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Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kwanzaa 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, Mac 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 Groves Library, 5520 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 Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

## Fenty wins pivotal D.C. Democratic mayoral primary

Adrian Fenty, a 35-year-old city council member, easily won Washington's Democratic nomination for mayor on Tuesday.



Adrian Fenty

virtually guaranteeing him the job in the biggest shake-up in local politics in nearly a decade. With 130 of 142 precincts reporting, Fenty had won 57 percent of the vote in a five-candidate race. His closest rival, city council chairman Linda Cropp, garnered 31 percent.

The vote largely decided the U.S. capital's next mayor, since the majority black city of 582,000 residents is heavily Democratic. A final vote will take place in November.

Fenty waged a dogged door-to-door campaign for 15 months, projecting the image of a youthful, high-energy administrator that appealed to voters seeking a change from the big business-

oriented approach of outgoing two-term mayor Anthony Williams.

Fenty, a former lawyer, has been a maverick in his six years on the council, voting against a \$611 million stadium for the Washington Nationals and an emergency crime bill in July.

Williams, credited with repairing the city's battered finances and attracting lucrative development and new residents, endorsed Cropp, 58, but this proved insufficient to sway lower-income voters who have not shared in Washington's recent economic prosperity.

Both candidates had pledged to rebuild Washington's crumbling public schools, improve public safety and build more affordable housing.

"I think what this means is that the District of Columbia is going to keep moving forward, but it's going to move forward even faster," Fenty told radio station WTOG.

"I think the current administration has made really solid progress; we're going to work with them see where we can continue it even more.

The city council also faced a major shift as Vincent Gray, a council member representing one of the city's poorest wards, won the Democratic nomination for council chairman, defeating Kathy Patterson, a council member representing an affluent area of northwest Washington.

## Morrison wins five medals at Senior Games



The Lord blessed Evangelist Billy "B.I." Morrison, III to participate in the Lubbock Senior Games held August 16-19, 2006.

Mr. Morrison participated in six events in the aging category 65-69. He won his gold medals in Bowling, Horseshoe Pitching, Washer Pitching, Basketball Around The World, and Basketball Free Throw.

He lost out in Shot Put.

Mr. Morrison says, "Praise God for the 5 Gold Medals, because it could have been worse as could not have won one, Praise God for the 5 Gold Medals."

Mr. Morrison reminds us of the scripture, Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

## Estacado grad Francis on tour in Iraq



Francis

Keatron K. Francis, a 2004 graduate of Estacado High School, enlisted in the U. S. Army August

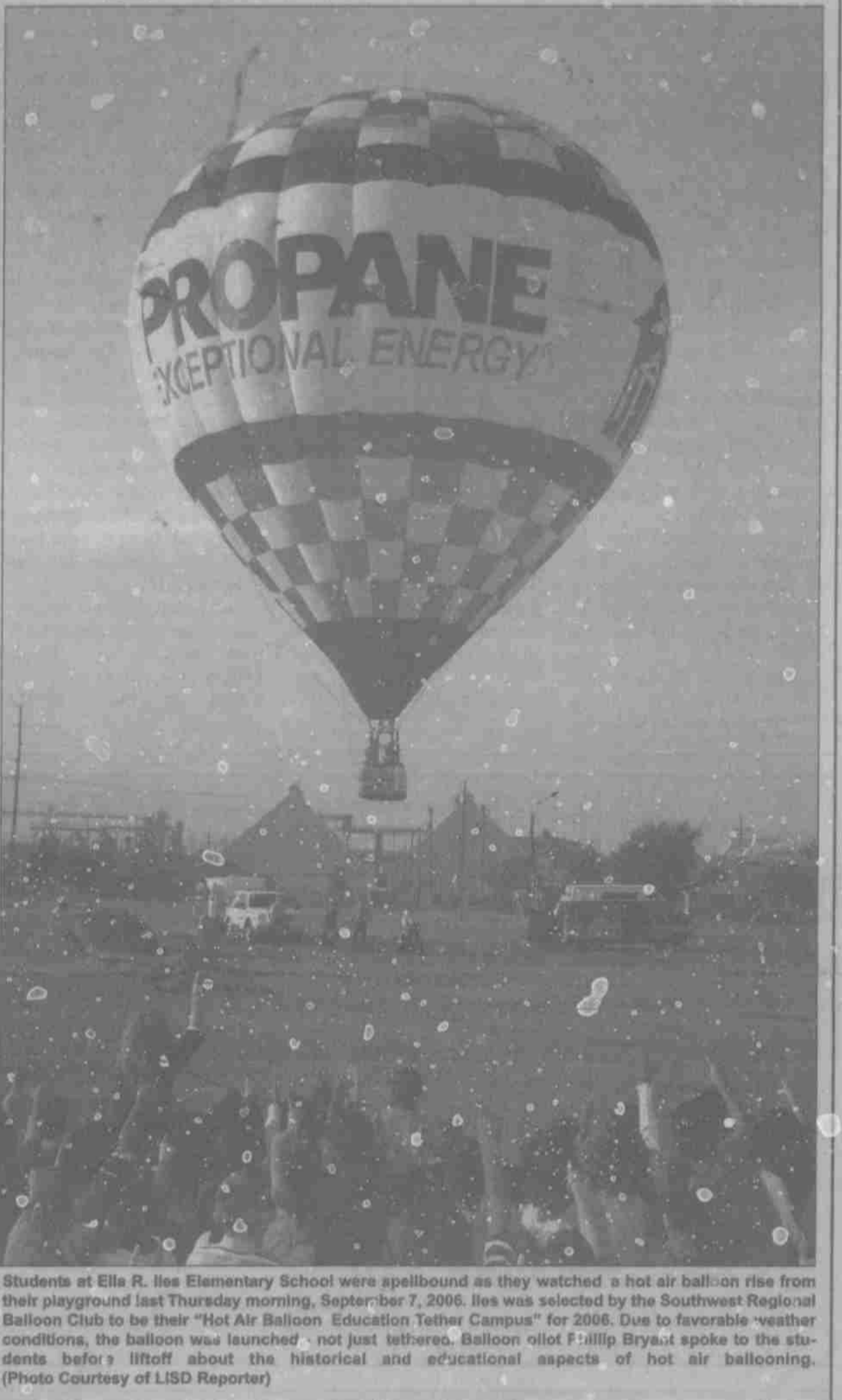
17, 2005, and is presently serving a twelve month tour of duty in Baghdad, Iraq.

Keatron completed basic training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia, and did AIT in Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia.

Private First Class Francis received his orders to report to Fort Huachuca, Arizona where he received six months of training in Fiber Optic and Communication Specialist.

He is the son of Gary and Sherry Francis, and his grandparents are John and Bertha Rainwater and George and Shirl Francis of Fort Worth. His great-grandmother is Mary Ella Tucker, and his two brothers are Fabian and Gary, Jr., and a daughter, Arianna Frances.

## Up and away!



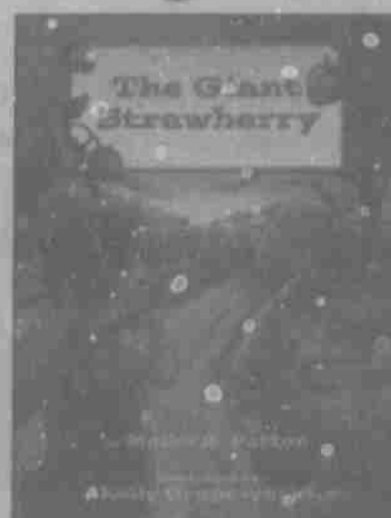
Students at Ella R. Iles Elementary School were spellbound as they watched a hot air balloon rise from their playground last Thursday morning, September 7, 2006. Iles was selected by the Southwest Regional Balloon Club to be their "Hot Air Balloon Education Tether Campus" for 2006. Due to favorable weather conditions, the balloon was launched - not just tethered. Balloon pilot Phillip Bryant spoke to the students before liftoff about the historical and educational aspects of hot air ballooning. (Photo Courtesy of LISD Reporter)

## Letter carrier authors her first book for young Black girls

Los Angeles, CA (BlackNews.com) - Everyone has it, but few of us use it. What is it? Our imagination. It has been said that using our imagination productively can help us discover creative solutions to our problems.

That is exactly what seven-year-old Nina Kaniaboo does in the new children's book, *The Giant Strawberry*. Nina has a huge obstacle to overcome and she ingeniously uses her imagination to overcome this mountain-like obstacle.

The author of this beautifully illustrated book is Meiko S. Patton. She is a Letter Carrier for the United States Postal Service. For the past 13 years she has been delivering the nation's mail, but always having a passion for writing herself, she decided to write and self-publish this masterpiece as a way to give back.



proud of," says Meiko. "And since I deliver mail for a living, I wanted to deliver something worthwhile to my customers and to all who can enjoy this book."

Although this book is targeted to young black girls, everyone will be delighted to read it. It's reminiscent of the old family values that goes as far back as our great grandparents' times. It is made available through Xlibris.com.

The book is available at the Xlibris website, located at [www2.xlibris.com/bookstore](http://www2.xlibris.com/bookstore).

The author, Meiko S. Patton wants to thank everyone in advance who supports her in this three year labor of love. For more information, you can contact her at [meiko\\_patton@msn.com](mailto:meiko_patton@msn.com).

## Heart of the Plains Kennel Club ready for show

The Heart of the Plains Kennel Club will be hosting 4 days of American Kennel Club licensed dog shows and obedience and rally trials at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Exhibit Hall, September 28th thru October 1st.

Dogs attending these shows will be competing in conformation and obedience. In conformation, the judge compares the dogs in competition with his interpretation of the perfect dog as described in the breed's written standard. The dog coming closest to the breed standard will be awarded points toward its championship title.

In obedience, dogs will be scored on their proficiency in heeling, retrieving, jumping, signal work and scent discrimination. Dogs will be earning qualifying scores toward Novice, Open, Utility and Obedience Trial Championship titles. The newest AKC sport, Rally, will also be exhibited at these shows. Rally competition is a planned heeling course that includes a variety of turns, serpentine moves and jumps. Dogs will be competing for qualifying scores toward their Novice, Advanced and excellent titles. Each day will have an entry of more than 20 states and foreign countries. Many of the top winning dogs in the nation will compete at this cluster of shows.

The chows will be highlighted by a display of the winning crew-work from Cresview Elementary School for the 9th annual "Kids Art Show at the Dog Show." There will be free educational material offered to the public and no admission fee will be charged for these shows. The public is urged to attend this fun family event. For more information, call (806) 794-1256 or email at [spot@com-puscrvs.com](mailto:spot@com-puscrvs.com).

Shirrell Guichard-Thomas, 2nd vice president and publicity chairperson, says, "This is an outstanding fun family event, and encourages our young people to attend with their parents."

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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If you find mistakes in this publication, please remember that the staff of this paper are only human. We publish things for all sorts of events, but unfortunately, some people are always looking for something to criticize.



# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Lubbock Musical Festival 2006 will have some exciting stars this weekend. Among them will be Chubby Checker, who brought the Twist to all of us. But among all who will be making presentations Friday evening, September 15th, will be our own Virgil Johnson, one of our West Texas Legends. He will make a presentation at 7:00 p. m. on the Main Stage at 17th Street and Buddy Holly Avenue. Also, Butch Avery, Miz Ayn, & Friends, Chubby Checker will appear at 8:00 p.m. Should be a very interesting evening of entertainment.

Let us not forget those of our community who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them is Brother Oree Matthews who is a patient at Covenant Health Center, Room 987. Brother Al Cavieil is still a patient at Covenant Medical Center, Room 770 East. Our prayers go out to these and others whom we might know. God is able.

Brother Eddie P. Richardson, co-publisher of the Southwest Digest, was released from the University Medical Center Monday afternoon, September 11, 2006. Just think, this the birthday of the founding of the Southwest Digest.

Our prayers go out to those who have lost loved ones. Among those families who lost loved ones

include the family of Sister Vernell Tubbs Hickson. She passed away Friday, September 8, 2006. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, September 10th, at Agape Church of God in Christ, with other services at the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Panama City, Florida on Saturday afternoon, September 16th.

The family of Sister Grace Lillian Sullivan are appreciative of your precious prayers. Funeral services were held at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church last Saturday morning, September 9, 2006. A longtime resident of Lubbock, she was 102 years of age.

Let us not forget the upcoming Gospel Fest 2006 which will be held Sunday afternoon, November 19, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Auditorium. This event, which is sponsored by Each One Reach One, utilizes monies from the concert to establish scholarships for some young people of the community. This year's concert will feature The Williams Brothers and Luther Barnes and The Sunset Jubilaires. For more information, contact either Faye Brown or Joyce Wright at (806) 744-6123, 762-3612 or 786-2971.

Something special will take place at the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs which will be held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, September 24, 2006, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Sister Bennie Sims is president. More information about the special event will be forthcoming.

Church services were well attended at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning, September 10, 2006, the "Church Where The People Really Care," and Rev. B. R. Moton is host pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come by and visit New Hope.

Services got underway with Meditation and Prayer, and followed by inspirational singing by the Praise Team. The morning prayer was offered by Deacon R. J. Givens with the morning scripture read by Minister Wilson. The Children's Choir was responsible for music of the morning.

Pastor Moton delivers a dynamic sermon. His subject was "When Your Gods Become Your Gods." His scripture text was Judges 8:22-27.

After an invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Elaine Lindsey. The visitors were welcomed by Sister Brenda McKnight.

## In Remembrance

**Jessie Lee Denzy**  
Tahoka - Funeral services for Jessie Lee Denzy will be held Friday morning, September 15, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Jeff Bailey, pastor, officiating. Burial will be held in the Tahoka Cemetery. After 90 wonderful years, she passed away Sunday, September 10, 2006, with her family members by her side.

Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock. Another service will be held at 1:00 p. m. Saturday afternoon, September 16, 2006, at the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Panama City, Florida. Burial will be held in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Panama City, Florida. She passed away at Covenant Medical Center Friday, September 8, 2006.

direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock. She passed away Monday, September 4, 2006. She was 107.

She was born in Henssainton, Texas on March 29, 1904. She met and married Eli Sullivan on June 25, 1925. They moved to Lubbock that same year.

She was very active in helping establish East Lubbock as well as being one of the founding members of the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church. She was Most Ancient Matron of the Heroines of Jaricho, Court #304 for many years.

Mrs. Sullivan was preceded in death by her husband, Eli Sullivan.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a daughter, Maxine Burton of Oakland, California; her four children and one great grandchild; a daughter, Carolyn Gilbert of Lubbock; her four children; and seven grandchildren.

**Vernell Tubbs Hickson**  
Funeral services for Vernell Tubbs Hickson were held Monday afternoon, September 11, 2006, at the Agape Temple Church of God in Christ. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of



Hickson

**Grace Lillian Sullivan**  
Funeral services for Grace Lillian Sullivan were held last Saturday morning, September 9, 2006, at the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church with former pastor, Rev. Todd Raspberry, officiating. Arrangements were under the



Sullivan

## Erica Deon Curry receives MBA from Prairie View

Erica Deon Curry, daughter of Ossie and Ruth Curry, received her Master of Business Administration from Prairie View A & M University of Texas Saturday morning, August 5, 2006, in the William "Billy" Nicks, Jr. Health and Physical Education Building.

At this time, she is hired by a major oil firm in Houston, and is looking forward to learning and growing in corporate America.

Erica wants to thank her family and friends for the many kind deeds. She encourages all young people to stay and school. "There are so many opportunities in America for young people, but they must stay in school and continue to grow," she says.

Erica is shown in this photo with her parents, Ossie and Ruth Curry.



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details. Every hat is certainly not for everyone, so find the hat that look best on you. The crown of a hat is of great importance, a high crown gives the illusion of additional height, low boxed or round crowns are your actual stature, if nothing else ladies remember the brim of the hat is the heart and soul of the hat, and the brim of the hat usually makes the hat. This season there are wide brims, narrow brims, floppy, square and rectangular brims. Small, medium, large and extra large brims. Ladies you have the choice of one sided brims, up and down brims, lamp shaded,

off the shoulder and down the back brims, simple, plain and heavily embellished brims.

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For the 'fashionista' in us all! Get ready, get dressed, and by all means get a hat. It's all about going to the next level!

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  - A man to his daughter
  - Through the air in football
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  - Proclaimed as true without proof
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  - Infinitive of #6 Down
  - Part of small intestine
  - T in football's PAT
  - Immense
  - Horse controls
  - "\_\_\_ and feather"
  - Tattered along the edges
  - Type of fudge
  - Rate of revolution of a motor
  - An improvised arrangement
  - Margaret Thatcher, aka \_\_\_ Lady
  - October stone, pl.
  - Dog or cat, e.g.
  - Dostoevsky's "The \_\_\_"
  - The Three Tenors, e.g.
  - Australian airline
  - College football's four premier bowls
  - Ho, atomic number 67
  - Resembling melting snow
  - Football fans' discontent
  - Formerly used as inhalation anesthetic
  - Rosa Parks wouldn't give it up
  - Three points in football
  - Capital of Ghana
  - Not active
  - "Do it, or \_\_\_!"
  - Football measurement units
  - To bank on
  - Straight whiskey, e.g.
  - Small ladies' handbag
  - Robinson to "The Graduate"
  - Of the highest quality

- DOWN**
- Special Weapons And Tactics
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- Pakistan's official literary language
  - Catch sight of
  - Southwestern England county
  - Declares to be true
  - "First \_\_\_ and 10 to go!"
  - Instant picture camera
  - Eras
  - Stain with a dirty substance
  - Every American's uncle?
  - Highfaluting, \_\_\_ - \_\_\_
  - Long backless sofa
  - Woman's dressy shoes
  - Gregory Hines skill
  - Latte foam
  - Informal term for reproduction
  - "To no \_\_\_"
  - Typically the last stroke on a golf hole
  - Baby beds
  - Illegal booze
  - Antonym of calm
  - Unsolicited email
  - Rooster's mate
  - Name of Super Bowl trophy
  - Made into isle
  - Status
  - Actress Judd
  - Tiny amounts
  - Critical
  - Duck valued for its soft down
  - "He \_\_\_ it like it is"
  - Type of jazz singing
  - Light brown
  - Grisham's "The \_\_\_"
  - Butter substitute
  - As soon as possible
  - Classic TV game show "\_\_\_ Make a Deal"
  - "\_\_\_ eye Captain!"



# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus Our Children Are Young And Restless

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

**1 Timothy 3:1-2** - This know that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, and unholy.

The Lord told us in his word about what was to be in the last evil days. The churches suppose to be about God's business and souls are saved!!!

**Isaiah 58:1** - The Lord said, cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression.

**\*\*\* Yes, The Churches Did Rob God!!! \*\*\***

The Churches love money, and the Devil has made them one a hell of a deal. That's what is going on now, in the last and evil days, and they know sin will kill!!!

**Matthew 4:8-9** - The Devil took Him (Jesus) up into an exceeding high mountain and showed him all the Kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them. And said unto him, all these things I will give to you, if you will fall down and worship me.

**\*\*\* Why Do The Heathens Rage??? \*\*\***

In the 60's, the Devil gave our rights to mankind, but they were all wrong. He did it to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Even today, this lie is still going on!!!

**John 10:10-11** - Jesus said, the thief (The devil) came not but to steal and kill, and to

destroy. I am come that they might have life and they might have it more abundantly (Richly) I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

**\*\*\* Jesus Is The Only To Freedom!!! \*\*\***

That disobedient march called 'We Shall Overcome', was called for progress. Now disobedience is in the Churches, the Schools, the Homes, on Jobs. America is a mess!!!

**Romans 1:21A-22 & 25** - Because when they knew God (The Christians), they glorified him not As God, neither were thankful. But became vain in their imaginations (Dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise. They became fools who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and served the creature (Martin Luther King) more than the Creator (God), who is blessed forever. AMEN.

**\*\*\* Our Children Are Restless!!! \*\*\***

Our children have Rights to steal, deal, to kill, and to then live their lives in the jails. Now, they're slaves: eat this, drink this, and many are on their way to Hell!!!

**Deuteronomy 28:41** - The Lord said, you shall get sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them, for they shall go into captivity.

America's children are dying around us, as that TV tells them

life is just a game. The Churches are yet going about their business: Money, Money, Money - Shame, Shame, Shame!!!

**Luke 23:28-29** - Jesus said, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children. Behold (look), the days are coming when they shall say, 'Blessed are the barren (No Children), and the wombs that never bare, and the Paps (Breast) which they gave suck.

With our children in jails and prisons, they now want to play, I am a Christian Game, but once they get out of captivity, they're back doing the same game and the old thing!!!

**Galatians 6:7-8** - Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

**\*\*\* You Always Get More Than You Planted \*\*\***

And the children can see this country falling, and being young and restless, ask why? They haven't had a real chance to enjoy life, and many of them are thinking of suicide!!!

**John 8:31a, 32, 34 & 36** - Jesus said, you shall know the truth (Jesus), and the truth shall make you free. Verily, verily I say unto you, whosoever commit sin is the servant (slave) of sin, and if the Son (Jesus) therefore shall make you free. You shall be free indeed!



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The Voting Rights Act - A Necessity

July 20, 2006, the Senate voted overwhelmingly to extend the landmark Voting Rights Act for another 25 years with the expectation of President Bush to sign the bill. The lawmakers of both parties said federal supervision was still required to protect the ability of minorities and the disadvantaged to cast ballots in some regions of the country. Texas was one of the states that had to gain pre-clearance before it could change anything that pertain to the Voting Rights Act. Former House Leader Tom DeLay is a testimony to the fact the Voting Rights Act need to be extended.

To further proved this Act need to be extended, Thursday, July 27, 2006 the Department of Justice had this immediate release: **Justice Department Settles Voting Rights Lawsuit with the North Harris Montgomery Community College District.** The Justice Department announced today that it filed a lawsuit against the North Harris Montgomery Community College District in Texas alleging that the District violated Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. The Department simultaneously filed a consent decree resolving the lawsuit against the district. The Voting Rights Act requires that all voting changes in certain jurisdictions, including those in the state of Texas, be

reviewed by the Department of Justice or the District of Columbia federal court prior to their implementation to assure that the changes will not diminish the voting rights of minority citizen. The complaint, filed in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, charged that the district cancelled its May 13, 2006, election without first obtaining the required approval. That election was cancelled after the Department imposed an objection to the District's proposal to reduce the number of polling places for the 540,000 voters in the district from 84 to 12.

"It is vitally important that all Americans enjoy the rights they are guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act," said Wan J. Kim, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Right Division. "By prompt agreeing to a new election date, the District has demonstrated a real commitment to addressing past problems and to protecting voters in the future elections."

The consent decree, which still must be approved by a three-judge federal court, requires that the District take the necessary steps to comply with Section 5 in the future. The decree also calls for the District's cancelled election to be held on Nov. 7, 2006, at all regular polling places.

Demanding the North Harris Montgomery

Community College District to comply with the Voting Rights Act is crucial in an area that joins former Tom DeLay District. This area north and southwest of Houston has not been kind to minorities in the past. Conroe the county seat of Montgomery County was well known for stealth treatment of minorities and especially blacks. The brutal treatments of blacks came to light when the scene on the courthouse grounds turn violent when a Black mill worker was accused of raping a white woman and lynched.

The racial makeup of Conroe as of census 2000 was 71.16% White, 11.13% Black, .40% Native American, .95% Asian, .05% Pacific Islander and Hispanic or Latino of any race were 32.62%.

It is also important to note the cities and communities within the NHMCCD are Conroe, Cut and Shoot, Humble, Magnolia, Patton Village, Roman Forest, Shenandoah, Splendor, Tomball, Willis, Woodbranch and Woodlock.

Blacks in particular should ever be vigilant in watching those who would limit our freedom. There are those who still who believe in the Uncle Remus stories and think we are tar babies that traps Br'er Rabbit like the Massachusetts Governor who is considering running for president of the United States in 2008.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want our readers to know their favorite Bible scripture. It is II Chronicles 7:14. Obey God and turn from your wicked ways. You will find out that our Lord is not short on His promises to forgive us of our sins and heal our land. He is just waiting for us to put our trust in Him and know that He is the God who can change that which may seem to be impossible. So, therefore, turn from bringing wicked devices to past. Turn from evil! Stop cheating, stop lying, stop being jealous of your Brother and Sister.

standing alone, judging empty buildings and vacant lots while others will be busy doing positive things which will make this world a much better place for all of us to reside.

Christ died for all, and the worst of us still has a chance, because Christ lives. Therefore, seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things you're fighting, lying for, and almost, dying for, He will give you. Think about this!

You can change your name, change your size, change your religion, or change your thinking. You can even blot things out of the Bible, but you can't change God, neither the mind of God. You see, He's the Creator of this universe. He's alpha and omega, the beginning and ending. First and last!

**And that is the truth! It's the plain old Truth!**

**Thought of the Week:** "If God is not who He says He is, and if God is not real as the atheist say there is no God. Snatch the sun and moon from the sky. Stop the wind and storms. Stop the next Katrina!" This is just something to think about!

For all of you who are not feeling well today, just stop and speak to your mountain, according to Mark 11:22-26.

To all of you have lost loved ones, God specializes in things seem impossible. He can do for you what no other can do. He knows how much you can bear.

**Trust Jesus!**

Let us keep praying, Saints, and thanks for reading! Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, September 10, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady, pastor.

Sunday School got underway at 10:15 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris was in charge. The morning lesson was entitled "God's Covenant With Abraham." The scripture lesson was Genesis 17:1-8; 15-22. The lesson was about Abraham, a man who was truly a man of history. Because

of his obedience and faith, he was chosen by God to be the Father of many nations. Abraham and his descendants are promised future possession of the land of Canaan.

The morning worship begun with the morning devotion which was led by Brother Gerald Jackson and Deacon Edward Williams. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. Praise God for the spirit!

The morning sermon was

delivered by Rev. Monty Smith. His subject was "Tired Of Looking Back." His scripture text was Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 43:18-27.

Pastor Canady and wife, Sister Shirley Canady, were out-of-city last Sunday attending a funeral of Pastor Canady's aunt in Caldwell. Our prayers go out to his family.

**Thought For The Week:** "Spiritual growth requires the solid food of God's Word!"

## Don't miss this weekend's women's retreat

The Annual Women's Retreat for the Caprock-Plains Area will be on Sept. 15-16 at Plains Baptist Assembly, Floydada. The program will begin with dinner on Friday at 6PM and conclude at 2PM on Saturday. The principle speaker will be Minette Drumwright-Prait, author and speaker from Ft. Worth.

Other Speakers will be Alice Lowrie, Lubbock; Earnestine Frazier, Lubbock; Sylvia Jordan, and Suzy Walt of Amarillo; Irma

Alverado, Spanish President of Texas WMU and Neida Taylor-Thiede, President of Texas W.M.U.; Worship will be led by Eva Balenton of Plainview and Margaret Moss of Lubbock. The Theme will be "Pursuing My Faith"... a Time to grow in faith grace and knowledge of our Lord, while enjoying the fellowship of our Sisters in Christ." Early registration ends September 9, Contact Edna Evans at (806) 684-2394 for Registration

Information. You may call Billie Downing at 785-8965 for more information. Every woman is invited for a time of refreshing and fellowship.

## NAACP vindicated after being cleared by IRS

**WASHINGTON** - The NAACP did not violate the conditions of its tax-exempt status when its chairman gave a speech that criticized President Bush, according to a newly released letter from the Internal Revenue Service to the civil rights group.

The IRS began looking into the Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored People about a month before the 2004 presidential election after a speech by NAACP Chairman Julian Bond that was largely critical of Bush's policies.

Political campaigning is prohibited under the NAACP's tax-exempt status. In a letter, dated Aug. 9, the IRS said a review of video footage of the speech, as well as other information, indicated "that political intervention did not occur."

Bruce S. Gordon, the president and CEO of the NAACP, said the group was vindicated by the decision.

"It's disappointing that the IRS took nearly two years to conclude what we knew from the beginning - the NAACP did not violate tax laws and contin-

ues to be politically nonpartisan," Gordon said in a statement Thursday.

In his speech, Bond said of the Bush administration: "They preach racial neutrality and practice racial division. They've tried to patch the leaky economy and every other domestic problem with duct tape and plastic sheets. They write a new constitution of Iraq and they ignore the Constitution here at home."

The civil rights group said it has a long history of criticizing

presidents and their policies and that Bond criticized both political parties during the speech.

"I've been a critic of the Bush administration since it began, as I was with the Clinton administration before that," Bond said.

Relations between the Bush administration and the NAACP have warmed since Gordon took over as CEO in 2005. The president spoke to the NAACP convention this year for the first time in his White House tenure.

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## New CD interprets passage of African music through American slavery

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. - Colonial Williamsburg announces the release of "From Ear to Ear: The Passage of African Music Through American Slavery." The CD re-creates the lost and forgotten music performed by Africans in the 18th century and follows the music's transformation as the people moved in forced bondage from Africa through the Middle Passage to the Caribbean and finally to America.

Revolutionary and thought-provoking in its content, "From Ear to Ear" required extensive research to develop. Unlike European music in the 18th century, the original lyrics of African slave music were not preserved on paper but only through oral tradition - literally from ear to ear. Foundation employees, outside experts and volunteers had to dig deep for what little information remained to re-create a sound that would be both genuine and true to its roots.

After restoring some of the 18th-century African instruments and persevering through hours of practice, the performers created music reflective of the original sounds that changed across three diverse geographical areas and

from one generation to another. The sound on the CD reflects the music as it might have sounded when performed by people working in the fields and going about



Colonial Williamsburg's newly released CD "From Ear to Ear: The Passage of African Music Through American Slavery" interprets the sounds of the joys and sorrows passed from generation to generation.

daily activities, releasing the joy and sorrow in their souls through song and rhythmic sounds.

Many of the instruments for the music of Africa were created from items on hand - the bones, hides and horns of animals, gourds, shells, reeds, carved pieces of wood, boxes and tools. The songs came from the cries of

enslaved field workers calling to one another, children playing and families mourning their dead.

This African-styled music mingled with European musical forms and developed into a creole musical sound - uniquely American with a distinctive African essence. It could be heard from the sugar plantations of Barbados to the tobacco fields of Virginia; it was music deeply immersed in everyday African American life. The roots of today's blues, jazz and bluegrass sounds can be traced to these energetic rhythms and mournful sounds.

The CD includes interactive "extras" that can be accessed on a computer, allowing the user to virtually "play" a balafon and also contains background essays, song lyrics, a short video, historical images and background information about the performers. A booklet accompanying the CD includes background information and a brief history for each of the 23 musical cuts. The CD is available at the WILLIAMSBURG

Booksellers at the Visitor Center, The Craft House and Everything Williamsburg in Merchants Square, or call 1-800-HISTORY.

Established in 1926, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation is the not-for-profit educational institution that preserves and operates the restored 18th-century Revolutionary capital of Virginia. Williamsburg is located 150 miles south of Washington, D.C., off Interstate 64. For more information or reservations, call toll-free 1-800-HISTORY or visit Colonial Williamsburg on the Internet at [www.ColonialWilliamsburg.com](http://www.ColonialWilliamsburg.com).

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# High incidence of uncorrected vision problems found in African-Americans

Early detection of vision problems could lead to diagnosis of hypertension, diabetes in high risk population

Washington, D.C. — More than 2.2 million African Americans have an uncorrected vision problem, which puts them at risk for permanent vision loss if left untreated. African-Americans have one of the highest rates of visual impairment and are almost 70 percent more likely to have visual impairment than Caucasians.

"African Americans often are unable to access preventive vision care services, which increases their risk for undiagnosed vision problems," said optometrist Edwin C. Marshall, O.D., M.S., J.F.P.H. "Because of the prevalence of serious eye diseases like glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration in

this population, regular eye exams are critical. An eye exam cannot only help correct vision problems, but it can also detect the earliest warning signs of other serious health conditions, like diabetes and hypertension." According to the American Diabetes Association, 11.4 percent of African Americans over age 20 have diabetes, and more than one third remain undiagnosed. Diabetic retinopathy, cataracts and glaucoma are common eye diseases seen in people with diabetes. The American

Heart Association also cites that African Americans carry a higher risk of hypertension than any other population. "Too many African Americans skip eye exams because they don't recognize the need for preventive vision care," said Marshall. "This is a grave mistake. I frequently encounter patients and family members of patients who could have avoided permanent vision loss or other serious health complications by seeing an eye doctor regularly." Aside from visiting an eye

doctor for an eye exam, there are several warning signs of potential vision disorders. The Vision Council of America suggests that African Americans be on the lookout for these tell tale visual symptoms: Trouble seeing objects at near or far distances, Colors that seem faded, Poor night vision, Double or multiple vision, Loss of peripheral (side) vision. "If any of these warning signs are present, it's important to con-

tact an eye doctor," said Marshall. "Being proactive is the best way to preserve your vision and maintain your quality of life and independence." The Vision Council of America is a non-for-profit trade organization dedicated to improving America's vision health through its "Check Yearly. See Clearly." campaign. For more information on vision health, visit [www.checkyearly.com](http://www.checkyearly.com).

## First African-American Traffic Court Judge appointed in Pennsylvania

In 1989, former Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey, appointed Thomasine Lynn Tynes as the unprecedented, nationwide, position as the first African-American Female Traffic Court Judge. After her appointment, she was elected by the people of the community. More recently in March of 2005,



Tynes Traffic Court.

Governor Edward Rendell appointed her as the first African-American Female President Judge of the Philadelphia

"This is a privilege and an honor of which I am proud," she said. Continuing, she said, "I am civic-minded and have always had a progressive entrepreneurial spirit. My concentration is to do an outstanding and focused job in Traffic Court, by administering to the public the proper education regarding their rights

within the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania traffic violations process." She said, "I appreciate the opportunity and the faith that has been bestowed upon me by public officials and the citizenry for over 16 years. I love my job. It's been fun and purposeful."

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## This week in movies: Idlewild



Andre (Andre 3000) Benjamin, Terrence Howard and Antwan A. (Big Boi) Patton, hold major roles in the new movie, Idlewild. Patton and Benjamin are the leads in the band Outkast, which provides the music for this movie.

by Kam Williams

When the visually-enchancing Moulin Rouge was released in 2001, it caused quite a stir, because it featured songs by The Beatles, Elton John, David Bowie, Madonna and other latter-day icons in a period piece that takes place in 1900, well before any of them were even born. Despite the glaring anachronisms, however, the picture went on to land eight Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture, thereby opening the doors for others to take similar liberties with the costume drama genre.

The equally-blasphemous Idlewild represents the first such attempt to mimic Moulin Rouge's irreverent approach to moviemaking, here, mixing hip-hop into a historical flick set in the Thirties during Prohibition. The film represents the brash directorial debut of Bryan Barber, who makes quite a splash via an elaborate musical throwback replete with chorus lines reminiscent of an extravagant Busby Berkeley production like Cabin in the Sky (1943) or 42nd Street (1933).

To date, the MTV Award-winning Barber is best-known as the brains behind videos for Outkast, Missy Elliott, Ludacris, Destiny's Child, Christina Aguilera and Kelly Clarkson. In some respects, Idlewild wasn't much of a stretch in that he collaborates again with Outkast's Big Boi and Andre 3000 who co-star in this bifurcated, bittersweet tale of love and ambition.

The action unfolds at a joint called Church, a free-for-all speakeasy located in Idlewild, Georgia. As the movie opens, we learn that lifelong friends Rooster (Boi) and Percival (3000) were raised on opposite side of the tracks of this sleepy Southern town. The former is the street-wise son of a moonshiner, while the latter comes from a well-to-do family which made its money legitimately, as undertakers.

As a result, flashy, wheeler-dealer Rooster developed the perfect personality to serve as the emcee/headliner at the mob-run nightclub. By contrast, the shy and soft-spoken Percival, a mortician by day, arrives at the club most evenings to play piano as an escape from working for his overbearing father (Ben Vereen).

The roving-eyed Rooster is married with five kids to the suspicious Zora (Malinda Williams), a shotgun-toting woman willing to go the extra yard to keep her man. Meanwhile, Percy is a lonely, melancholy soul whose spirits are

indulging in incessant profanity, the N-word, rap music and some thoroughly modern dance moves.

This unresolved dilemma might help explain why the release of this stimulating and engaging morality play was delayed for two years. A marketing manager's nightmare, Idlewild is, like Moulin Rouge, a rare combination flick which refuses to be pigeonholed. Regrettably, in spite of several inspired moments where it exhibits some genuine promise, this desperate attempt to be all things to all people ends up sabotaging any potential the overly-ambitious project had to make a memorable and lasting contribution to the annals of cinema.

Good (2 stars)

R for profanity, ethnic slurs, nudity, sexuality and violence.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## Think About It! And the rains really did come!

by Eddie P. Richardson

After a long hot summer, a drought had begun to take over everything. It appeared as though everything had dried up. The dry land cotton farmers were losing or had lost most of their cotton crop because of no rain. Vegetation had dried up! Everything was looking bleak!

But along came our new mayor, David Miller, who is a believer and a man of God. With his faith in God, he came up with a plan. He called all leaders, politicians and believers to help with the plan. The plan was the answer to the problem. It was **Prayer!**

All prayed for rain, and they

got rain. As it has been said many times, if one or more gather in my name (God), it shall be done or, at least, something to that affect. But now, what about thanking God for what He has done? What about a day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for our prayers being answered?

We all have a problem asking God for favors of all kinds, et., health, financial, every want and need. At times, when our prayers are answered, we appear to take it for granted and move on down the road. Most of the time, we fail to say "Thank You!!" God didn't have to answer our prayers, but

He did. Now it's time to give Him the praise!

This writer is hoping Mayor Miller will bring the group back again publicly, and give God a "Thank You, God!" for the rain. It would be nice to have a "Day of Thanksgiving!"

This writer has been a patient at University Medical Center, and is doing much better. Thanks for all the prayers on my behalf. God is able!

**Closing Thought:** "Ask and it shall be given unto you. Then give thanks when your prayers are answered, for it is good!"

## Commentary: Filling the doughnut hole

By Grace-Marie Turner

Several million seniors soon will begin hitting the dreaded doughnut hole in their new Medicare prescription drug coverage - a gap of up to \$3,000 where their insurance stops.

There already are calls for Congress to fill the gap or to completely change the drug program to make it look more like the rest of Medicare. Changing the program now would be a mistake since polls show that seniors like the new plan.

The Kaiser Family Foundation reported that more than eight in 10 seniors who are enrolled are satisfied with the plan they picked; that their initial experiences have been positive; and three out of four would pick the same plan again.

But more and more seniors are going to start experiencing problems this fall if they have high drug costs. If they've picked a standard plan, their drug coverage will stop after they have \$2,250 in drug bills. And it won't pick up again until their bills exceed \$5,100. Expect to see headlines that say, "Medicare beneficiaries confused and angry over gap in drug coverage."

The doughnut hole is indeed a problem. No insurance company would have designed a policy like this one - which was created by Congress - with its coverage gap and confusing trigger points. Seniors don't like surprises, and they really don't like learning that they must continue to pay insurance premiums when their drug coverage has stopped.

Yet drug plans have been very creative in using the flexibility the Medicare agency gave them to offer plans with coverage in the gap. And 72% of seniors are in these plans. Only a fraction of seniors - an estimated 3 to 7.5

million of them - are expected to fall into the doughnut hole this year, but they do need options.

Medicare Administrator Mark McClellan advises that seniors often can reduce their costs by switching to generic drugs and by taking advantage of assistance programs offered by many states and by drug manufacturers. When they hit the gap, beneficiaries also have access to drug discounts negotiated by their plans, and they can clearly see the prices they'll pay at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

A New York-based think tank, the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest, has a new website:

[www.pardoptimizer.com](http://www.pardoptimizer.com), that lets seniors find lower-cost options to the drugs they are taking. So far, more than 850,000 people have used this tool and have saved an average of \$900 on their medicines.

Further, lower-income people who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid have no gap in their benefit. They can sign up for a special program that takes care of their premium costs and offers seamless coverage. And they can enroll in a drug plan anytime, without penalty, starting with a visit to their local Social Security office.

In addition, most of the major drug companies are negotiating with the Medicare agency to get approval for private patient assistance plans to offer coverage to seniors who have hit the gap.

There are bizarre and counter-productive federal laws already on the books that could make the companies subject to anti-kickback and fraud and abuse laws if they give their drugs away to seniors who have hit the gap. Government lawyers say that this could be an unfair inducement for seniors to take

their drugs.

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In addition, at least 28 states also have pharmaceutical assistance programs that are compatible with Medicare. Seniors can find information at:

[www.statehealthfacts.org](http://www.statehealthfacts.org). States have proposed several ways to use state funds to coordinate benefits including providing "wrap around" benefits to supplement Medicare Part D coverage.

Further, seniors can start searching now for other options to change plans during the open-season sign-up period, which starts this November 15. The majority of the free-standing Medicare drug plans do offer coverage in the gap. In addition, seniors can choose the new Medicare Advantage plans that offer full-service health coverage, including prescription drugs and generally including gap coverage.

These are growing pains, not fatal flaws, for the new Medicare prescription drug program that impacts 42 million people. It's been nearly three years since the hot summer when the House and the Senate debated and then finally passed bills to create the new Medicare prescription drug benefit.

It's going to take time for seniors, companies, and the government to figure out a new system that involves choice and competition, and that calls on seniors to make informed choices to get the drugs and the plans that suit them best.

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**JUST THINK, 29 YEARS AND STILL HERE! THIS N THAT** is just happy to see that the efforts of the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** are still here and hanging in there! Just think, it was **29 YEARS AGO** when it printed its first edition. It was **LATE THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1977**, a few hours before midnight. It has just been a blessing for this newspaper to have been around these many years, and for that, **WE'RE THANKFUL**. We hope this weekly newspaper will continue to do what it can to contribute to our community. It has not been easy, but it has been worthwhile of the posture it has had over these years. With the help of all of you - **OUR READERS** - we will continue to do our job without **FEAR OR FAVOR** because we know this newspaper is needed. The **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** will continue to fill this void in our community. So, thanks to all of you for supporting us over the past years. The **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** realizes it would not have happened if it had not been for those **BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITY**. When you shop, let those merchants know you appreciate their **ADVERTISEMENTS** in your newspaper - **THE SOUTHWEST DIGEST**. It has been great, but there

is so much more we must do to contribute to the City of Lubbock. **THANKS A BUNCH** for all you have done to help us reach these **29 YEARS!!**

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "THE PERSON who refuses to hear CRITICISM has no chance to LEARN FROM IT."**

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**SCHOOL of Midland**. This is a new school on their schedule. Anyway **MATADORS**, let's greet them with a **"BIG WIN!!!"**

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We look around and in this time of year, close to the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Building in New York and take inventory and then we get the feeling that this new century commenced with a feeling of terror. We were stocking up on food and water and basic necessities because of an overall feeling of national threat. That feeling has not disappeared. It has become more intense. Those of us who are sensitive to our state of national being know first-hand now what citizens of countries under constant fire feel as they go about their daily tasks. Checking the cost of gasoline to run our automobiles is also a daily task as we seek out the most economical price possible.

Hearts are broken as we watch the gas pump and see that four and one-half gallons of gasoline costs no less than \$10.00. Workers traveling forty miles a day, one way are spending no less than \$50.00 per

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Losing the roof has indirectly been caused by the war in Iraq. Emblem companies have made a mint selling those 'Support our Troops' magnets for vehicles because of it, and some of the people whom have been purchasing them will have a different outlook: come Election Day. Supporting the troops is turning into a 'Bring the Troops Home' campaign. The desire to have the war ended since it was initiated on false pretenses is

being heard more verbal than anything now. The sound resounds to Great Britain where Prime Minister Tony Blair is under fire for his actions toward the war in Iraq due to his collaboration with U.S. President George Bush. President Bush's fellow republicans are having a difficult time trying to keep their seats in Congress which in many instances is riding on their outlook and actions regarding the war in Iraq. The wrong answer will cost them votes; votes of people experiencing economic crises, people with kin fighting in the Middle East, and businesses affected by the rising cost of fuel and transportation. It is time that we get 'in cinque' and make the right decisions about the kind of leaders we need in this 'terrorist age.'

## Hub City Kiwanis celebrate 20th Anniversary

The Kiwanis of the Hub City, which was chartered September 16, 1985 with 32 members, will celebrate 20 years of service to the East Lubbock community Friday, September 15, 2006, at 7:00 p. m. at the KoKo Palace. It was at the KoKo Palace that the club began with an installation ceremony. Officers installed for the charter service were: Roy Roberts, President; Dr. Damon Hill, President-Elect; T. J. Patterson, Vice-President; McKinley Shepard, Secretary; and R. J. Givens, Treasurer. Directors elected were J. T. Braxton, Harold M. Chatman, Clarence Priestly, D. A. Smith, and Jimmy Walker.

Hub City Kiwanis' primary focus has been on various projects that support the youth of the community. This includes supporting youth sports teams, providing academic scholarships, clothes for school, Christmas toys, Sponsorship to the Ebony Fashion Fair, book fairs, and other worthwhile programs. The club will continue to be a positive influence in the Lubbock community. The

club's primary source of income comes from distributing the U. S. flags on MLK Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, and Veterans Day. Cost of the flag service is \$20.00 per year which helps establish and maintain the scholarship fund which has annually awarded an academic scholarship to a deserving student at Estacado High School.

Of the 32 charter members, 6 are still actively involved in the club. The six members are: J. T. Braxton, R. J. Givens, Oscar Jones, Joe Phea, Jr., Raymond Peppers and Clarence Priestly.

The members of the Hub City Kiwanis are inviting the community to come and share in this celebration as they honor these six men who have given tireless and devoted service to their community.

The dinner is open to the public. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00. Reservations and any additional information may be received from Sandra Bailey, Secretary, at (806) 747-4076 (h) or (806) 771-3815, ext. 295 (w).

A count of persons attending will be needed by Thursday, September 14, 2006.



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# Europeans closely watching Tiger as his hot streak continues



Even in the middle of his career, Woods is already a legend, inspiring non-traditional golfers, children and a whole new breed of golf fan.

VIRGINIA WATER, England - Tiger Woods wasn't about to fall for the \$1 million question this time. The last time the Ryder Cup was held in Europe, Woods played the week before the matches and gave tabloids plenty of headline material when asked which event he would rather win. He chose the American Express Championship at Mount Juliet and its \$1 million prize.

"Why? I can think of a million reasons," Woods said that day.

Woods' three-week tour of England and Ireland begins Thursday at the World Match Play

Championship, which has the richest official prize money in the world with 1 million pounds (about \$1.37 million) going to the winner. It ends with the American Express Championship outside London, a World Golf Championship that pays \$1.3 million for first place.

In between is that exhibition over in Scotland that offers only a 17-inch gold cup.

The question inevitably came up again this week. Would he rather win a million pounds or the Ryder Cup?

"All three events I play in," Woods said.

It was a diplomatic answer, for sure. And the way he has been playing, it's not hard to imagine.

Woods will try to win his sixth consecutive tournament at the HSBC World Match Play Championship, a streak that began with his British Open victory at Hoylake in July and continued with his victory outside Boston two weeks ago, when he closed with a 63 to rally from three shots down to Vijay Singh.

"I would say he's favored to win every event he enters, this being no different," Colin Montgomerie said Wednesday. "But match play is a strange game. It's a different game, and over 36 holes, the cream usually rises to the top. I would expect for Tiger to be in the final, wouldn't you?"

Woods is the No. 2 seed in the 16-man field at Wentworth and will face former PGA champion Shaun Michael in the first round. Defending champion Michael Campbell is the No. 1 seed and plays Simon Khan of England. Also in the field is Ernie Els, a six-time winner of the World Match Play who missed last year while recovering from knee surgery.

The only other time Woods has played this tournament was in 1998, when good friend Mark O'Meara beat him in the final match. That was at the tail end of his least productive year in golf when Woods was in the middle of overhauling his swing.

Now, everything is aligned for another big run.

"He's an unbelievable talent," Els said. "I think the British Open was the biggest win, and I think it gave him the belief that his swing is where he wants it to be and he's totally trusting what he's doing now. He's got all the belief he wants in his game and he's got a lot of ability there. So at the moment, he's on a pretty nice roll. And it's for us to step up and try to play better."

Els is coming off a playoff loss last week in Singapore, but the Big

Easy has home advantage at Wentworth. Not only does he live off the 16th fairway, he recently helped redesign the West Course.

Plus, no one has won the World Match Play Championship more times since it began in 1964.

"I've got as good a chance as ever to beat him because I've got a good record here. I've played some good golf around the course," said Els, who has finished runner-up seven times to Woods in his career, more than any other player.

David Howell must like his chances, too. He will try to join Montgomerie as the only players

with the "Wentworth Double," having won the BMW Championship in May by five shots.

Even so, it will be tall order to claim the big prize.

Woods has been wearing out his opponents with all facets of his game - his iron play at the British Open, his putting at the PGA Championship, his scrambling at Firestone, his driving at the Deutsche Bank Championship and a little bit of everything at the Buck Open.

"Put it this way," Campbell said. "There's no way that there will be 15 guys lying down and

saying, 'Tiger, you take the title.' I'm sure the other guys who do play Tiger will definitely try their best. It makes us more motivated to beat him."

The two weeks are nothing alike - the Ryder Cup matches feature partners and no prize money - but Montgomerie said it would be worth paying attention to how those seven players fare.

"We'd like as many Europeans to do as well as possible for next week," he said. "If anyone has the opportunity to beat Tiger and manages to beat him, that would give the whole team a lift."

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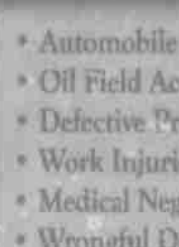
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