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Cinco De Mayo Celebration Held At Patterson Library Last Week



Patterson Branch Library celebrated Cinco De Mayo, Monday, May 4, 2009 with special guest the Ballet Folklorico Dancers. We had approximately one hundred citizens to come out and help us celebrate. Many times we hear the question, "Why Cinco De Mayo?" so we would like to let people know why we celebrate Cinco De Mayo, which is the 5th of May. Cinco De Mayo commemorates the victory of the Mexican Militia over the French army at The Battle Of Puebla in 1862. It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and throughout the state of Puebla. There is some limited recognition in other parts of Mexico, and especially in U. S. cities with a significant Mexican population. Many people often think that it is Mexico's Independence Day, when it is actually September 16.

(Photo Courtesy of John Cervantez)



Mr. & Mrs. Alfred (Billie) Caviel

Caviel's Pharmacy Retiring After 49 Years

Caviel's Pharmacy, a landmark in the Black Community, will be retiring after 49 years of service. The prescription department will close on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

Many thanks to everyone who crossed the threshold at 1719 Avenue A.

The doors opened in 1960! Caviel's Pharmacy has been a great source of inspiration to the Lubbock community. There's no doubt about it, Caviel's Pharmacy has been a great institution for many years.

Caviel's is a landmark in this community, and it has been a very successful Black business.

"It could never have happened without the great people who faithfully supported and believed in Caviel's integrity and dependability," says Mrs. Billie Caviel, one of the owners.

"Throughout the 49 years of operation, many generations of families are still with us as well as their grandparents, parents and their children never failed to

continue their family loyalty," she continued.

"Without a doubt, these are the people who made Caviel's a successful minority business," said Mrs. Caviel.

Over the years, Caviel's Pharmacy has inspired many young people to follow in their footsteps of becoming a pharmacist from this community!

"That is what is all about, encouraging young people to become successful in other professions as well. Surely, being the only Black own pharmacy in this community had a very positive impact on helping young people other than their children to become a pharmacist," continued Mrs. Caviel.

"Being a trail blazer in the community shall live on in the lives of those who helped to make Caviel's Pharmacy what it is today!" she concluded.

All Caviel's Prescription files will be at Raff & Hall Pharmacy at 34th Street & Interstate 27. Use same phone number!

Audit report: TYC still facing some deficiencies

A follow-up audit of the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) released this week shows that although TYC has improved its investigation into alleged abuse and mistreatment of some of its residents and has strengthened security and monitoring regarding those youth, the agency still needs to strengthen its management of state resources, including contracts, staffing levels and facilities and its intake and investigation processes.

The report also noted that the agency has implemented 34 of the 47 recommendations of a prior State Auditor's report. The audit report took issue with the agency for not having competitively bid several contracts it awarded, not increasing the number of certified sex offender counselors in its treatment programs and not ensuring that its Office of Inspector General received and investigated all reported allegations of mistreatment or initiated and completed investigations of alleged mis-



Cherie Townsend

treatment within the agency's set timeline.

In a memo to agency staff, TYC Executive Commissioner Cherie Townsend said that the agency has made "significant and positive changes" in many areas, including safety of residents and staff, better accountability and others. She said the TYC has taken "aggressive measures to ensure compliance with our mission and with the expectation of lawmakers and the public," and said additional adjustments will be required.

Voter ID Bill Heads to the House Floor

AUSTIN— Tuesday, May 12, 2009, the Elections Committee of the Texas House of Representatives passed the Senate version of a Voter Identification bill out of their committee. The bi-partisan bill garnered support from both Democratic and Republican committee members.

Polls show that nearly 70 percent of Texans strongly believe that showing valid photo identification should be required before being allowed to vote. In fact, many Texans believe that a valid driver's license is required to vote and are shocked to learn that one can currently vote without a valid photo ID.

As the bill moves to the House floor, Democrat legislators will be looking for procedural "points of order" to prevent them from being held accountable to their constituents—it is up to Elections Committee Chairman.

Todd Smith (R-Eules) and Speaker Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) to ensure this bill has a full debate and vote on the floor. Texans want real voter ID and are particularly counting on Smith as the House Sponsor to strengthen, not weaken, this important bill on the floor. The final legislation must include what Texans want: valid Photo ID to vote, an increase in penalties for fraud without creating loopholes such as same-day voter registration, and immediate effect to ensure that our elections are free and fair.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Benkiser is calling on all House members, Republican and Democrat, to continue the bi-partisan spirit of protecting our electoral system and support this bill. "A watered-down voter ID bill won't do. The majority of the Elections Committee support this critical legislation as do the majority of Texas voters. I am certain other Democrats will join Republicans on the House floor and support real voter ID in Texas elections," Chairman Benkiser said.

Former Lubbock Resident Visits Nelson Mandela Gateway in Cape Town



Mary Coffield is shown with a Tour Guide at Robben Island. He was imprisoned during the time of Nelson Mandela.

One of thirty-two ladies of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who traveled to South Africa February 16 thru 27, 2009, was Mary L. Young Coffield. She is a former resident of Lubbock.

The delegation was divided into ten different areas. They were Evangelism Service, Client Registration, Domestic

Violence Counseling, Medical Diagnostic, Play Therapy, Personal Hygiene Items Distribution, Clothing Distribution, Spiritual Counseling, Door Monitors, and Food Distribution.

Rev. Dr. Jessica Ingram, Supervisor of the Tenth Episcopal District, was the Convener.

The group traveled to JoBerg, and Cape Town, South Africa.

The delegation an opportunity to visit the Nelson Mandela Gateway, V&A waterfront, Cape Town.

More photos will be published in next week's issue.

Ms. Coffield reported an outstanding visit to South Africa.



Black Colleges Will Fight Cut to Federal Program

Leaders of historically black colleges say they'll fight a reduction in a federal program they call a financial lifeline at a time of economic distress for the schools and their students.

President Barack Obama's education budget, unveiled Thursday, included major spending increases in many areas - but didn't include an

Thanks To All Who Helped Make "The Strength of A Woman" A Success!

B. L. A. C. C. C. C. C. B.R.I.C.C.C. EACH ONE REACH ONE & THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST are all over flowing with gratitude for the people who took time out of their scheduled lives to participate and support the program held at the BRIDGE entitled "THE STRENGTH OF A WOMAN"

All of the women were beautiful which was a great reminder to all of us that, GOD didn't create no JUNK!

We'd like to thank Ms. Lisa Green for allowing us to use the building. We thank the Lewis Family Singers, the West Texas Mass Choir and brother Love for helping us with the music. We thank Mrs. Randle the Host of "WHAT'S GOIN' ON?" for broadcasting this event on her

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Safety City wants your kids to have the safest summer ever at their annual Children's Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, May 16, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Local health and children's organizations will provide health and safety information, handouts, demonstrations and activities for children. Children are encouraged to bring their Teddy Bears for the annual "Best Dressed Teddy Bear" contest, which will begin at 12:00 Noon. There will be door prizes and activities for all.

Participants include: MADD; BACA; Citibus; Dog Obedience; Texas Department of Transportation; News Channel 11; Safe Havens; Supervisor Health Plan, LEPC; Lubbock Health Department; Lubbock Police; Parks and Recreation; 211; Lubbock Fire Department plus many more! In case of rain, the event will be cancelled.

Located inside Clapp Park on 46th and Avenue U, Safety City is a unique kid-sized town where students learn hands-on the rules of pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety. More than 6,000 youth go through their programs each year. For more information, call 767-2712.

The New Hope Baptist Church's Missionary Society will be collecting kitchen items for the R Ronald McDonald House. Some of the items needed are the following: paper plates, trash bags (all sizes), plastic forks, plastic spoons, chip, and cook top stove cleaner.

Let us continue to pray for and visit those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include Brother Clarence Ervin and Sister Savannah Hill. Let us not forget Brother Al Caviel as well.

Also, Sister Lillie Smith.

There are many others who need your prayer.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. They, too, need our prayers and telephone calls.

Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group at the Patterson Library will meet Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 2:00pm. We will be discussing, "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" by Julia Alvarez. The group welcomes new members or those who would like to drop-in from time to time to discuss the monthly selection. Titles up for discussion are made available for free checkout at the library. For more details, please call Helen Viser-Fitzgerald at 767-3300 or email at, hviser@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, May 10, 2009, which was Mother's Day, church services were in high spirits at New Light Baptist Church 3013 Idalou Road where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "Receiving Benefits" with the text coming from Ephesians 2:1-10.

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Youth Choir marched to the choir stand singing "I Love To Praise Him".

The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson and it came from Proverb. 31:10-20. The altar prayer was also led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Thank You, Lord."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the up coming events that will be taking place. All the birthdays for the week were mentioned also. There was the pastoral period that was held and then the offering was taken up.

The Youth Choir sang and "Never Would Have Made It". Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Mother Knows Best" with the text

coming from Exodus 2:1-10.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several came for prayer. Sis. Ann Mosley acknowledged all the visitors who were in attendance.

Prayer changes things. This too will pass. Whatever the problem is pray and give it to God and let him work it out. If you believe God will take care of you then he will do just that.

Scripture For Week: "I am the true vine and my father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that bears fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You already clean because of the

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

CREATE A WOW!

You can create your summer wardrobe for a lot less than you think. Mixing textures, adding that unexpected hint of color, doing something a little daring-and totally you. Building a warm-weather

wardrobe is such a creative exercise in self expression. You can make it fun, easy and it's affordable, just think light and bright...envy-inspiring sandals, distinctive tees, shapely shorts and stunning dresses. So ladies, shop now, wear now, look WOW!

EASY TO FIND, THEY ARE EVERYWHERE.

Fashion tip...always wear a



smile!

Fashion...just for the fun of it!

Just keep looking your very best! There are many who are always watching you!

SPC to confirm 1,197 degrees, certificates during commencement May 15

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will award 1,197 degrees and certificates at the 51st annual Commencement Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Friday (May 15) in Texan Dome.

"Commencement is the completion of a major part of these student's lives," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "I anticipate great things for the class of

2009, and they will accomplish so much in the future."

The departmental chairpersons and instructional deans selected the following candidates for graduation to carry the divisional banners in the Commencement procession. The banner bearers are Jennifer Lones of San Antonio, candidate

for the Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies, Division of Arts and Sciences; Deborah Manley of Lubbock, candidate for the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, Division of Health Occupations; and Daniel F. Anderson of Levelland, candidate for the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Diesel Service Technology with Highest Honors.

Free Immunization Clinic hosted by City of Lubbock Health Department. Date: June 16, 2009. Time: 4:00-6:00 pm. Ages: 0-18yrs. Please bring current shot records.

School is almost out. The question to be asked at this time: How many of you have visited a school campus this school year?

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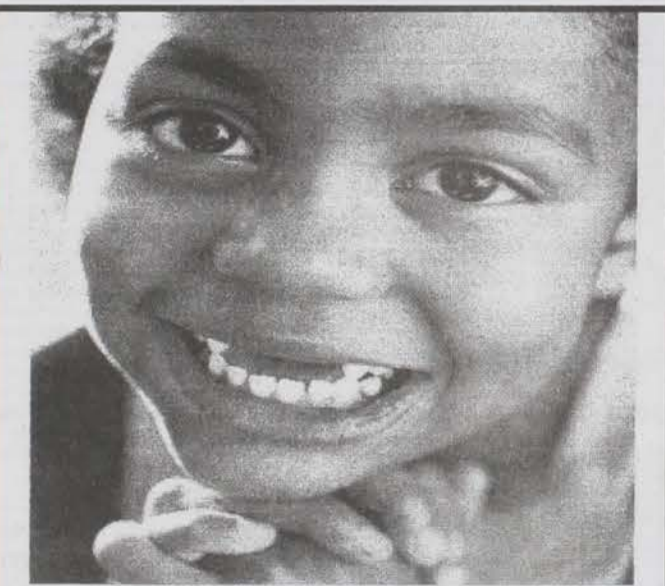


Pastor Sonia Scott

SUNDAY SERVICES
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9:30am
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Thirty-nine years later, Deacons are still praying. Choirs are still singing, and Preachers are still preaching. All are very excited about this upcoming effort on Saturday, May 23rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Ed Jennings, former Pastor of Triumph Baptist Church.

Special guest singers will be The King Sisters, who have sung before.

Sunday afternoon, May 2, 2009, the guest speaker will be Rev. Floyd Green, Jr. who is the former Pastor of Gospel Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children age 10 and under.

The following churches will be involved this year: Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church, Triumph Missionary Baptist Church, Freewill Missionary Baptist Church, and First Church of God in Christ.

Editorials • Comments • Opinions

THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

CAVIEL'S PHARMACY IS IN RETIREMENT! THIS N THAT wants to let our many readers to know that the **RETIREMENT** of the **CAVIEL'S PHARMACY** located at 1719 Avenue A will be **TRULY MISSED** when the pharmacy will close on Saturday **MAY 16, 2009** after **49 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE** to many citizens of the Community. This will be last **LONGSTANDING BLACK BUSINESS** in area known as **THE FLATS**. This has been a pharmacy with great integrity and served a **ROLE MODEL** for many young Black boys and girls. Not only this, but this pharmacy **SUPPORTED** many of our organizations over the years through their contributions. The owners of the **CAVIEL'S PHARMACY** are **BILLIE & ALFRED CAVIEL'S** who both graduated from the Texas

Southern University School of Pharmacy have gone beyond their professional duty to help our community. At this time however **AL** is very ill at this time. He is doing nicely to recover from his illness. **THIS N THAT** was fortunate to have **MR. CAVIEL'S** to serve as the **CAMPAIGN TREASURER** for twenty years for **THIS N THAT** who was a City Councilman. Not only was he a campaign treasurer but he served as treasurer for other local organizations such as the **LUBBOCK JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE**. He has been very valuable as has **SISTER CAVIEL'S!!** It has been made known that **PERSCRIPTIONS** will be at the **RAFF & HALL PHARMACY** 34th Street and Interstate 27. Let us not forget the efforts of the **CAVIEL'S PHARMACY** over the **49 YEARS OF**

SERVICE!!! DO WELL, SISTER TWYLA ARDS! THIS N THAT wants to wish young **SISTER TWYLA ARDS** the very best as she signs an agreement to play **COLLEGE BASKETBALL** with Howard College in the Estacado High School Gym at 3:00 p. m. today, Thursday. She did well in the **STATE SEMIFINALIST** in Austin last month. She did well this year during her Senior year. **THIS N THAT** advises her she can make it happen by taking it a **STEP AT A TIME!! PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "EDUCATION is like a giant MOUNTAIN and YOU MUST CLIMB IT!"** **SUBSCRIBE TO THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST!** **THIS N THAT** wants to ask for you to **SUBSCRIBE** to the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST!** Call 762-3612!

THINK ABOUT IT!

Looking In The Wrong Places For The Right Thing!
by Edsdie Richardson

Our young people are at the present time traveling in so many directions it's hard to tell where they may be found. If they land at all, they may just get stuck out there some place in outer space with no particular place to go with no destination in mind. Everything is moving so fast it is hard to know what track you are on. In a conversation, sometime ago former city council member and mayor, Dr. James (Jim) Granberry and this writer were talking about our youth of our day. In our days, we had an anchor which held us back from doing certain things which were wrong, because they had something to hold on too. It was so, because of Grandpaw's long prayers at the table before meals and Grand ma's Bible quotes related to every situation. Mom and Pop's introduction to Dr. Feel Good

which was reversed psychology spelt with a three letter word "Belt". This cured all faults and wrong doings, where most young people of today, in many cases, do not have that anchor because of babies having babies, single parents, young people being on their own at an earlier age, and, most of all, the overall break down in the family and community structure. Therefore we are not creating the strong anchors and family ties we once had during our youth. Young people, in many cases, are looking in all the wrong places for their role models looking to the super stars, entertainers, athletes, high profile individuals. In many cases, we overlook the true role models in our own communities and neighborhoods, the man down the streets that worked two and three jobs, supported

his family, raised his children, sent them through school and college. The teachers, cafeteria workers, janitors, people and who work in the community, churches, head start, and other community centers and agencies. There are many unknown song heros in our own communities who play an important part in the lives of our young peoples up bringing and development. Many times, too many times, we look all over the world for role models and images when they are in our own neighborhoods and communities. **REMEMBER YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TRAVEL THE WORLD TO FIND THE GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGG WHEN ALL THE WHILE HE IS IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD!**

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Mother's Day just passed and a few weeks earlier, we celebrated Easter. Both these days fall on a Sunday and most churches, regardless to the denomination, especially if they are Christian denominations, see the greatest attendance on these special Sundays. Commercial businesses also see great sales for these two Sundays. The greatest sales are usually flowers. Both days have flowers attached to them in some way. We buy the Easter lilies on Easter Sunday and give them to someone we love, or just display one in our homes and worship places because it symbolizes the rebirth of Jesus following the crucifixion. The Mother's Day flower is used to remember and symbolize the life or death of one's mother. We wear a red rose or flower if we have a living mother and a white rose or flower if one's mother is no longer alive.

Mother's Day is also a time when we go and put flowers on the graves of our mothers who are no longer with us. Some families make it a day for flowers for all deceased family members, especially if they are all interred in the same place. It appears from the church attendance on these two Sundays, that there is still something significant in our culture about the resurrection of Jesus Christ and mothers. It would be marvelous if these two items played a more significant part in our daily lives. The importance of the life of Jesus should be embedded in our hearts throughout the year, making it unnecessary to attend church on Easter Sunday as some sort of saving grace and it should not relieve any guilt we have about Mother by attending church on that special Sunday either. The once a

year occurrence in a place of worship does more for the commercial entities than it does for one's soul. Valentine's Day, which is not a religious holiday, is also a profitable commercial day. Many people buy flowers as well as candy for their loved one on this day. Some individuals are lucky to receive both, the candy and the flowers. The businesses are the happiest of all. They benefit from the increased sales. There are many ways to celebrate Easter, Mother's Day and any other special day by getting 'in cinque' and displaying genuine love, devotion and attention to our loved ones on a daily basis. If we attend worship services on a regular basis, we do not need lilies to feel the spirit and if we treat our mothers and sweethearts with tender loving care, we do not need flowers for them to know what we feel.

Pregnancy Means Black Brit Won't Face Execution

BANGKOK (AP) — A pregnant British woman accused of trafficking heroin in Laos will not face the death penalty because the law bans executing expectant convicts, a government spokesman said Tuesday.

Orobator's pregnancy remained unclear, though Khenthong said she told authorities in an interview after her arrest that she had become pregnant by her boyfriend. Laos is a one-party state and rights groups say the judicial system is beholden to the communist regime that has ruled since 1975.



Samantha Orobator, 20, from London, will not face the death penalty because Laotian law bans executing expectant convicts.

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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

EHS Alumni Sets Second All Class Reunion



The Estacado High School Alumni is excited to announce and celebrate 42 years of Excellence, Success and Hard work. The third EHS all-Class Reunion will begin Thursday, June 18, 2009, thru Sunday, June 21, 2009.

It is important to send all cashier checks or money orders to: The Estacado High School Alumni Association, P. O. Box

3013, Lubbock, Texas 79452. No personal checks will be accepted.

For more information, contact Ms. Davis at (806) 747-8389.

Vice president is David Carrizales, (806) 632-6390; treasurer, Kay Anderson-Grant, (806) 745-4832; secretary, Sandra Culpepper-Reed, (806) 765-0727.

Wheatley Students Had Very Good Year!

Wheatley Elementary has enjoyed a fantastic year, full of academic achievements and various celebrations throughout the year. Wheatley is also proud to honor students who exhibit outstanding character and academic success. Here are some of the highlights from the 2008-2009 school year.

Kindergarten

Gracie Ruzicka and Hayleigh Blackwell are two outstanding students in Ms. Ethridge's Kindergarten class who work hard every single day. Their citizenship is commendable not only in Ms. Ethridge's classroom, but in special classes such as Art, Computer, Music, Library, Science, and P.E. Both are academically strong and strive to do their very best each day. Both of these girls have held the title of Student of the Month, as well as earning Reading, Math, Handwriting, and Science awards. Ms. Ethridge can ALWAYS count on these two students to do any-

thing that she asks, and other teachers are always complementing their behavior. Ms. Ethridge feels that it is an honor to be their teacher and thanks their parents for sharing them with her this school year.

Many special days were celebrated during the school year in kindergarten. Here are a few: "Where is the Gingerbread Man Day". On this day students searched the school for the Gingerbread Man. Teddy Bear Day, children brought teddy bears from home for the class to graph, sort, and take a pictures with. Grandparent's Day was a special day for grandparents to share lunch with grandchildren.

1st Grade

First graders were able to celebrate the 100th Day of School, the birthday of Dr. Seuss, and they studied schools of long ago, where they were able to take a field trip to the Ranching Heritage Museum on the Texas Tech Campus. On Earth Day, we had a "Recycle" relay.

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Photos Of First Annual "Strength Of A Woman" At The Bridge On May 9, 2009!



Last Saturday evening, May 9, 2009, was a very historical evening when more than 125 ladies were in attendance at The Bridge, formerly Posey Elementary School. It was a Mother's Day Event for all Mothers who were entertained and received a delicious meal prepared by Chef Tyrone.

This event was sponsored by B.L.A.C.C.C., B.A.L.C.C.C., Each One Reach One and the Southwest Digest.

What an evening!



Parson Smith

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Women and Little Queen Chapman who spoke to us and gave us some very strong encouraging words. We thank Chef Tyrone for great food provide to us by him and his wonderful crew. We thank Big Hill for the pictures, C.J. Domonique, Big Two for their camera services, Pastor Perez for the sound equipment & closing prayer, Sister Faye Brown for all the lovely gift baskets, Eddie Richardson & T.J. Patterson for their sponsorship; Queen Mother Frankie Hooper for her spirited opening prayer and all of the people who attending this great community event. Again we say Thank You All Very Very Much!!!! We Pray WE Will see you at OUR NEXT EVENT!!!!

Coming soon a community service entitled, "THE B.E.S.T. COMMUNITY MINISTRY". Read the Southwest Digest for Open House Service. GOD has commanded us to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds and our neighbors as ourselves. God commands us to do all of it!



Mother and Daughter on program together. "The Strength of a Woman." What an evening for all in attendance!

First Black Captain On HPD

Sister Tammie Pace, a native Houstonian, is a retired veteran of the Houston Police Department. After 22 years of public service, she retired as a police captain. Prior to joining the ranks of the police department in 1983, she was a City Marshal for the City of Houston, where she was one of the few females charged with the task of executing municipal warrants throughout the city.

Captain Pace possesses a Bachelors of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston and a Masters of Science degree in Criminal Justice Management from Sam Houston State University.

The Mayor of Houston officially proclaimed March 12, 2003 as Captain Tammie Pace Day because she has distinguished herself as a trailblazer in the field of law enforcement.

In 1991, she was the first female in the history of the Houston Police Department to be appointed to the prestigious



Captain Tammie Pace Retired

FBI National Academy.

In 1998, she was the first female lieutenant ever to be assigned to the Houston Police Department's Training Academy.

In February, 2003, she was promoted to the rank of Police Captain, the first African-American female ever to attain that rank in the history of the Houston Police Department.

On June 30, 2007, Sister Tammie Pace wedded Rev. Lionel Aaron and now she is a part of the Family Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church where she is a coordinator within the church's Women's Ministry.

Marvin Sapp Concert Postponed!



Marvin Sapp

The Marvin Sapp Concert has been postponed due to an illness in his family.

All ticket holders are asked to keep listening Radio Station KBET-FM for updates and check back to see when the show will be rescheduled.

KBET-FM is on 104.9, and the telephone number is (806) 770-2328.

(Editor's Note: This story was featured in the April 16, 2009 issue of the Southwest Digest. This time we are featuring a biography of Capt. Pace.

Hopefully, there may be a young Black Sister who may want to also become a Lubbock Police Officer, and maybe one day a Captain on LPD. Think about it. Ye Ed.)

Twyla Ards Will Sign Today!

Twyla Ards, a senior on the state semi-finalist Estacado High School Lady Matadors basketball team, will be signing to play collegiate basketball for Howard College on Thursday, today, May 14, 2009, at 3 p.m. in the new spectator gym at Estacado High School Gym.

It would be an outstanding gesture if we, citizens of east Lubbock, would be present in large numbers. If we would do so just think of what kind of a signal this will send to the new incoming Superintendent, Dr. Karen Garza. She will see how we value our young people.

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you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more; the head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

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