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"Northwest Texas Conference" AME's Discuss District Headquarters In Texas

Bishop John R. Bryant, presiding prelate of the 10th Episcopal District (Texas), summoned pastors, ministers, and laypersons from the Northwest Texas Conference last Friday night at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Lubbock, to discuss economic development in Texas.

The result in a word was, it was successful! They came from as far as El Paso; to areas as Amarillo, Odessa, Midland, Abilene, and areas in between as well as Lubbock; and they all left on one accord -- "to support the plan for a proposed Tenth Episcopal District Headquarters office."

"We need to own something in Texas. We've paid rent too long. Of course, the spiritual posture of saving souls is our number goal, but we must be about economic development," said Bishop Bryant.

"We are here at Bethel (Lubbock) to explain our proposed plan to raise the necessary funds, in the area of \$1.5 million, to purchase a site being considered or another site which will be recommended by a committee composed of pastors, ministers, and laypersons throughout the Tenth Episcopal District. Keep in mind, nothing is in concrete at this time, we just need your input," continued Bishop Bryant.

According to Bishop Bryant, persons will be asked to contribute what they can afford. Some persons will have an opportunity to purchase a foot, as each foot of a proposed building of 40,000 square feet will cost \$40.00 a foot.

The building -- which is being considered at this time -- is located near DeSoto, Texas.

"No matter what kind of economic development plan we come up with, the General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, must approve our effort. Therefore, there will be checks and balances on this project," Bishop Bryant said.

Happy is the house
that shelters a friend.
--Ralph Waldo
Emerson



Bishop John R. Bryant
&
Rev. Cecelia Bryant

The purpose of last Friday's meeting was given by Rev. William Vaughn, Sr., with Brother Kenneth Grant speaking about the issues of financial accountability and the method of collection as well as accountability to pledges/receipt to donors.

Rev. A. Moore, Jr. explained the budget of operation, which includes the technical aspect of communicating to the members in Texas.

"We can raise the necessary funds if we work together. With the necessary funds, we are in a bargaining position," said Bishop Bryant.

The proposed facility will require a \$200,000.00 down payment by May 15, 1993, with a discount given on the balance to be paid this summer.

"We need to own something in Texas, and we can with God, and the help of the more than 32,000 African Methodist Episcopal Church members in Texas," concluded Bishop Bryant.

Many positive statements were made about the method of in which Bishop Bryant has conducted himself since he has been the presiding prelate of Texas. "When he came to Texas two years ago, we were in debt, but today, we are debt free," said Brother Grant. "I have watched and observed what he (Bishop Bryant) has done, and I'm convinced we

are able to move forward with this project," continued Brother Grant.

"We are excited about the future of Texas under the dynamic leadership of Bishop John R. Bryant," said Rev. Moore.

Presiding Elder Caiaphas Cain -- who is responsible for the Northwest Texas Conference membership -- expressed his concern for such a dynamic project. "We can make this become a reality if we all work together. Isn't that what the Church of All-ness is all about?" asked Rev. Cain.

Rev. N. H. Franklin, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, who was asked to coordinate the efforts of the pastors of the Northwest Texas Conference, said, "I am excited about this endeavor, and will do all that is necessary for this project to become successful in the Northwest Texas Conference."

Prior to the business at hand, the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Lubbock) Chorus and Male Chorus sang several selections.

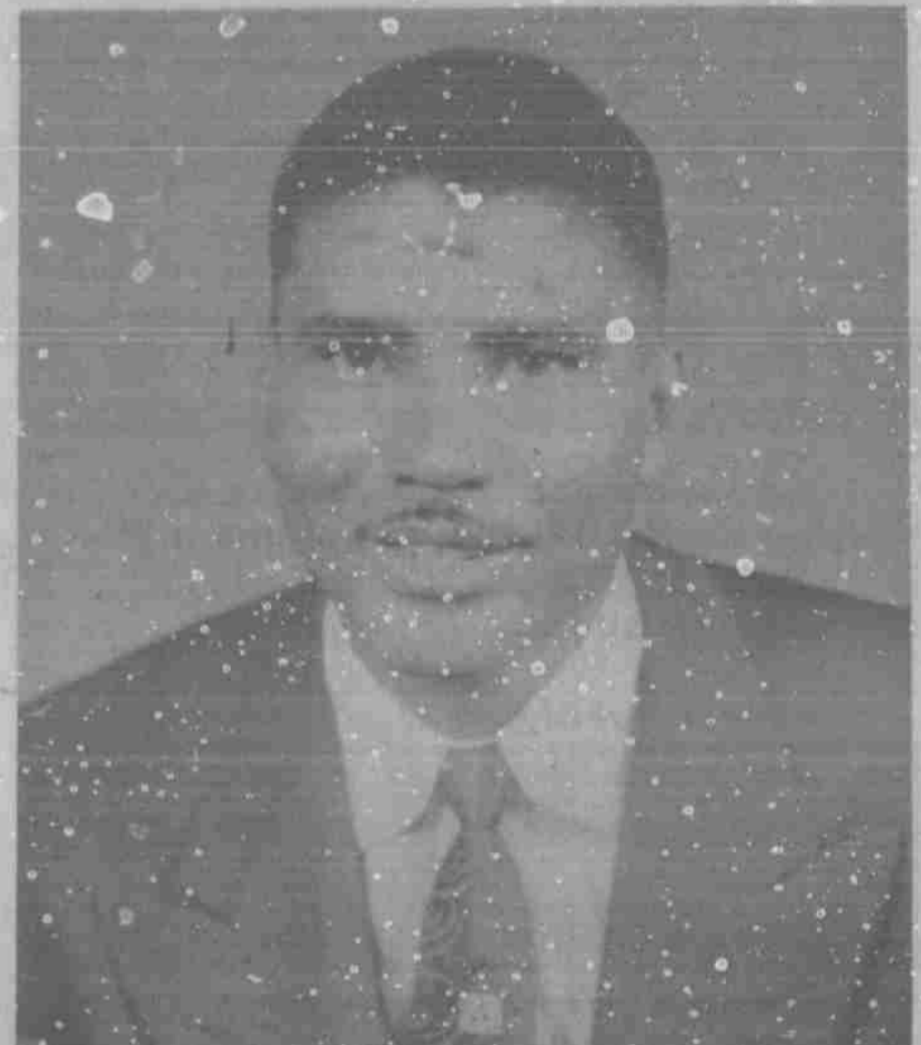
"Opening Ceremony Held Last Saturday" MLK Dedicates Season To: Eugene Roquemore

If the fast pitch by Mrs. Pearl Roquemore is any indication of a good omen for the season of the Martin Luther King Little League, this year should be a very good year!

Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Roquemore accepted the honor being bestowed on her late husband, Mr. Eugene Roquemore, who was a well known photographer and churchman.

"We want to dedicate the season in memory of Mr. Eugene Roquemore who made many contributions to Lubbock and the African American community," said Quincy White, president of MLK. A bouquet of red roses were also presented to Mrs. Roquemore.

With a league of twenty-four teams, composed of boys and girls, they served as a bright colored backdrop to the occasion. The air was filled with electricity of excitement before the ceremony as each team member waited for the beginning of this year's season. This picture will remain in the minds of those young little leaguers who were present as well as their parents who were present.



Eugene Roquemore

Councilman T. J. Patterson of District 2 spoke briefly, and asked the young people to be "good sports on and off the

field of play." The following are the names of those sponsors and teams for this year's season.

A New Direction

by
Eddie P. Richardson

The Southwest Digest is taking a new direction. It will be a more professional and positive directional direction.

This is being done, because of the cost of doing business. Our cost has risen 78% since we began in September, 1977. We must act accordingly to continue give you, our readers and advertisers, the very best service we have in the past and continue to upgrade and improve our product. We will have to do what every good business does -- pass on our cost to our patrons.

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what we are planning to do and he is invited to help us. We also appreciated what he has done in this regard over the past weeks but we must be about our business of helping our kids," concluded Rev. Bell.

Lubbock NAACP Regular Monthly Meeting

The Lubbock Branch of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting Saturday, May 1st, at 7:00 p. m. at Mac Simmons Community Center.

President Roae Wilson is asking all officers and members to be present. The Branch will be making preparations to attend the National Convention to be held July 10-16, 1993 in Indiana.

Exuberance is beauty.
--William Blake

Pastor Breaks Silence: "We Need To Save Our Children"

Speaking before a house-filled Community Baptist Church at the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs last Sunday, Rev. F. A. Bell, pastor of the Rising Star Baptist Church, broke the silence about the role of the African American posture in regard to our children. He said, "We must save our children by going where they are and letting them know we care about them."

Dressed in blue colored jump suit -- speaking forcefully from the pulpit -- Rev. Bell said, "We've got to realize to them by dressing like them. We've got to let them know we care about them and love them. We just can't continue to sit in church and talk about them; we've got to go and help them."

Introduced by a close friend,

Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor of Community Baptist Church, who called Rev. Bell, "the radical pastor." He quickly made known that Lubbock needs Rev. Bell. "He is my friend and Lubbock's friend; and we need to support him," said Rev. Brooks.

According to Rev. Bell, one of the local pastors, Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, has had fifteen former gang members to join New Hope.

Rev. Bell also said that on Saturday, May 8, 1993, there will be a rally held in the Chatman Park located at East 28th Street and Juniper Avenue (across the street from Mrs. & Mac Private School and the Birdsong Apartments) to work with these young people, beginning at 12 noon.

He also made known that th

following Tuesdays and Thursday, various pastors and ministers will be working the neighborhoods. For example, Rev. C. E. O'Neal will be stationed at the Chatman Park; Rev. Billy R. Moton and Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, will be in the Green Fair Manor Apartments; and Rev. Brooks and Rev. Bell will continue their ministry in the Parkway area.

"This is not just limited to pastors and ministers, but to all who are concerned about our children. Now, we don't want you to just sit at home and expect the clergy to do it all by themselves, because these are our children," continued Rev. Bell.

"We've got to reach out for our kids. We've apprised Councilman Patterson of what we are doing and told him

"First Annual" Young Adult Day At St. John Baptist Church



Rev. Christopher Hughes

St. John Baptist Church is inviting the general public to the First Annual Young Adult Day. The program starts at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, May 16, 1993 with the Young Adults of St. John presenting the following guest churches: Community Baptist Church, Pastor Larry Brooks; Lyons Chapel Baptist Church,

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Pastor Wendell Davis; and Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Odessa, Texas, Pastor Joe L. Terry.

The young adults will also present the newest minister of the community, Rev. Christopher Michael Hughes, who is a member of St. John Baptist Church, will be preaching the sermon of the afternoon.

Rev. Hughes, a 1991 graduate of Fermilau High School of Odessa, was recently the associate minister of the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Odessa before moving to Lubbock in November, 1992.

Rev. Hughes plans to further his education in the fall of 1993.

The annual day is for anyone who would like to hear the

word of God and designed to be a mini-musical for the young and old.

The theme of the program is appropriately titled, "Change I Corinthians 15:51-52.... we shall all be changed. Come and rejoice with us this Sunday in May.

Rev. James Moore is pastor.

AARP Services

Special services will be held at the Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1993 at 3:00 p. m. honoring special efforts of members of the AARP.

During these special services, senior citizens of East Lubbock will be honored for their dedicated services to their fellowman and community.

Rev. Homer L. Pacely, pastor, will be the afternoon speaker.

"We want to show our seniors that we appreciate what they have done," said Ms. Valudine Thomas.

New Hope Baptist News

New Hope Baptist Church, located at 2002 Birch Avenue, is the Church where the People really care. Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. Sunday School began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. The Senior Class led the devotion, with Sister M. Moton as teacher. Each class gave their report. It was another wonderful lesson. High point of the lesson was given by Class No. 4, with Sister Joan C. Jones making the presentation.

During the morning devotional period, the Deaconess led the services with Sister Jenkins reading the scripture. Prayer was given by Deacon Howard.

The Senior Choir marched in singing "We Got To Praise Him." Altar prayer was done by Rev. Tyrone Howard. A selection, "I Can't Feel At Home Anymore." Scripture was read

by Rev. C. Marshall, from I Corinthians 1:1-5. Prayer was of-

fered by Rev. Michael Matthews. Another selection, "I Got A New Name" was sung by the choir.

Responsive reading was done by the congregation standing, and was led by Sister Bush.

The morning hymn was "The Lord Will Make A Way, Somehow."

Pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton. He talked about prayer. And you know what there were no greater words spoken. It's praying time all over the world.

Another song, "Jesus Is Mine," was sung by the Senior Choir.

Pastor Moton's sermon was from heaven. The Lord did use him. His subject was "How Long Will You Doubt God?" His text was Numbers 14:11-12.

An invitation to discipleship was extended, and several came forward. Some were by Christian experience, baptism, and prayer.

The remainder of the services were the same.

Friday, April 30, 1993, at 7:00 p. m. at the KoKo Palace, the Second Annual Pre-Mother's Day Banquet will be held. The theme this year is: "She Is The Mother." The New

Hope Baptist W. M. S. is host, with Pastor Moton, Sister Joan Y. Ervin is president.

Speaker for the evening will be Sister Joan C. Jones.

Remember those on the sick list with prayer.

Sister Bernice Kully is in Methodist Hospital. She was missed last Sunday morning at services.

New Hope was special guest in Plainview last Sunday afternoon at Rev. Franklin's church.

Last Sunday was Federation of Choirs' Sunday at Community Baptist Church.

Pray for our bereaved families in Lubbock. There are some of those whom we know.

We hope Sister Katie Johnson will be back in church on Sunday. She hopes so also, as she has been shut in so long. She has had eye surgery; the worse is over. Thank God! This writer is asking your prayers. She has a niece. The doctors have given up on her. You know, there is always power in prayer. Her family will thank you. God bless you!

Softball Season Set For ICS

The Independent Church Softball League's softball season will start June 5, 1993. There will be a meeting held at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2510 Fir Avenue (corner of East 26th and Fir Avenue), Saturday, May 1, 1993 at 11:00 a. m. to give information and answer questions which may be on the minds of those churches interested in participating. Questions will also be answered for those co-ed softball teams made up of Christians from ages 15 to 50 plus.

Note: If you are the only member of your church who is interested playing, please attend this meeting. It is possible for churches to combine and make up a ten member co-ed team.

The ICSL is asking that all potential coaches or members of any church interested in participating, please attend this important meeting. All teams must be signed up by May 15, 1993 in order for their games to be scheduled.

These softball teams promote fellowship, fun, exercise, and brotherly love.

The ICSL -- made up of New Hope, Lyons Chapel, First Progressive, St. Luke, St. John and Ford Memorial C.G.I.C. are extending this invitation with a prayer for the

health and hope that you will be there. If there are any questions, call 763-2646.

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Parkway Manor Care Center News

Community Baptist Church had fourteen members to come last Saturday evening for devotional services, including singing and prayer.

T. J. & Bobbie Patterson visited with Sarah Crawford, Rev. W. H. Stephens and others this week.

Frances Bell visited her mother, Esther Ferguson, and Rev. W. H. Stephens this week.

Mary & Herman Lara visited on last Sunday.

Felipe Ponciano was visited by his family last Sunday.

Hayward Lewis visited with the residents on last Sunday.

Robert Avery has visited his father-in-law, Timothy Coltons, several times this week.

Faye Williams, Ruth Johnson and Gracie Foster came Monday to visit and read to the residents.

Bro. Birmingham and Bro. Leonard, who are members of the Hope Deliverance Temple Church, visited the residents last Monday.

Ocie Alford visited Lula York and Geneva Walker on Monday.

Emma Martin visited Lula York and George Skief Monday.

St. Luke Baptist Church Mission No. 1's, i. e. Mary & Dorcas Circles, had ten members to visit, sing, and have prayer on Monday evening.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church had seven to come sing for the residents on Tuesday.

Sarah Armscand and Jennie Ann Jordan visited their mother, Esther Ferguson, on Wednesday and pressed her hair.

Rev. Ralph Nathan visited Rev. W. H. Stephens and Mary Drones Wednesday afternoon.

Ann Day, who associated with SPAG, came last Thursday to visit and read to the

recipients. Hattie Scoggins visited with the residents last Thursday.

The Manhattan Heights Church of Christ came last Thursday evening for services and to visit. Brother Steve Worthey was in charge of the services.

When help is needed, please read Psalm 121 and it will tell each of us where to

Dinner Sale!

The Young Adult Council of the NAACP will be selling dinners Saturday, May 1st, from 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. Persons interested in ordering a dinner may call 763-1807 or 747-6483. Dinners will sell for \$3.00 each. This fund raiser is to help young adults raise money to attend the NAACP National Convention in Indiana in July.

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Saturday, May 1st

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by
Eddie P. Richardson



We have an election coming up on Saturday, May 1, 1993. This election helps support as well as condone the proposals that are on the ballot.

Every ballot will not be perfect, especially on the school system, but perfect or not, we do not need a negative force. We need to move ahead and keep our schools open no matter what. Proposition No. 1, the most controversial one, the so called "Robin Hood" proposal. Even so, we should vote YES. We need to keep our schools open and work for a better way. We say, VOTE YES on the school package.

The City of Lubbock needs to pass the capital improvement bond issue for an estimated \$30.1 million. If Lubbock is to move into the 21st Century progressively completely and in a positive manner, we have to vote YES! Lubbock has a Billy Bob Good Ole Boy Syndrome when it comes to bringing Lubbock into the 21st Century, with brining our city forward with constructive tourism, jobs, and moderation. They go to every other town and spend money, but they do not want Lubbock to be in a position to have people come here and spend their money. Lubbock needs to move forward for the good of Lubbock and all of us.

Let's vote YES on May 1st.

East Lubbock Must Go!

East Lubbock has been the forgotten lost land of Lubbock, isolated, tossed aside, put in abeyance, overlooked, but guess what, it is the best part of Lubbock, Texas USA which has the highest and driest part of the city (no flooding), but look what has happened after all these years. Texas Tech's College of Architecture, Institute of Urban Design, with its founder Dr. T. C. Peng, our friend, who has taken an interest in the forgotten wilderness of East Lubbock and has many projects designed for East Lubbock, starting with East Broadway from I-27 to the Loop 289 on the east. Watch for more or contact the Southwest Digest office.

Two Fallen Giants Each In His Own Way

Lubbock recently lost two great men -- both giants in their own way. They were Thomas Griffin, local lawyer and civil rights activist in the courtroom. What made Thomas so special was he was from Mississippi. That had a tremendous change of heart. He was known as the "Father of Civil Rights" in Lubbock. He will be missed. We'll miss you, Tom!

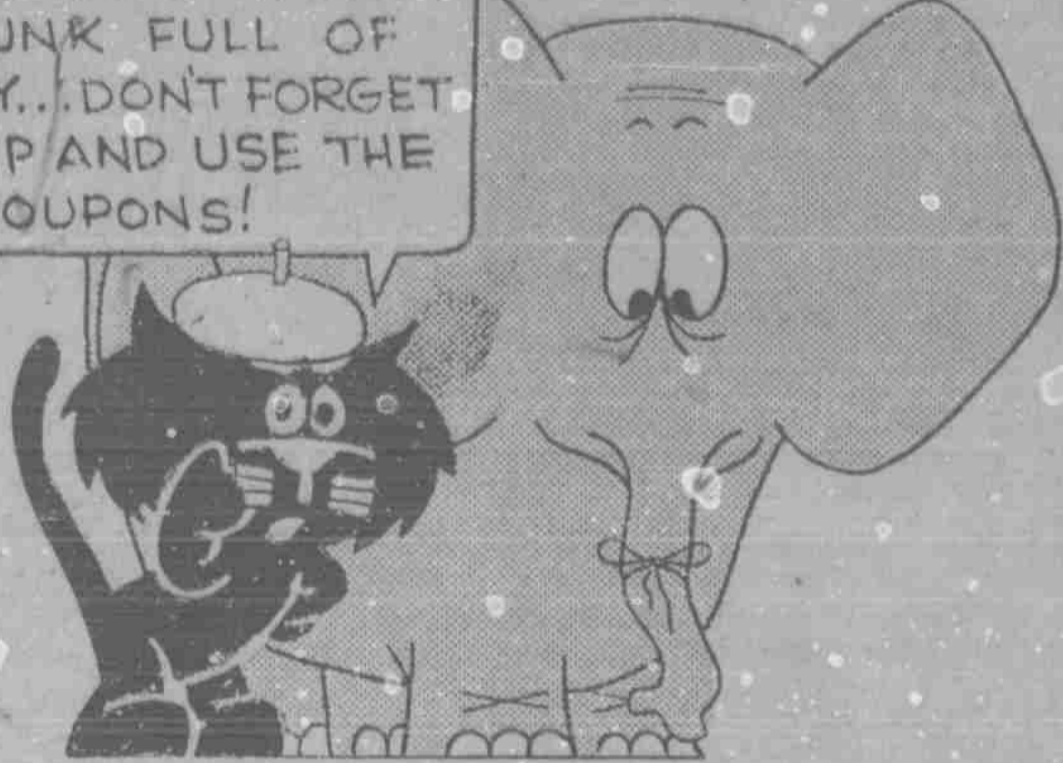
The other giant was Charley Pope, local banker and activist in the political arena quietly. He helped many organizations in East Lubbock as well as an ardent supporter of the Southwest Digest. Charley gave of himself through art, humanities, culture, and the advancement of Lubbock as a whole.

Charley, along with former City Council member and Mayor Dirk West, founded "Crime Line". Charley never got to be Mayor of Lubbock, but he made great contributions to Lubbock. Perhaps, he could have been Mayor of Lubbock.

Both of these guys were giants in their own ways. They made contributions to their fellow citizens. We would like to pause and say thanks again to both of these gentlemen. We knew them, and are glad they came our way.

Life was meant to be lived, and curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life. —Eleanor Roosevelt

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A TRUNK FULL OF
MONEY...DON'T FORGET
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Crazy Horse
by
Stephen C. McIntyre

Last Friday Cesar Chavez died in his sleep in a farm worker's house in a small Arizona town. He was there fighting and organizing trying to make the lives of farm workers and their children a little better.

I have no doubts that Chavez is sitting around in a little plaza visiting with King, Kennedy and others. They are probably telling stories, lamenting that they ran out of time to do what they could for the people, and joking that at least they will never have to see Nixon, Reagan, Bush, Hoover, Combest, Wallace ... ever again.

Give the good folks at the United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO a call. They could use your prayers and help.

Last week Willie Nelson, Neil Young, Little Joe y Familia ... put on the show for the Farm Aid 99 (or is it 98?). Anyway, those guys keep plugging away. At least now they have some folks in Washington who care a little more for small farmers and a little less for corporate agribusinesses. I wonder why it is that the Farm Aid folks are never invited to Lubbock for one of their shows. Maybe, we can get ole Congressman Larry Combest to give them a call. Well, maybe not.

And Neil Young and some other folks were up in Washington state a couple weeks ago protesting/singing on behalf of the forests. You have to admire folks who keep on.

- 5-1 1886 -- First 8 hour day strike.
- 1889 -- International Labor Day.
- 1971 -- Anti-War demonstration, Wash., D.C.
- 5-2 1968 -- Poor People's Campaign, March on Wash. D.C.
- 5-3 1971 -- Last of 14,000 arrests in Wash., D.C. antiwar Mayday protest.
- 5-5 -- Cinco de Mayo.

On Friday the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal had another editorial calling for the resignation of Lubbock DA Travis Ware.

It is my understanding that MALDEF is planning to stand with the room full of Tech law professors who are fighting the 5 white guys and their plan to keep the 5-2 plan for LISD elections.

Push Limbaugh seems to be a pretty popular show among some folks in this country. His rating is apparently the highest in Amarillo and second highest in Lubbock. Ah, the yahoos watch TV. If we could only get them to read.

As I understand it, two city employees showed up the other night and testified in support of the 5-2 plan for the LISD. I wonder why Frank Espino and Tony Reyes did such a thing? I sure would like to hear their explanation as to why they believe a 5-2 plan is more democratic, allows more access to the political system, and does not dilute the voting rights of minorities under the Voting Rights Act. Yep, I sure would like to hear that one.

Jack Fields is running the old illegal alien campaign ad to distinguish himself from the other Republican yahoos he is running against for the U. S. Senate. Yeah, you're right, he stole it from Lubbock's very own statesman Kerit Hance.

"Power, Inc., Public and Private Rulers and How to Make Them Accountable," by Morton Mintz and Jerry S. Cohen, \$15, The Viking Press, 625 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, 10002, 659 pp.

And according to the bumper sticker:
"What if broccoli was Kuwait's #1 export?"

The Redistricting Process Explained

by
Abraham Spires

Governing bodies are prohibited from changing any law or regulation that effects the right to vote, including the method of selection. Without first submitting the change to the Justice Department or federal courts for approval (this is known as judicial pre

THIS N THAT

VOTE SATURDAY!! THIS N THAT ... would hope that all of you would ... go to the polls on Saturday ... between 7:00 a. m. & 7:00 p. m. and vote for all the ... PROPOSALS ON THE CITY OF LUBBOCK'S BOND PACKAGE It is very important that we keep our city in the positive posture by seeing that we have the necessary infrastructure for our city to move forward.... There is no time to sit back and say these projects won't help EAST LUBBOCK because they will and if we are going to continue make East Lubbock the area of the town we would like to raise our children then it is most important that we do so by voting YES ON ALL PROPOSITIONS!!THIS N THAT would like to remind all of you that the proposal to develop a BRANCH LIBRARY IN THE AREA OF AIDERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL is a part of the

Con't on Page 7

Mike Moses: His Letter And His Arguments

We published a letter to the editor which we received from LISD Superintendent Mike Moses, in which he was critical of Stephen McIntyre for an editorial he believed had been written by Mr. McIntyre. The editorial in question, however, was not written by Mr. McIntyre. Its author was not identified at all, and it was published as an unsigned editorial, a common practice among newspapers, including the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, The Dallas Morning News, the New York Times, and others.

The Superintendent's assumption that McIntyre was the author is simply wrong. We wonder why he thought it had been written by Mr. McIntyre, instead of another writer or editor for The Southwest Digest? It's true that Stephen McIntyre writes a regular column, "Crazy Horse," but he is always identified as the author of that column. This was not his editorial.

In any event, we thought it only fair to publish the letter from Mr. Moses, so that he could express his views on the matters involved. That is our normal policy regarding letters to the editor.

Turning to the arguments made by Mr. Moses in his letter, we find little of substance. It is clear that Mr. Moses does not like to be challenged, and that it makes him angry, but most people in Lubbock have known that for quite some time. So the obvious anger in his letter adds little to the discussion.

We stand by the factual statements made in our editorial, and we believe most of our readers know that what we said was entirely true, whether it concerned the facts of the long and difficult civil rights litigation against the LISD, the stance consistently taken by the majority members of the LISD board over the years against the interests and desires of Lubbock's minority citizens, or Lubbock's record of polarized white voting which was proved to the satisfaction of the federal courts in the City Council election case. Many of these facts are unpleasant, but discussion of public issues in a free society often involves unpleasant things.

And it was not our desire to identify Lubbock's citizens by race, and segregate our children by race. That was the work

of the white majority. It continued in Lubbock until the federal courts ended it through a lawsuit filed by the United States Department of Justice. It is not our desire, now, to confront decisions made by our school board on the basis of race, but that is what we see happening in LISD's push to obtain a mixed at-large election system. We beg to differ with Mr. Moses' assertions of good faith. We are convinced that the at-large plan is being pushed in order to maintain solid, majority control by LISD's white Trustees.

The LISD's majority does not write on a blank slate in this situation. There is a long history to be considered. As we said earlier, we remember what has gone before. We are happy to give credit to LISD where credit is due for the good things that we have in our schools, and there are many good things. But this fact does not obscure the truth of what we are confronting here: an effort to maintain white majority control as strong as possible for as long as possible.

Lubbock's minority citizens want a 7-0 single-member district election system in the LISD. We believe that is right, and that we are entitled to it under the law.

The last school board meeting Board President Grimes stated he could care less about what minority citizens thought or felt. The percentages of voting was clear in the 26 percent minority and general populace. This plan, 5-2, has been rejected by the Reagan and Bush U. S. Justice, and they are still trying to push the illegal plan through.

clearance)?
"Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act gives citizens the chance to prevent or stop discriminatory practices, ... which may prevail from at-large elections and redistricting schemes.

Let a minority member run outside of one of the districts labeled for minority only, and he or she has no chance of winning.

As it stands now, our minority representatives are lone voices (2) crying out in the wilderness they need some help. Our current system of voting won't get them the help WE need.

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Letter to the Editor

Editor:

The LISD school board will vote Thursday on approval of the Baylor professors' revised district reconfiguration, hoping to gain approval of the Justice Department this time. You can be sure the vote will be "5-2", and you can be sure that LISD will once again miss an opportunity to show their concern and sensitivity for minority voices.

D. Moses, in a recent response to the Lubbock newspapers "El Editor" and "Southwest Digest", cited LISD's efforts at increasing minority representation, promotions, and funding of projects in Districts 1 and 2 as evidence of the board's positive action. He commented that the board receives little credit, but instead is met with opposition simply for its own sake.

The citizens who spoke at Monday's public hearing weren't there simply to oppose; they came to advise, favor, plead for a vote of confidence for Lubbock's minorities. Whatever positive the board may have done to promote minority relations is certainly lost in the dust of major policy decisions. Issues which have been the most important, the most critical to the minority community have consistently been opposed by the majority of the LISD board. From the original single member district lawsuit, the building of Cavazos Jr. High, the closing of Dunbar High, to the present 5-2 plan, the board has missed the opportunity to improve relations, assert their concern, validate their sincerity. Each event, ultimately, has been perceived as racist, and yet the board remains surprised and disturbed that "the five white guys" are singled out for opposition.

It matters not which district plan is best. What matters is that the board act with concern and action to eliminate any perception of gerrymandering for the majority and to re-establish unity and confidence in our public school system.

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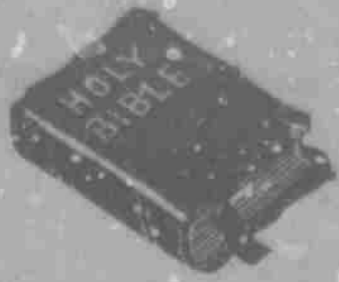
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"What Is Philia Love?"

Philia Love means a brotherly affection; reciprocal type love. It is caring for those who are for you; being nice to those who are for you; being nice to those who are nice to you; helping those who help you. Erotic love is a possessive type love; selfish craving; a going after for self gratification, as man goes after a woman out of passion. One helps another because it helps and/or satisfies his

or her own ends. It is helping only those who can give more help back to fulfill one's personal ambitious and desires.

"What Is Agape Love?"

Agape Love is that God type love as demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ. It is loving for the sake of loving and giving with no strings attached. Agape is self-giving to fulfill one's self; it is one laying down his or her life for a friend and helping and praying for one's enemies.

"Can One Love Everybody?"

One cannot like everybody, but is possible for one to love everybody. Through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. To like someone is to be attracted to another's ways, speech, habits and mannerisms, but to love someone is to remedy another's needs regardless of how you feel about another.

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We Thank God For Jesus "The Answer Is Jesus!!"

Psalms 2:1-2a -- Why do the heathen rage (and crazy), and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord.

Lord, I used lay down at night, my soul couldn't find no rest. My inner beings was so frustrated, and all the time I was depressed.

Many nights I was so worried; by the TV news and the world's situation. "The news that things are getting worse, and it's killing the nation."

Isaiah 1:5 -- The Lord said, why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and the whole head is sick, and he whole head faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it: But wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither oiled with ointment.

"That devil's TV has brought it all in, nothing but very bad news. It's no wonder I couldn't get no rest; sleeping with other people's blues."

Matthew 11:28-30 -- Jesus said, come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke (The Bible) upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden (responsibility) is light.

"Lord, the world's doctors and their mighty smart brilliant analyst. They seem to be working very, very hard, but can't seem to get the problem licked."

I Corinthians 3:18-20 -- Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become fool. That he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, he taketh the wise in their own Christiness, and again, the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

"The doctors have suggested: pills, cigarettes, and alcohol for the brain. They're telling people, these people will help them from going insane."

Galatians 6:7a -- Be not deceived; for God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (soweth); pill heads and drug smokers and that's what you'll get.)

"These things are only come from the lust of the old flesh. People say they've got to have them, and they can't get enough."

John 14:6 -- Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

"Lord, and we've tried the Republican, and the Democratic man. Each of them lying, saying he'll solve all of the problems in the land."

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

"I thank God for Jesus, that's why I don't worry anymore. The news is all about nothing now, I don't believe in it as before."

** I'm just a nobody, trying to tell everybody, about somebody, who can bless, everybody. **

Psalms 40:4 -- Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

God is not through with us yet. So let's pray for one another always. AMEN.

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In the gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter, we read about a certain rich man, who was not identified by name, who wore the finest of clothes and lived splendidly each day of his life. He had all the material blessing that he would ever want for.

In that same story there was a certain poor man named Lazarus. He was sick. He didn't have health insurance, nor did he have the means to see a physician. He lived in wretched poverty on the other side of the track. Lazarus was sick, and his sympathetic friends or those who wish to be rid of him laid him by the gate of the rich man's home. There was a bit of hope in their heart that the rich man would show compassion toward Lazarus.

The rich man must have passed by Lazarus often; but he saw him as just another beggar, hardly worth noticing. He did not inflict any harm upon Lazarus, nor did he ridicule him; he just ignored him.

Eventually Lazarus died. His death was perhaps from starvation or neglect. His burial was one that no one in the city probably notice. However, God took note of his death. His spirit was delivered from his dilapidated body and "carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom."

Lazarus had faith in God. Although he had lived alone as a social outcast, at his death he was escorted by angels to a place where he would no longer suffer.

The rich man also died. He was given a large and splendid funeral, with many friends to mourn his passing. The irony is that while he was being eulogized, he was not enjoying the compliments being paid to him.

At death the rich man found himself in "hell". In agony, the rich man cried out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me." He asked Abraham to give him what he had refused to give Lazarus--compassion and relief from affliction.

The rich man in his suffering also thought that Lazarus could relieve some of his pain by dipping his finger in water and touching his tongue to cool it.

Abraham told the rich man that he did not deserve to have Lazarus relieve his torment. Abraham also said a great chasm existed between the rich man and Lazarus so that it was impossible for Lazarus to cross over to help the suffering rich man.

This story teaches us that we do not have to look far for an opportunity to share what we have. Suffering is lying at our front door. The homeless, the sick, and hopeless awaits our attention. And we must take advantage of our God-given opportunity to help the needy, because death stops the opportunity forever.

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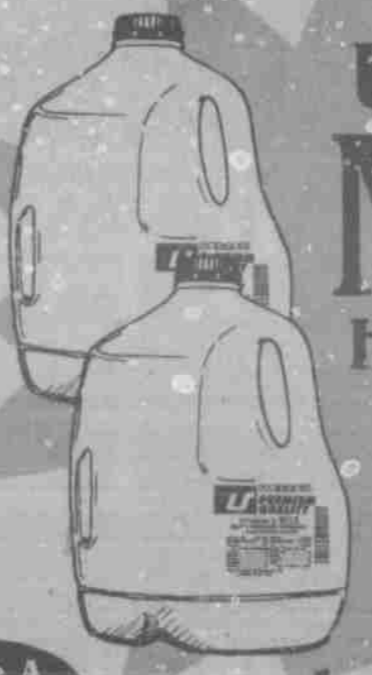
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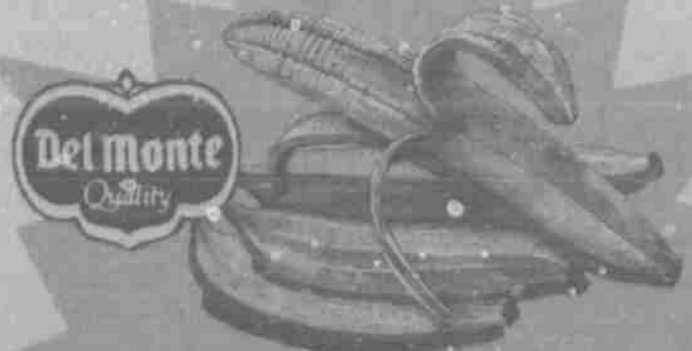
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