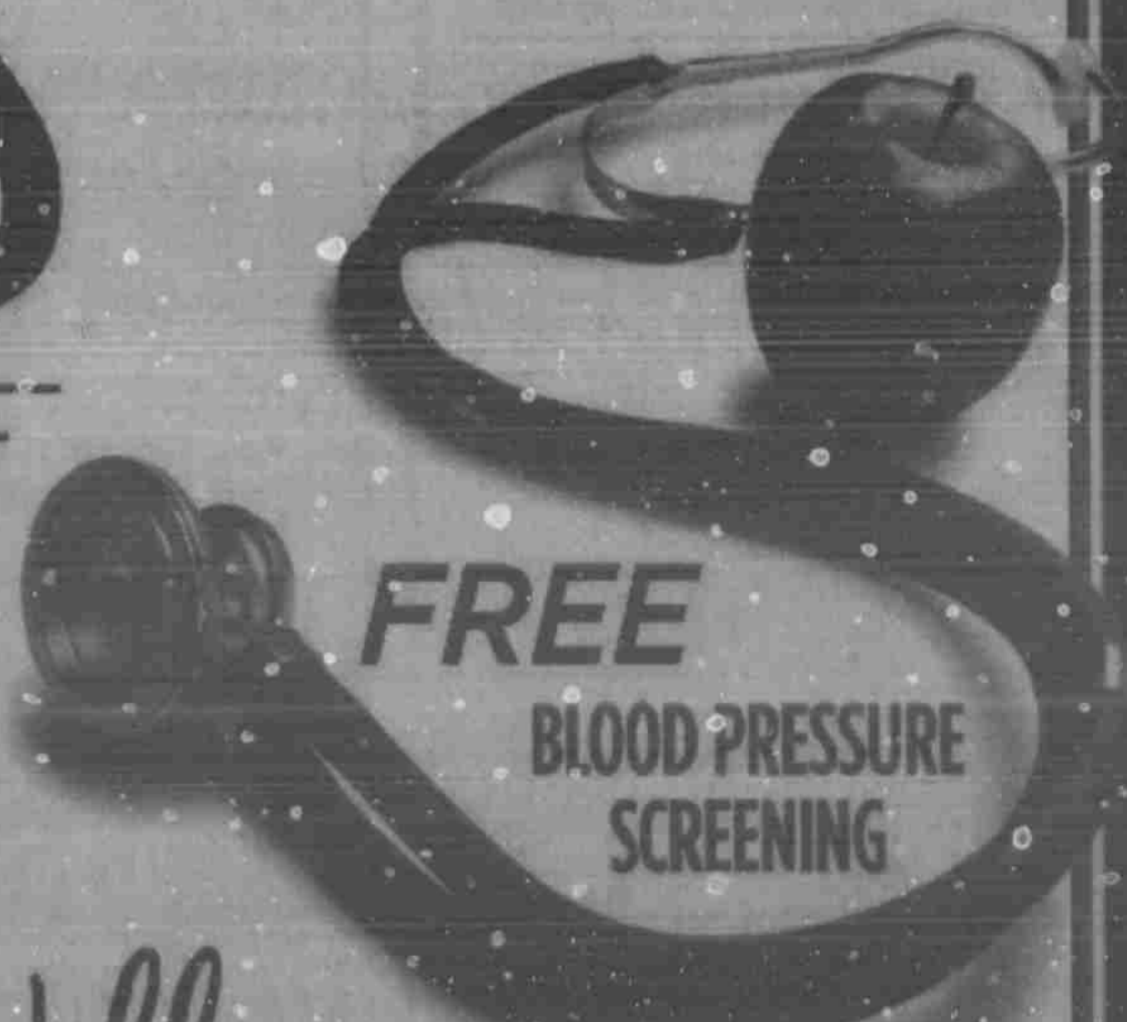
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