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Meetings munity

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, Lubbook meets on the 3rd Wednesslay of such month, from 12-08-1-00pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 572 E-23rd St. 806-535-8081
- Hub City Kowanis meets every Tuesday, ₹00pm, 1708 Avenue G

- Lubbook Chapter of Black Alum meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 p TTU Merket Alumni Center

- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.

Channa Hill Neighborhood
Association meets the 2nd
Thursday of every month at 6.00
pro, at the Elementary Catelena.
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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### Collins Memorial Scholarship to be awarded in fall 2009



The friends of the late Rodney Collins have spent the past two years raining funds to endow a scholarship in his honor at South Plains College. The first recipient of the Rodney Collins Memorial Scholarship will be selected in fall 2009. Shown on the front row are, from left, Russell Hall, director of Development at SPC. Winniter Yandell, Work Force Development waterictor at SPC/Lubbock County Court Residential Treatment Center (LCCRTC); and Julia Fisch, community supervisor at the Lubbock-Crosby County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. On the back row are, from left, Lupe Ruiz, director of Education at LCCRTC, Karen Harris, residential service at LCCRTC, Kerry Rainwater, security at LCCRTC. Gwen Hartings, executive administrative assistant at LCCRTC, and Dinguic Neal countylor at LCCRTC. and Donnie Neal, counselor at LCCRTG

(SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)



Rodney Collins

It only took two years for the friends of murder victim Rodney Collins to create and endow a memorial scholarship in his honor. Collins made a lasting impression on the people he encountered while working at the Lubbock County Court Residential Treatment Center (LCCRTC) in 2006.

A twist of fate cost Collins

tell you that Rodney will never

be forgotten:
Thanks to the diligence of
Winnfer Yandell, Gwen
Hastings, Karen Harris, Kerry
Rainwater, Donnie Neal, Julia Finch, Lupe Ruiz and countless others including more than 100 local businesses, South Plains College will award the first scholarship in fall 2009 in honor

scholarship in fall 2009 in honor of the late Rodney Collins.
"Rodney helped so many people while he was here, and this scholarship is a tribute to the kind of person that he was," said Yandell, Workforce Development instructor at SPC/L/CCRTC. "It has been a privilege to work on this project."

Yandell served as the unoffi-

for the scholarship. With assis for the scholarship. With assistance from co-workers and friends, the group hosted two annual garage sales, bake sales, silent auctions, raffles, bowling, car washes complete with a classic auto show and burrito sales, all in an effort to raise money to endow the \$10,000 scholarship. "Rodney was one of those people who never had a had day," Yundell said. "He always had a amile on his face, and he was always joking around and made everyone feel comfortable."

made everyone feet control able.

"We planted a tree in his memory in the front of the building, and we've got a memorial tribute for him in the ball," she said. "He touched a lot of people."

The memorial tribute features a program from Collins'

tures a program from Collins' funeral, his name badge and a letter he wrote to apply for another position in the office his last correspondence

attended Estacado Continue on Page 6



#### Kendra Williams Will Graduate From Texas State University

Kendra Williams, a graduate of Cluss of 2004 at Estacado High School, will graduate from Texas State University at San Marcos on Saturday, May 16, 2009, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement She is the daughter of LaVerne Williams and granddaughter of

#### Councilman Price Will Hold District Two Meeting Tuesday

District 2 City Councilmember Floyd Price will host a Town Hall meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, April 28, 2009, at Alderson Middle School, located at 210 Walnut.

Walnut
Councilmember Price, City
Staff, and City Boards &
Commissions Members will discuss the need for minority participation and enrollment in City
of Lubbock Boards and
Commissions Texas Teeh
Representatives will also be in
attendance to discuss the Red
Raider Guarantee Program, a
plan to guarantee free tuition



Councilman Floyd Price

and mandatory fees to new entering freshmen, with family adjusted gross incomes of \$40,000 or less.

#### Arbor Day and Trees Across Texas Ceremony

The City of Lubbock will commemorate Arbor Day and the Trees Across Texas program on Friday, April 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Quest Memorial Grove located in the Buddy Holly Recreation Area. Participating in the ceremony will be Mayor Tom Martin, City Council members, and Dr. A. E. Quest who is a long-time sup-porter of Lubbock's parks. Other guests include members

of the Parks and Recreation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Texas Forest Service. As part of the ceremony, Dr. Gerald Dolter from the Texas Tech University School of Music, will sing a song entitled, "Oh Lord, Look What Thou Hath Done," com-posed by the late Dr. Houston Bright, Texas A&M School of Music, with words, within the with words written by Dr. Quest. Continue on Page 2

#### Rev. Alvin L. Butler Will Speak At A Crown of Eternal Life Church

A Crown of Ete

Rev. Alvin L. Butler will be
singing and ministering at A
Crown of Eternal Life Church,
1301 50th Street, Suite B, on
Monday night from 7:00 p. m.
until 10:00 p. m.

The Church is sponsoring his
Music Ministry each Monday
night Praise God. Amen.

There will be music, music &
Music. Also, there will be
anointing, anointing & anointing!

anointing, anointing & anointing!

We are inviting all of you to come and h car one of the Original Way Side Travelers and his fricods in the Lord

There will be Blazing Bolding Blessing Also encouragement testimonies. BBB, The Best of Monday Night and the Best of Thursday nights as well.

The paster and founder, Rev. Gladys Mac Smith, encourages as many as can to be in attendance. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Smith at either (806), 747-0289 or (806) 283-5935.

Her website is

Her website is: www.AcrownofEiernalLifeChurch.Com. Her email address is: gladysmaesmith@yahoo.com.

you have any questions a booking at the church, ten



Rev. Alvin L., Butler

call between 11:00 a. m. and

call between 11:00 a m. and 3:00 p.m.

Come and be with us as we worship God together as we worship God each week.

"Our church doors are always open, and welcome those who are looking for a Church Home," says Pastur Smith.

Just come by and Rev "Just come by and Rev. Butler as he ministers God's word each Monday night. There is no doubt about it, you will be glad you will do so.God loves all of his children and is always standing by to be there for all of us," continued Pastor Smith.
"So come and be with us on Monday nights, and you will be glad you tild so. God is able

## "The Strength Of A Woman" Will Be Held May 9, 2009

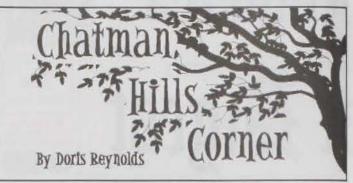


The first annual event of "The Strength of a Woman," which is a tribute to the womb that gave birth to all mankind, will be held at the Bridge, former Pose Elementary School, 101 Reabud Avenue, Saturday evening, May 9, 2009, from 7.00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. This special event is sponsored by the B.L.A.C.C.C. B.R.I.C.C.C. Each One Reach One, and the Southwest Digest. "This a way of showing our

appreciation for women who are the womb of our civilization, and the many contributions they have all made to mankind," said Donnell Hooper, haison of the special project and coordinator. "Since this day has been set aside to honor all mothers and women, then this became an opportunity to show our appreciation with such an event," he continued.

Appearing on this program

Campbell, Queen Mother Betts, Queen Mother Harris, Queen Mother Par Perez, Queen Mother Angelina Hightower, Queen Mother Linda DeLeon, Queen Mother Dr Trejos, Queen Mother Ms Ann Bush, Vonna Queen Sister Queen Mother Ms. Ann Bush, Young Queen Sister Peoples Tech Queen Kathlene McPherson, Tech Queen Mother Erlene McNeil, Queen Mother Sister Lachelle, and Queen Mother LaShaka Hooper



The Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25 to discuss Sisters by Danielle Steele. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

This is a very exciting group, and the public should take note of this meeting

Let a snot forget other pro-

grants at the Patterson Branch Library as it invites children to a special story time at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. April 28. They will test out our green thumbs with a special gardening activity. Call 767-3300 for more information.

Let us not forget the many citizens who are on the sick and Among them include Brother Al Caviel, who is reported to be doing nicely at this report. Also, the Joan and Clarence

#### New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, April 19, 2009, church services got started at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road where Rev Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.
Church school started at 9.45a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled "Good News Is For Sharing"

Sharing Morning worship started at 11:00a.m with the praise team

11:00a.m. with the praise team leading the way.

Rev Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior choir went in the choir stand singing "We've. Come This Far By Faith" The responsive reading read by Rev. Jackson comes from Psalm 92:1-15. The altar graver was led by Rev. Jackson. prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir and congregation singing "He Is Lord" Sis Rochelette Hood read all

the morning amounterments and told of all the upcoming events that would be taking place. All birthdays for the week was acknowledged

There was the pastorial peri-od that was held and then the offering was taken up. The

Senior Choir sung "Hush" at "How Great Thou Art

"How Great Thou Art."
"Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon Rev Jackson preached the sermon entitled "What Kind Of Storm Are You In?" Mark 4:35-40 Brother A. W. Brown sung "Blessed Assurance."
There was the mixitation to discipleship that was extended and several came for prayer. Sis Ann Mosley acknowledged all the visitors who were in attendance for the day.

We were on program at

attendance for the day.

We were on program at
Shiloh Baptist Church in Ralls
for the Church's Anniversary
There were several churches in
attendance

Pray for the weekly services which are held throughout the week at the various churches Pray for the bereaved families, and the President and his staff.

Scripture of the Week:

"And he said to them, Go into all the world and result the

"And he said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. And these signs will follow those who believe in my name they will cast out

Ervin family who have been ill for a long time. Both have made some outstanding contributions some outstanding contributions in the Lubbock community. Of coursed, there are many

others as well who are shut-in

#### Arbor Day In Lubbock Continued fromPage 1

Dr. Quest and his late wife idrey, established the A. E. Audrey, established the A. E. (Gene) Quest Memorial Grove a grove of over ninety trees located at the Buddy Holly Recreation Area. Each year, Dr. Quest donates two to four trees to the grove. The Quest Quest donates two to four tests to the grove. The Quest Family's latest contribution to the Quest Memorial Grove is a pond and bubbling fountain named in honor of Audrey Anna

Quest, Dr. Quest's late wife Former long-time Councilman T. J. Patterson and Dr. A. E. Quest created the Trees Across Texas program in 2000, where the City of Lubbock has a symbolic tree exchange with another city in Texas. Each city plants a tree indigenous to the habitat of the partner city. The first Texas city to participate with Lubbock was the City of authon. This year's tree exchange is with the City of dessa, and a choke cherry tree has been planted in their honor. The Quest Memorial Grove

is located by Fiesta Plaza in Buddy Holly Recreation Area in the Jim Bertram Lake System east of North University.

termors, they will speak w/ new tongues. They will take up ser-pents and if they drink anything deadly it will by no means burt them they will lay hands on the will recover MARK 16:15-1



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# TASHION

by Shirley Roberson

#### FLIRTING WITH RUFFLES

Ruffles are in style this oring and in a very big way. A riminine touch, that's exactly that it is. Ladies add a few ruf-es items to your wardrobe and ou will certainly be in the fash-

front cardigan or even ruffle sleeve tops. A little ruffle here and a little ruffle there is what's happening right now in the world of fashion. How about world of hashion How about nuffles on the brim of your habit nuffles on your shoes with matching ruffle hand bag, now that's a head turner for sure Easy to find, they're every-where

On your next shopping trip. THINK RUFFLES!



Fashion... just for the fun of it

#### FREE EXAMS TO RAISE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

The Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center, in celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness, will offer free clinical breast exams from 8 a m to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. April 20-24 and April 27-Mayl at 301 40th St. In addition, women ages 25 to 64 who meet financial eligi-

bility guidelines through the YWCA may receive free mam-

The Combest Center, which is part of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing, again has partnered with 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 diagnoscervical screening and diagnos

cervices screening and diagnostic services.

Women's breasts change throughout life, so it is important to learn how to do self exams and to do them on a monthly basis, said Terry Curran, FNP-C, clinical director of the Combest Center. If a Continue on Page 6.

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#### 32nd Annual Ladies Lecturship Set At 20th & Birch Church



Vera Fay Hightower



The public is invited to end the 32nd Annual Ladies Lecturship on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at the 20th & Birch Church of Christ Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The theme for this year's lec-turship is "What's Behind Your Contain".

The first speaker will be Vera Fay Hightower a member of the Parkway Drive Church of

Ruby Jewel Brackens of the Northside Church of Christ Levelland. She will be the so and speaker

Chairperson of the program is Lonoyne Worthey Co-Chairperson is Louise Coleman. Come and take part in this annual program. Singspitation will be held on Saturday evening, April 25, 2009, beginning at 5:00 p. m.

#### Cinco De Mayo Set At Patterson Library

Come help us celebrate Cinco De Mayo with special guest Ballet Folklorico Atlzan de Lubbock Free entertainment

de Lubbock - Free entertainment and refreshments! Place - Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson, Branch Library 1836 Parkway Drive Lubbock, Texas 79403 806-767-3300

Monday, May 4, 2009 6:00pm

#### Dunbar Class of 1969 Will Sponsor 40 Years of Memories June 12 Thru 14, 2009

The Paul Lawrence Dunbar Class of 1969 High School R Reunion will celebrate 40 years of Memories June 12 thru 14, 2009 Thanks for the memories. All graduates will be ask to come and soak their feet for a

week, pull their girdle strings tight, bring their oxygen tent, because they are going to party all night. As they are saying. "The Class of '69 will do it

right!
The program for the reunion will include the following.
June 12th - Reception, 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Red Roof inn 1-27. There will be T-shirts and goodies. A time to Meet and greet!

June 13th - Banquet and Dance, 7:00 p.m. mml 1:00 a.m. KOKO Polace, 5101 Avenue Q Admission \$25:00 Singles, \$35:00 Couples, \$50:00

Activities will include: Name That Tune, Best Swing Out, Best Cha Cha, The Bump, Mashed Potatoes, The Tip Toe.

Can you remember these! Judges Ray, Charles, Shirley and Jackie There will be Prizes Prizes and Prizes!

Dinner will be served!

Dimer will be served!
June 14th - Church Services
will be held at Rev Norman
Garrett and Congregation,
All persons interested it participating should send their registration fees by May 10, 2009
Make checks payable to the
Dunbar Class of '69 Reunion,
and may be milled to either R and may be mailed to either R Ray Alford, 19226 R Relay R d Humble, Texas 77346 or Jackie Porch, 1516 East 1st Place, Lubbock, Texas 79403.

The most important thing is to see your classmates again and to have fun. "God will make a way out of no way



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Wednesday Services Bible Study 12:00 noon & 6:00pm

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MAN OUR BROTHER"



# Church News





## FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"Governor Perry: On Going Back To Slavery"

vernment and as some alleged of savants looked on while ving U. S. flags shouting, seede!"

Perry beautiful political lips exercised pompous language expressing "We've got a great union. There's absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American peo-ple, you know who knows what might come out of that But

Brandon Creighton and spon-sors of House Concurrent Resolution in support of states' rights under the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Perry taking on the role of "Defry Duck" said. "I believe that our federal government has become oppressive in its size, its intrusion into the lives of our stage. That is why I am here to

our Union."
It is a low-down dirty shame the people of Texas and especially African Americans, Latino Americans and Native Americans have an elected representative with such an increduleus behavior toward those who are not a pretty white Caucasoid as he.

What Percent and his kind want.

What Perry and his kind want to revert to by secoding is the habits of the past: "Maintaining

and which her people intended should exist in all future time. Yes, a sinful nation, a people protect the white people against laden with iniquity, a seed of the ladian savages and the murrer evildoers, children who are corderous forays of banditti from rupters; they have forsaken the

Mexico."

Perty must believe like his fored America knows cocaine is a Perty must believe like his fored at the next election of requality of all med or this Country who's making irrespective of race-color—a doctrine in which "white southern fathers" believe that was at war with nature, in opposition to the experience of man, and in violation of the plannest revelations of Drvine Law. These creations of the plannest revelations of Drvine Law. These creations of the plannest revelations of Drvine Law. These creations of Dr



## We Thank God for Jesus

"Devil's Cocaine Had Driven America Insane

PLTY IS ROBBING GOD!!!

(Cursed) unto them that rise up early in the marning, that they may follow strong drink, that continue until night, till wine inflame them! And the barp, and

America spent Zilhons of dollars, fighting wars all around the World But can't stop the DRUG WARS IN HER FROONT VARD THAT'S KILLING OUR BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

Luke 23:29-31 - Jesus said, Luke 23:29-31 – Jesus said, Daughters of Jerusalem weep not for me, but weep for your-selves, and for your children. For behold, the days are coming For behold, the days are coming in which they say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall I hey begin to say to the mountains, fall on us, and to the hills, cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry try?

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Cocaine of the dry lty?
Cocaine can take a
Millionaire's HABIT, and drop
his money to a DIME. It did
take the Mayor of Washington,
D. C., AND SEND HIM INTO
BAD TIMES!!!

BAD TIMES!!!

James 1:14-15 - Every man
is tempted when he is drawn
away of his own lust and
enticed. Then when lust has conceived, it bring forth sin.
When it is finished, it brings
forth death.
(When you are Double-

minded, you're trying to live two sides of the fence! JESUS CALLED YOU A HYP-OCRITE!! Lubbock's leaders

say they don't want to keep Lubbock Dry AND THE KNOW IF LUBBOCK BECOMES WET, OUR CHILDREEN WILL HAVE MORE ALCOHOL ON HAND, EVEN MORE OF IT

HAND, EVEN MORE OF IT THAN THEY DO NOW!!!)

Matthew 23:27-28 — Jesus said, woe (Cursed) unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like unto white sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all unclean, even so you also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

cocarne and Alcohol can take a Bus Driver, and make him not want to run his roote. But take the bus home, and park it in front of his HOUSE!!!

Galatians 6:7 - Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a mans sows, t hat shall he also reap.

\*\*\*\* YES, AMERICA IS

MOCKING GOD!!! \*\*\*\*

# Matthew's Baptist Church

Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 east14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.
Church services got underway at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge. The subject of the morning lesson was entitled. "Good News Is For Sharing."
The scripture text was Luke

taught by Sister Nina Davis, and reviewed by Pastor Canady. This lesson reminded us of our responsibility as Christians. We all must learn to share.

The key verse was Luke 24.48-49 "And ye are winesses of these things, and behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you but tarry ye in the city of Jenisalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

was led by Sister Barbara Jackson.
Rev. Walter Jackson delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "On My Knees, In The Highway of Lite," His scripture text was Luke 10 30-37. The song of inspiration was "We Have Come This Far By

follows: Wednesday evening.
Mission Ladies meet at 6:00 p.
m. and Bible Study begins at
7:00 p. m. Friday evening is
Choir Rehearsal, beginning
at5:00 p. m. The Ushers meet at
11:00 a. m. cach Saturday morn-

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested, please call Rev. Canady at (806) 744-2445

"Let. Your Light Shine." Matthew 5-16, will be the theme for the Usher's Annual Day at St. Matthew Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, May 3, 2009. Guest speaker will be Rev. C. L. White.

The doors are always open for those interested in attending our church. If you do not have a Church Home, then please give us a visit. You will enjoy the Fellowship. God is able in all that He will do for us.

If there is someone in your neighborhood who is ill, please remember them in your prayers. It is just great to know about the goodness of God.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want you to think about these words. There's a story about a man who tied his heavy money belt full of gold, around his waist right before he jumped overboard from a sinking ship. Later, the divers found him at the bottom of the sea with the weighty gold still in the money belt around his waist.

There's another story about a millionaire who was buried in a new Cadillac, diamond rings on his finer, and a ten dollar eigar in his mouth. As the Cadillac was being lowered mot the grave, a bystander remarked: "Man, that is living!"

Few of us would agree Real living is measured by how much we accumulate, but rather how well we use what we possess. Our living is measured by our Stewardship instead of our sav-

In another example, those of us who have spent most of our lives trying to be weighty Gold. Wise, you are headed in the wrong direction. Have you made a mess of your life. Life is not over yet. There is still time to get up and get back to living with the right goals in mind. Thought of the Week, "You cannot serve God and mannon."

"Let's Pray"

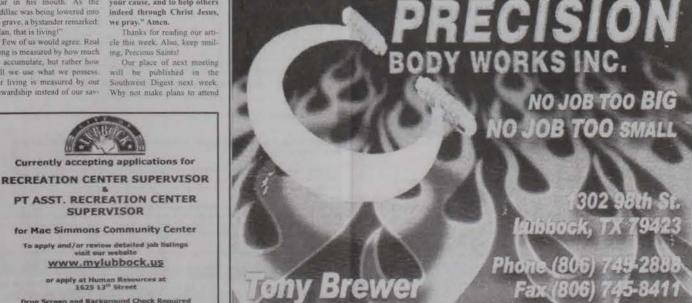
"Let's Pray"
Father, may our use of material things, be to further your cause, and to help others indeed through Christ Jesus, we pray," Amen.
Thanks for reading our arti-

against "every sort of covetous-ness." Why? Because covetous-

It is just along journey, but with God nothing is difficult. Thanks for your many prayers: If you have any ques-tions, give us a call at (806) 762-3347.

If you have someone who is ill and shut-in, let us know. Today it may be some else and

not you or I Sister Dorothy Hood, presi-dent, Sister Christene Burleson, vice president, and Sister Elioca



# Obsequies

Olevia Elaine Hines

Brownfield - Funeral serv-ices were held for Olevia Elaine Hines - Friday morning, April 17, 2009, at Abundant Harvest

Burial followed at Brownfield Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbeck

direction of Griffin Mortnary & Funeral Home of Lubbock Hines, 42, of Los Angeles, Calif, formerly of Brownfield, passed away Monday, April 6, 2009, at her resident in Los Angeles,

Angeles.
Olivia was born June 23.
1966 in Brownfield to Mary and sse Hines She attended tool in Brownfield. She was preceded in death by

or parents, I H. and Ohvia Harris and Stella Himes, her parents, Mary and Jess Hines, and her brothers, Jimmy and Tola Charles Hines.

Those left to cherish her emory include her sons, Andre nes and Lamar Hines, her

#### 6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame Set April 28th

The African American Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its 6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame on April 28, 2009 at KoKo Palace. Those persons to be recognized are Mildred Lusk, Arice Jackson, Rosa Llanas, Donald George, Ada Bell Jackson, and Walter Runchart

George, Ada Bell Jackson, and Walter Rinehart.
Previous inductees are:
2008 Julio T Llanas, Ella Iles,
Dr William Marcy, Dr Ralph
Ferguson, Percy Hines, Dr E.
C. Struggs, and Celestine Kyle:
2007: Reva Alexander, Dr.
Aretha. Marbley, Mary Jo.
Handerson-Wilson.

Henderson-Wilson 2006 Samuel Ayers, Nora Hutchinson, Lottie Fay Riddle Barrow, Rose Mediano, Wayne Havens and Mae Phea

Havens and Mae Phea.
2005 James T Braxton. Jr.
Curtis Gipson, Gloria Carter.
Margaret Randle, Nettie
Edwards, and Vernita Holmes.
2004. Dr. Charles Henry,
Bobbie Gene Bailey-Patterson,
Virgil L Johnson, Dorothy

Phea-Norville, Louis Kelly, and George Scott, Jr. For more information, con-tact Regi Davis, President/CEO. African American Chamber of Commerce. regi@msn.com. You may call him at (806) 535-8081.

Tickets are \$25.00 each or

\$300 per table
"We want to continue this
very positive program which is
designed to show those profesdesigned to show mose profes-sional educators, we appreciate what they have done Without the efforts of these profession-als, many of our young people would not have made it," he

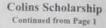
#### Some Cities Make Gains in Curbing Dropouts

WASHINGTON (AP) The high school dropout prob-lem is getting better in some big cities where it's most severe, a cities where it's most severe, a national study found, but the overall situation remains dismal, as more than one in four kids drops out of high school nation-

wide.
Still, Philadelphia, Tucson,
Ariz, and Kansas City, Mo,
made huge gains over the past
decade, boosting graduation
rates by 20 percentage points or
more, the study found.
In all, 13 cities saw doubledigit improvement in their graduation rates, according to the
study released Wednesday by
America's Promise Alliance.

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"I was surprised at the size of gains in some of these es," said Christopher

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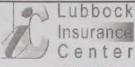




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the reason we have so many problems with some of our young people today. The examples we set before them at home and sometime that is not potsitive influence they oung person will have do not have other influences out side the home when all the influence they have is the negative bad kind which produces bad or negative results.

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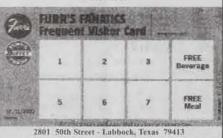
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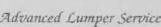
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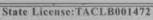
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#### Rappers Tone Down Sparkle But Not Swagger

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The music genre has been defined as much by diamond-encrusted watches and platinum chains as its critic urban lyries. chains as its gritty urban lyrics.
But in the last couple of years, it
has scaled down its flash, a
trend insiders say has become
more pronounced during the

make no mistake. The indus-try that made an urban house-hold name out of New York's Jacob "Jacob the Jeweler" Arabov me isn't entirely revers-Arabov me isti entirely revers-ing course. (Case in point - Li Wayne's "A Milli," one of last year's biggest songs, which had the rapper bragging wildly about being a "young million-

consumption is gone," says Tamara Connor, an Atlanta-based stylist who has created looks for chart-topping rappers, including Lil Wayne.

'We're still going to see s bling, but it's just not going to be as much," Connor says "Instead of four diamond necklaces, it might just be a diamond bracelet - and it's a piece the celebrity wears all the time. They're not changing their jewelry out everyday."

are being done with fewer of the specialized medallions consid-ered a calling card for the likes of Rick Ross, whose chain with a likeness of his head - complete

with black diamond beard - base an estimated value of \$30,000.

Instead you might see a rapper in an off-the-shelf diamond cross or wearing lower-quality stones. "You can save \$3,000 a carat if you do non-ring quality diamonds for studs (earrings),"

Ben Baller, head of Los Angeles-based jeweler LF & Co., says the shift is most prorappers, for whom a steady mcome is seeming like less of a sure thing. Rap sales have declined along with the rest of

Before, a new artist might spend \$25,000 of a \$30,000



Rappers who have continued to flaunt their riches have received criticism. Fans brisiled earlier this year after West unveiled a line of \$400-plus sneakers he crafted with Louis Vuitton.

advance on a chain, according to term bling was born.)
Baller, who counts Fat Joe as a "It was about creating a sig-

"Now they would rather try to spend \$5,000 and \$6,000," he says, adding, "they're willing to talk about options by using sap-

phires, using very, very low quality gold.

"Some people (are) even wanting to mix diamonds with cubics (cubic zirconia) so it would not be completely ungen-

Cost cutting is major for the industry in which the carat-weight of one's ring could carry more cache than record sales. Ostentatious fashion has been in hip-hop's DNA since Slick Rick douned layers of opulent gold chains in the '80s.

The flash reflected the music style born of the streets of New York, its stars often hard-knock kids who christened their new success with thick rope chains and designer sweatsuits.

While over-the-top bling didn't represent all of rap fashion—

While over-the-top bling did-n't represent all of rap fashion -gritty gang looks, Afrocentric garb and even preppy styles have all been adopted and embraced as part of rap style at some point - in the late 1990s and the early part of this decade, bling seemed to have reached its spex, complete with gold and diamond pump cups and dia-mond grills for the teeth (In fact, its around that time the fact, its around that time the

nature," according to Memsor Kamarake, fashion director of Vibe magazine. But in recent years, rap kings like Jay-Z and Diddy have dis-

played their swagger with looks that were more boardroom than bling, with button-down shirts and designer suits.

Though Young Jeezy may still sport a huge chain at times. flashy jewelry is not integral to

jewelry, maybe a bracelet, with a baseball hat, a T-shirt and a pair of jeans - that's not a lot of bling," says Connor, who has also styled the Georgia artist.

Rappers aren't giving up glamour altogether, they're just not wearing it 24-7. In the past, for a grocery-store run, now they're reserved for a show or nightclub, says Baller, who also old chains instead of buying

new ones.

And rapper T.I. has the A.K.O.O. clothing line, which features military-inspired woven shirts, polos and denim, with most items ranging from \$44 to about \$200. Ralph Reynolds, who is A.K.O.O' creative director, said the clothing label reflects a more price-conscious customer in him hore.



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