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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 Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chairman Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd St. 806-535-8081

Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library

Halt City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G

Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm

Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon

Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library

East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center

Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.

West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations

Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Grimes Library, 3520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.

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

The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

Chairman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hles Elementary Cafeteria.

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 raising 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; Winnifer Yandell, Work Force Development instructor at SPC/Lubbock County Court Residential Treatment Center (LCCRTC); and Julia Finch, 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 Hastings, executive administrative assistant at LCCRTC; and Donnie Neal, counselor at LCCRTC.

(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

his life. But for those who remain and remember him will tell you that Rodney will never be forgotten.

Thanks to the diligence of Winnifer 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 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/LCCRTC. "It has been a privilege to work on this project."

Yandell served as the unofficial "leader" that kept the fundraisers going during the two-year period to raise money

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 bad day," Yandell said. "He always had a smile on his face, and he was always joking around and made everyone feel comfortable."

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

The memorial tribute features a program from Collins' funeral, his name badge and a letter he wrote to apply for another position in the office - his last correspondence.

Collins attended Estacado

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Kendra Williams

Kendra Williams Will Graduate From Texas State University

Kendra Williams, a graduate of Class 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 Alvin and Harper.

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 219 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 Tech 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 supporter of Lubbock's parks. Other guests include members

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

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

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!

We are inviting all of you to come and hear one of the Original Way Side Travelers and his friends in the Lord.

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

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

Her website is: www.AcrownofEternalLifeChurch.Com. Her email address is: gladysmacsmith@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions about booking at the church, ten



Rev. Alvin L. Butler

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 Pastor Smith.

"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 did 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 Redbud 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, liaison 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 will include Queen Mother J. J.

Campbell, Queen Mother Betts, Queen Mother Harris, Queen Mother Pat Perez, Queen Mother Angelina Hightower, Queen Mother Linda DeLeon, Queen Mother Dr. Trejos, 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.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

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 snafu forget other pro-

grams 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 shut in list in our community. Among them include Brother Al Cavie, who is reported to be doing nicely at this report.

Also, the Joan and Clarence

Irvin family who have been ill for a long time. Both have made some outstanding contributions in the Lubbock community.

Of course, there are many others as well who are shut-in.

Arbor Day In Lubbock

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Dr. Quest and his late wife, 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 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 Lufkin. This year's tree exchange is with the City of Odessa, 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.

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

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 9:45 a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled, "Good News Is For Sharing".

Morning worship started at 11:00 a.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 prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir and congregation singing "He Is Lord".

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that would be taking place. All birthdays for the week was acknowledged.

There was the pastoral period that was held and then the offering was taken up. The

Senior Choir sang "Hush" and "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 sang "Blessed Assurance."

There was the invitation 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 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 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

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

FLIRTING WITH RUFFLES

Ruffles are in style this spring and in a very big way. A feminine touch, that's exactly what it is. Ladies add a few ruffles items to your wardrobe and you will certainly be in the fash-

ion know. May I suggest... a ruffle front wrap skirt, a ruffle 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 ruffles on the brim of your hat? ruffles on your shoes with matching ruffle hand bag, now that's a head turner for sure. Easy to find, they're everywhere.

On your next shopping trip... **THINK RUFFLES!**



**** Fashion tip... always wear a smile

**** 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-May 1 at 301 40th St.

In addition, women ages 25 to 64 who meet financial eligibility guidelines through the YWCA may receive free mammograms.

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 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

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



Vera Fay Hightower



Ruby Jewel Brackens

The public is invited to attend 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 lecturship is "What's Behind Your Curtain?"

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

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

Chairperson of the program is Lonoyne Worthey Co-Chairperson is Louise Coleman. Come and take part in this annual program.

Sungspiration 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 Atlan de Lubbock. Free entertainment and refreshments!

Place: Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library 1836 Parkway Drive Lubbock, Texas 79403 806-767-3300

Date: Monday, May 4, 2009 Time: 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 Reunion will celebrate 40 years of Memories June 12 thru 14, 2009. Thanks for the memories.

All graduates will be asked 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 I-27. There will be T-shirts and goodies. A time to Meet and greet!

June 13th - Banquet and Dance, 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. KOKO Palace, 5101 Avenue Q. Admission \$25.00 Singles; \$35.00 Couples; \$50.00 Classmate Couples.

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! June 14th - Church Services will be held at Rev. Norman Garrett and Congregation.

All persons interested in participating should send their registration fees by May 10, 2009. Make checks payable to the

Dunbar Class of '69 Reunion, and may be mailed to either: R Ray Alford, 19226 R Relay Rd. 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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Morning Worship
11:00am

Wednesday Services
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Church News



FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"Governor Perry: On Going Back To Slavery"

The latest episode of Texas Governor Rick Perry is persistently troubling in that his words contain a hidden meaning to emasculate African Americans, Latino Americans and Native Americans.

On U. S. Tax Day, April 15, 2009, Rick Perry allegedly fired up an anti-tax "tea party" with his stance against the federal government and as some alleged idiot savants looked on while waving U. S. flags shouting, "Secede!"

Perry called his supporters patriots and when questioned by reporters, vociferated through suggesting that Texas might at some point get so fed up they would want to secede from the union, all the while protecting his political posterior canal saying he sees no reason why Texas should do that.

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 people, you know who knows what might come out of that. But Texas is a very unique place, and we're pretty independent to boot."

Early this month Governor Perry backed a resolution affirming Texas' Sovereignty under the 10th Amendment. Perry joining state Rep.

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

Perry taking on the role of "Daffy Duck" said: "I believe that our federal government has become oppressive in its size, its intrusion into the lives of our state. That is why I am here to express my unwavering support for efforts all across our country to reaffirm states' right affirmed by the Tenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. I believe that returning to the letter and spirit of the U. S. Constitution and its essential 10th Amendment will free our state from undue regulations, and ultimately strengthen 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 incredulous behavior toward those who are not a pretty white Caucassoid as he.

What Perry and his kind want to revert to by seceding is the habits of the past: "Maintaining and protecting the institution known as negro slavery—the servitude of the African to the white race within her limits—a relation that had existed from the first settlement of her

wilderness by the white race, and which her people intended should exist in all future time—protect the white people against the Indian savages and the murderous forays of banditti from the neighboring territory of Mexico."

Perry must believe like his forefathers in the debasing doctrine of "equality of all men", 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 plainest revelations of Divine Law. These creatures of an evil time believe that there should be no recognition of political equality between the white and black races (Mexican didn't count).

All Texans and all Americans must see to it at the next election that pieces of works like we have as head of the state of Texas not represent any Americans. Incubuses with malevolent societal thought processes of this magnitude should not represent any humankind. I want to be professional however the very thought of Rick Perry representing me a "civil rights activists" makes that homegrown fertilizer in my brother-in-law cattle pen, smell good!

Perry and his right wing extremists (even those in 3 his

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Devil's Cocaine Had Driven America Insane"

Part 2

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

Isaiah 1:4a - The Lord said, Yes, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who are corrupters; they have forsaken the Lord.

America knows cocaine is a big Money Business, as any Fool can see. But it's the Greed of this Country who's making its people's MISERSES!!!

1 Timothy 6:10 - For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Now we know the Devil has done his job, he's driven AMERICA INSANE. THE DEATH PENALTY should be his PUNISHMENT. BUT SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!

**** YES, THE DEATH PLTY IS ROBBING GOD!!! ****

Isaiah 5:11-12 - Woe (Cursed) unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink, that continue until night, till wine inflame them! And the harp, and the violin, tabret, and pipe and wine are in their feast, but they regard not the work of the Lord. Neither consider the operation of his hands. Therefore, my people are going into captivity, because they have no knowledge, and their honorable men

are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

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

Luke 23:29-31 - Jesus said, Daughters of Jerusalem weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. 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 they 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 tree?

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!!!

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 Doubly-minded, you're trying to live two sides of the fence! JESUS CALLED YOU A HYPOCRITE!!! 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 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.

Cocaine and Alcohol can take a Bus Driver, and make him not want to run his route. 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 man sows, that shall he also reap.

**** YES, AMERICA IS MOCKING GOD!!! ****

Cocaine Alcohol can make a Train's Engineer, and make him forget to switch to another Track. And Derail the Train of Deadly Chemicals, and the City will never forget THAT!!!

Matthew 11:28 - Jesus said, come unto me, all of you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest Cocaine and

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended last Sunday morning, April 19, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 east 14th 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 24:44-53.

The morning lesson was 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 witnesses of these things, and behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. Continuing in prayer was led by Sister Barbara Jackson.

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

Faith." What a wonderful time we had singing God's praises.

The weekly meetings are as 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 at 5:00 p. m. The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. each Saturday morning.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of the

Church and community. Among them include Sister Lola Byrd

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 public is invited to attend this annual event.

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 finger, and a ten dollar cigar in his mouth. As the Cadillac was being lowered into 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-

ings. Luke 16:1-2.

In another example, those of us who have spent most of our lives trying to be wealthy 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 mammon."

"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 article this week. Also, keep smiling, Precious Saints!

Our place of next meeting will be published in the Southwest Digest next week. Why not make plans to attend

this next meeting.

Keep your eyes open and guard against every sort of covetousness.—Luke 12:15.

Covetousness is more than simply the desire to have money or certain things, which could have their proper use and purpose. It is the "inordinate desire for wealth or possessions or for another's possessions," according to one dictionary. It can involve the insatiable, greedy

urge to have things—perhaps those belonging to someone else—simply for the sake of having them, without regard for one's own needs or the effect on others.

A covetous person allows the object of his desire to dominate his thinking and actions to such an extent that it in essence becomes his god. Recall that the apostle Paul equates a greedy person with an idolater, who has no share in God's Kingdom. (Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5) Interestingly, Jesus warned

against "every sort of covetousness." Why? Because covetousness comes in many forms. w07 8/1:7-9

We would like for you to attend our meetings when you can. As God's people, we must work together so we can make our world a much better place to live for all of us.

Sometimes it gets really difficult, but with God it is much easier to travel.

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Obsequies

Olevia Elaine Hines

Brownfield – Funeral services were held for Olevia Elaine Hines, Friday morning, April 17, 2009, at Abundant Harvest Community Church in Brownfield.

Burial followed at Brownfield Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & 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.

Olivia was born June 23, 1966 in Brownfield to Mary and Jesse Hines. She attended school in Brownfield.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, I. H. and Olivia Harris and Stella Hines, her parents, Mary and Jess Hines, and her brothers, Jimmy and Eula Charles Hines.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sons, Andre Hines and Lamar Hines; her



brothers, Robert Hines (Dense), Tommy Hines (Leatrice), Isaac Hines (Sonya), and John Hines (Toi); her sisters, Patricia Kemp, Stella Hines (Jesse), and Lavern Mann (Michael); a half-brother, Shad Evans; a half-sister, Jennifer Stiel (Kevin); one newborn granddaughter, Maliyah Elaine Hines; many nieces, nephews; a host special aunts, uncles, and friends.

Colins Scholarship

Continued from Page 1

High School and Texas Tech University. He worked for the LCCRTC in 2006 with residents in recovery. He was killed Feb. 20, 2007 in his home.

"He was my favorite nephew, and anytime I told him I needed him, he always came running," said Lena Clay, Collins' aunt. "Our family is honored that everyone here has done this for him. We're really grateful."

The recipient of the Rodney Collins Memorial Scholarship will be selected in the fall. If the recipient has successfully completed his treatment program and has shown progress toward recovery, he will be considered for the scholarship, Yandell said. The purpose of the scholarship is to help someone in recovery attend college.

The LCCRTC is a residential treatment facility that provides services to promote drug-free lifestyles for short-term and long-term residents through counseling and education.

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3) Sign up on BlackJobs.com. Free to use, this web site was created for African American professionals. It features thousands of well-paying job opportunities from major employers and recruiters, and allows you to profile yourself in front of them.

4) Ask around. There's always someone who knows someone who's hiring. Don't be afraid to call or email your friends and family, and let them know you're looking for a job.

came together to help out with the scholarship drive," Yandell said. "We are so appreciative of all of the efforts and contributions this project has received."

"Now that this part is done, we hope to have an annual fundraiser to go along with it," Yandell said. "We will use the funds to help the student buy books and supplies to supplement the scholarship."

For more information or to contribute to the Rodney Collins Scholarship, contact Russell Hall, director of Development at SPC, at (806) 716-2020.

Free Application For Student Scholarship Aid Held Tonight

Tonight, Thursday, April 23, 2009, Estacado High School, 1504 East Itasca, in partnership with Texas Tech and South Plains College, will host a Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FASFA) night from 4:15-6:15 PM in the school library.

All current juniors and seniors and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend if they have not filled a FASFA form to date. Representatives will be present to help with completion of forms. Refreshments will be furnished. You will need the following information to complete the FASFA form:

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Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap): All students entering 7th grade will be required to have one dose of Tdap vaccine if it has been five years since their last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in grades 8-12 are required to have a booster dose of Tdap if it has been ten years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine.
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Those persons to be recognized are: Mildred Lusk, Arlee Jackson, Rosa Llanas, Donald 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.

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2004: Dr. Charles Henry, Bobbie Gene Bailey-Patterson, Virgil L. Johnson, Dorothy Phea-Norville, Louie Kelly, and George Scott, Jr.

For more information, contact 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 professional educators, we appreciate what they have done. Without the efforts of these professionals, many of our young people would not have made it," he said.

Some Cities Make Gains in Curbing Dropouts

WASHINGTON (AP) – The high school dropout problem is getting better in some big 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 nationwide.

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 double-digit improvement in their graduation rates, according to the study released Wednesday by America's Promise Alliance.

"I was surprised at the size of the gains in some of these cities," said Christopher Swanson.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

LITTLE LEAGUE PARK NEEDS TO BE USED! THIS N THAT ... is wondering why the **DR. F. L. LOVING** baseball park located at the corner of East 24th Street & MLK Blvd ... is not being used. It would appear since the new baseball fields have been constructed on East 19th Street ... that this park could be used for a softball field this summer for the young ladies of the community ... or even as a softball field for boys and girls. Really ... if you look back years ago ... adult women and men ... had some exciting softball games on this corner. Perhaps ... there are some young people who want to see this kind of action happen on this corner ... and could do well in pursuing this opportunity. Hopefully ... There will be some good things happen on this corner. **BUILDING HAS COME DOWN! THIS N THAT** ... watched a building come down

in less than 30 minutes ... after being used for the past twenty years. ... It was the rest-room facilities and recreation area of the **CHATMAN PARK** ... but in less than one hour ... It was gone. ... The question to be asked now ... is **WHAT WILL REPLACE THE OLD RECREATION BUILDING? THIS N THAT** ... did contact City Hall ... and found that a new **PAVILLION** ... Will be built ... But it will have to wait until 2013. ... Anyway ... it is great to see the **City of Lubbock** ... involved with this problem. ... And it will make this area a safer park for our children ... who frequent this park coming from their school and playing on the park. ... Thanks ... **CITY OF LUBBOCK!** **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "LOVE IS OUR HIDDEN TREASURE** ... during **TOUGH TIMES!"**

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THINK ABOUT IT!

We need More Positive Images

by Edidie Richardson

One Of The Most Herd words we here now is our children are our future it aint necessarily so, our childrens is our present as well as our future. We can not look to the future for their existence, we have to look at the present and the future for the well being of our young people. We have to look at the images we pray for and to our young people, parents in reality should be the true role models for our children. however parents cannot be the proper role models when they doping, pimping, stealing, thugging and committing various other crimes with their children. This is not the kind of images we need to have for our children. Sad but

in some cases this is true. This is 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 positive influence the young 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. We have in essence lost three generations to drugs in the streets, gangs, we do not need to loose any more children to the streets, gangs and mess around and loose another generation to the negative forces because our loss has been to great we can not repeat our past activities we

must move foward to save our children. We need to see more people that look like what they see in their home and surroundings in key positions, we need more policemen, attorneys, merchants, secretaries, administrators, professionals, of all kinds, we need as many positive forces as possible to pratey to our young people to not loose another generation we need be and do as much positive to set and be good positive examples as possible the saying it takes a village to raise a child and all do our part to make this a reality and promote and support our children for the sake and good of allot us

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the members of Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., please allow us to take this opportunity to publically thank the members of Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. J. H. Ford Pastor, for allowing our sorority to worship at their church as we began our Founders Day celebration.

We also want to publically thank the members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for choosing to worship with us as well. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the oldest African American Sorority, was founded on the campus of Howard University in January, 1908. Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters can be found in every state of the United States, and there are international chapters. The sorority is a service organization. For information concerning the local chapter, please call Reva Alexander.

President, at 765-9274. Our community is a better place because of Rev. Ford and the congregants of Greater St. Luke. We offer them our thanks and special blessings.

Yours In Christ,
Reva Alexander, President
Margaret Randle, Founder's Day Co-Chairman
Nettie Edwards, Founder's Day Co-Chair

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In Cinque
by Renetta Howard



Howard

I have been watching soap operas for a very long time and found them to be very refreshing as well as entertaining. They have been a help to ease tension, provide an outlet for stress of my own, provide critical observation of written materials, and entertaining. Lately, there seems to be something missing in most soap operas which I have from time to time watched. One of the most amazing things about today's soap operas is how many people have come back from the dead. These rebirths have occurred on daytime and night time soap operas. Some have been believable while others have left much to be desired. We all know that with some of the unbelievable deaths that have taken place that there is no way that those persons could have survived and have the identical appearances that they had before the main-

ing. The next thing that has puzzled me is the incest that occurs. One of the most loved characters on one of the soap operas has been married to two brothers and their father. Aside from that, she has five children by four different men. One of her husbands also married her sister for a while and her sister was at one time married to a man with whom she has a child. It seems that the producers could hire other people for these characters to cut down on incest, or is this really how some people live? Is this what is referred to as a tight knit family?

Everything is explored on the soap operas, including teenage sex, drugs, crimes and abortion. Sometimes, the outcomes are commendable, but there are times when the end results are unreal and unbelievable.

The only thing which I have not witnessed is a sex change, but one story has come close by having two women, both mothers being so in love with each other and one of their husbands, to a point where a marriage between a man and a woman is stopped because of the feelings that the two women have for each other. For me, this is the last straw. It is time to cancel this show.

It is my sincere hope that the writers of soap operas will keep in mind what is morally correct for their viewers and not cave in to what people are actually doing all the time or show the moral values triumphant over the lower values IF they must be dealt with. Aside from that, we need to get 'in cinque' and let the writers of these shows know how we feel about soap operas and morality.

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Rappers Tone Down Sparkle But Not Swagger

ATLANTA (AP) — The hip-hop world is a less bling-bling place these days.

The music genre has been defined as much by diamond-encrusted watches and platinum 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 recent recession.

Make no mistake: The industry that made an urban household name out of New York's Jacob "Jacob the Jeweler" Arabov isn't entirely reversing course. (Case in point - Lil Wayne's "A Milli," one of last year's biggest songs, which had the rapper bragging wildly about being a "young millionaire.")

But "the day of conspicuous 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 some 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."

Photo shoots, for example, are being done with fewer of the specialized medallions considered a calling card for the likes of Rick Ross, whose chain with a likeness of his head - complete with black diamond beard - has 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)," Connor notes.

Ben Baller, head of Los Angeles-based jeweler J.F. & Co., says the shift is most pronounced among up-and-coming rappers, for whom a steady income is seeming like less of a sure thing. Rap sales have declined along with the rest of the music industry.

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



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

advance on a chain, according to Baller, who counts Fat Joe as a client.

"Now they would rather try to spend \$5,000 and \$6,000," he says, adding, "they're willing to talk about options by using sapphires, using very, very low quality gold."

"Some people (are) even wanting to mix diamonds with cubes (cubic zirconia) so it would not be completely ungenue."

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 donned 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 - 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 apex, complete with gold and diamond pimp cups and diamond grills for the teeth. (In fact, it's around that time the

term bling was born.)

"It was about creating a signature," according to Memsor Kamarake, fashion director of Vibe magazine.

But in recent years, rap kings like Jay-Z and Diddy have displayed 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 his image.

"He'll wear a scarf and no 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, several chains were de rigueur for a grocery-store run, now they're reserved for a show or nightclub, says Baller, who also is seeing more artists trading in 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. Raiph Reynolds, who is A.K.O.O.'s creative director, said the clothing label reflects a more price-conscious customer in hip-hop.



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