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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 Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU-Merkel 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.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Father & Son Entertain LISD Teachers



Jazz Saxophonist Thomas Braxton, left, and his father, J. T. Braxton, right, are shown performing the tune "All of Me" at the Lubbock Independent School District's Convocation Friday, August 17, 2007, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center where teachers, administrators and other employees heard them perform.

Tom Braxton is a Dunbar High School graduate and was valedictorian in his class. He is an accomplished professional musician. Braxton cites his father as the one who connected him to the work of jazz.

His father, J. T. Braxton, who is a former LISD band and orchestra director, is 87 years of age and is still playing.

City of Lubbock Receives State Recognition

The City of Lubbock received state-wide recognition of its efforts to help low income citizens achieve self-sufficiency.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs presented the City of Lubbock Community Development Department with a \$15,000 performance award for exceeding its goals in helping low income residents become self sufficient. Last year, the City of Lubbock working in conjunction with Catholic Family Services transitioned 84 area residents out of poverty surpassing the program's goal by 110 percent.

"The City of Lubbock is honored to be recognized by TDHCA for our self-sufficiency program," said Nancy Haney, executive director of community services for the City of Lubbock. "The program is successful due the outstanding partnerships the City has developed with our non-profit service providers, Catholic Family Services. The City salute s TDHCA for their visionary leadership in this program.

The City of Lubbock was one of seven Community Services Block Grant recipients honored for its superior performance. The monetary award can be used to help more people transition out of poverty.

The block grant funds are used to provide a variety of direct and

Iles Elementary Receives Exemplary Rating!

Congratulations are in store for the Elja R. Iles Elementary School for achieving an 'Exemplary Rating' on the 2006-2007 TAKS.

Iles is the first school in Quadrant 4 to achieve this rating.

Dr. Brian Yearwood, principal, said, "It is an honor to part of this history making event. I want to thank the faculty, staff and parents for their continuing support."

He continued, "I would also like to invite all past principals, teachers, students and friends of Iles Elementary to join the faculty and staff on Friday afternoon, August 24, 2007, at 4:30p. m. for a small ceremony to unveil a historical marker to celebrate the upcoming 50th Anniversary of Iles Elementary School in 2008."

In closing, he says, "We are looking forward to seeing you."

New School Zone Light to be Tested for New School Year

The 2007-2008 school year is just around the corner, and the City of Lubbock wants to remind drivers to stay alert when traveling through school zones.

Today, Thursday, August 23rd and Friday, August 24th all school zone lights operated by the City of Lubbock will be placed in normal operation mode.

"We're doing this not only to test the lights, but also to remind

drivers that the new school year is about to begin and to keep on out for children around schools," said Jere Hart, traffic engineer for the City of Lubbock.

Normal operating hours for the lights are one hour before and after school for elementary schools; 45 minutes prior to and 30 minutes after school for middle and high schools; and one hour for lunch at some high schools

STAR Volunteers Will Pick Up Litter & Debris

Volunteers with the Lubbock Special Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) program will spend this morning, Thursday, picking up litter and debris.

The program is part of a new Love Thy Neighbor Program developed by District 1 City Council Representative Linda DeLeon. The program is aimed at helping low-income families make needed home repairs.

Local Minister To Go On Tour!

After much prayer, Norman Garrett, pastor of Lubbock's Faith First Missionary Baptist Church, plans to take the big step from the pulpit to the road. He describes his decision as a "calling" that will take him on a new and exciting spiritual journey.

With a Bible in one hand and a saxophone in the other, Pastor Garrett feels the time has come to take the leap of faith that will surely take him to various cities throughout the region as well as scattered locations across the country. Garrett says not to worry, he will still keep Lubbock as his home base and will stay at Faith First, but feels "when you've been called, you've got to go."

Before becoming a minister, Garrett worked as a power-cable engineering technician for an underwater pump manufacturer. Other past occupations included several other 'service-oriented' positions in private industry. But it was the years before working in industry that made him no stranger to life on the road. Garrett spent more than a few years traveling across the country as a professional musician, entertaining audiences as a black Elvis impersonator. He says he gave that type of life up for Christ and moved back to Lubbock to be near his family.

Garrett admits he's always been fond of the sax. He remembers being 12-years-old and hearing a sax being played for the first time at Woodson High School in ablene. He says from that first

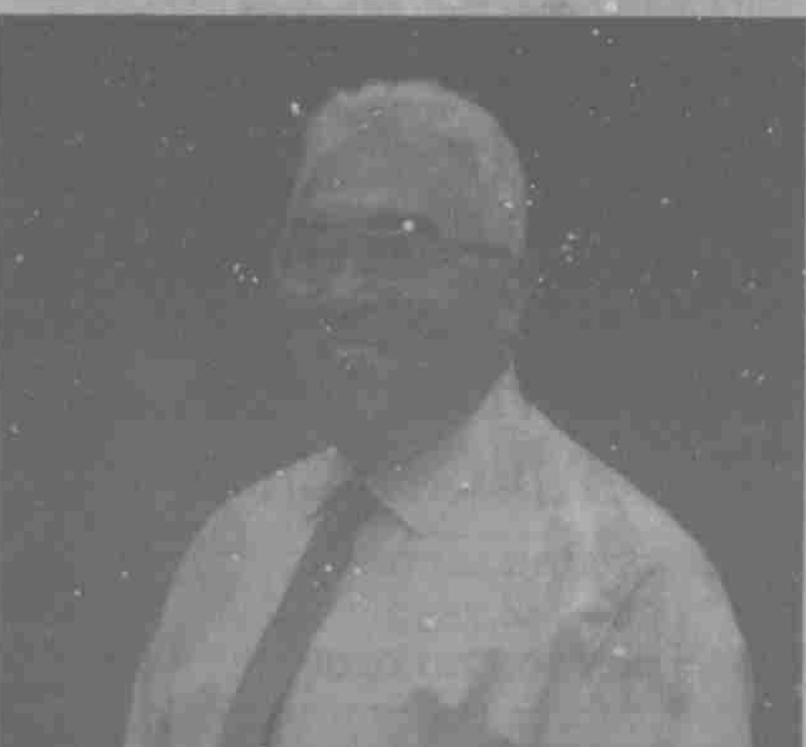


Pastor Norman Garrett

day, he fell in love with the sound and though the sax is one of the hardest wind instruments to play, it's taken him to a lot of places and even given him the incredible opportunity to share his faith. Garrett says the big difference is that this time he will not be on stage making his sax squeal for the latest show band or praising Elvis, but will be using his instrument to make a joyful noise unto the Lord and praising the Almighty, the King of Kings.

Pastor Garrett will be playing his beloved sax and sharing his faith in a lot of new places during his upcoming Reveal Tour. He says the name "reveal" has a lot of significance in his life and was actually revealed to him through the glory of God. The tour will open on Friday night, August 31, 2007, at 8:00 p. m. in the Estacado

High School Auditorium. He feels those who come to hear t he performance will be blessed. Admission to the event is \$10.00. Every one in attendance will be able to purchase a discounted \$10.00 copy of Garrett's upcoming CD on the Ellet record label, "Comfort Ye My People."



Meet David Vasquez, New Estacado Principal

The Southwest Digest is proud to introduce to our many readers the new principal of Estacado High School. He is David Vasquez. He may be new at Estacado this fall, but he is no stranger to the Lubbock Independent School District, the education profession or West Texas. A Roosevelt, Texas native, Vasquez is a 30-year veteran in education, with all of those years being spent inside LISD.

After eleven years of teaching and coaching, Vasquez began his administrative career at Evans Junior High School where he served as assistant principal for three years. After that he moved to Coronado High School where he served as an assistant and associate principal. He then served as principal at Atkins Junior High School for seven years and Cavazos Junior High for three years before becoming to Central Office for two years.

When asked about his philosophy of education, Vasquez said, "All students need to have a strong teacher in their lives to guide them and support them. Let us be those teachers!"

Welcome to Estacado High School, Mr. David Vasquez!

New Roy Roberts Elementary School



Roy Roberts Elementary School - 7901 Avenue P

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Well, the day many young children are looking for. That day is Monday, August 27, 2007, when the school bells will ring once again for our young people. Just thinking and looking back over my life, it reminded me of when Mothers and Fathers walked or drove their precious little Johnny or Mary to school on the first day. Once on campus and taking your little child to where they were to be. The parent would personally meet the teacher and let the teacher know they were concerned about little Johnny or Mary. The parent would let the teacher know how he or she could get hold of you if there were any problems with the child.

Wouldn't it be a great thing if parents would show more concern about their children. This is really important when it comes to our little who entering school for the first year. Oh, yes, parents, why not set a goal to get involved with the school's PTA.

The New Hope Baptist Church will be in a "One Night Revival", Friday, August 24, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p. m. This revival will be held at the St. John Baptist Church where Rev. Solomon Fields is pastor.

Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

Let us not forget those citizens who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include Sister Mary Pitts who is home from the hospital.

Also, Sister Bessie Cox who is a patient at the University Medical Center. Sister Charlie Mae Pratt is doing much better at her home.

Sister Dorothy Nash, who has been on the shut-in list, was able to attend church services at her church last Sunday morning. She was always excited about praying when she was called upon at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Services for the New Hope Baptist Church were very inspiring last Sunday morning, August 19th.

Services got underway with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team members, as usual, were at their post of duty praising God through songs. What a time in the Lord. God is just good all the time!

After the morning scripture and morning prayer, the New Hope

Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton delivered a powerful sermon entitled, "When I Think About The Goodness of The Lord, I Dance!" His scripture text was II Samuel 6:20-22.

After the invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister Glenda Tobie. Sister Dorothy White welcomed all visitors.

Members of the Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church in Slaton, where Rev. C. C. Peoples is pastor, will be having their Church Homecoming on September 1 & 2, 2007. There will be a parade beginning at 10:00 a. m. on Saturday, September 1st, beginning downtown to the church.

The Southwest Digest will be having special Church Services at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, September 16, 2007. More later about the upcoming program.

This will be a celebration for the thirty years the Southwest Digest has been in business.

In Remembrance

Katie Mae Hicks

Funeral services for Katie Mae Hicks were held last Saturday, August 18, 2007, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at her residence.

She is survived by daughters: Claressia Nathan, Mattie Kinney; a son, Arthur Kinney, Sr.; two brothers, Andrews Hicks and Bennie Hicks; a sister, Mrs. Mattie Lee Duke; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Karen R. Norris

Funeral services for Karen R. Norris were held last Saturday afternoon, August 18, 2007, at the Parkway Church of Christ.

Arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

She passed away Monday, August 13, 2007, at her residence.

She was born May 11, 1963. She graduated from Estacado High School.

She is survived by her parents, Robert and Louise Norris; a sister, Pam Norris; brothers, Robert Norris, Jr. and Van Norris, all of Lubbock; and a host of other relatives and many friends.

LISD Board Of Trustees Met Thursday, August 16th

At their meeting last Thursday, August 16, 2007, the Lubbock Independent School District Board of Trustees adopted a general fund budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year of \$181,331,633. The budget reflects an increase of less than one-half of 1 percent over the previous year.

The board also adopted a property tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 valuation. Combined with the property tax on debt service from previous bonds of 19.5 cents, the total Lubbock ISDN property tax rate is \$1.235. The rate is a .33 cent reduction from last year. During the legislative session, the State provided funding to reduce the local school property tax burden by replacing local revenue with state funds.

This was the last meeting for District 5 Trustee Mark Griffin who resigned after more than 13 years of service. Griffin cited his lengthy term of office and that his youngest child had graduated from LISD as contributing to his resignation. He felt the time was right for him to move on and

make room for a person with a new perspective to fill the office. The board unanimously voted to appoint Dan Pope to the District 5 seat for the remainder of the term which expires in May of 2008. An active community volunteer, Pope also observed as chairman of the 2004 LISD Citizen Bond Steering Committee and has two children in the district. Board President Gordon Wilkerson commented, "We had six outstanding candidates submit themselves for consideration. It speaks volumes of their character and willingness to serve."

Superintendent Wayne Havens announced a reception for Griffin is planned for September 12 so school employees and the community can thank Griffin for his

FASHION FUN

By Shirley Robinson

Look The Season!



Five fashion trends for fall. Lineless lines in rich new shades make for a beautifully simple season.

- 1 - chic dresses in clean lines, often worn with a belt
- 2 - neutrals, accented with pops of color, like bold blues or purples
- 3 - tailored designs in menswear fabrics that give fall a classic feel
- 4 - new fells with textures, soft wools with sheeny charmuse
- 5 - new silhouettes, such as unconstructed jackets, slouchy pants, a voluminous dress

Head Turners For Sure!

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile! FASHION - Just for the fun of it!

tremendous service. Board member James Arnold said of Griffin, "Mark is if the highest character and utmost integrity. We will miss him on this board."

In other action, the trustees appointed Ms. Tina Thompson to the Lubbock MHMR Board of Trustees and reappointed Mrs. Hattie Gipson for a two-year term. Brady Goen was nominated to fill a vacancy on the Lubbock Central Appraisal District (LCD) Board of Directors.

Library Activities This Week

The Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p. m. on Saturday, August 25, to discuss "Not In My Family: AIDS in the African American Community," edited by Gil L. Roberson.

The "Creative Ink" teen poetry club will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, Monday, August 27, at 4:30 p. m. Bring a poem about school and read to the group.

South Plains College Announces Fall Registration

Levelland - South Plains College will host registration on its Levelland, Plainview and Bryon Martin Advance Technology Center campus on August 22. Fall classes begin August 27.

The Levelland campus will offer registration for orientation students from 1:30 to 2 p. m. Normal registration will be from 2 to 5:30 p. m. New and returning students (excluding orientation students) can contact the Admission and Records Office to obtain a registration time permit. These permits indicate the time students should report for registration.

SPEC Plainview Center, located at 1920 W. 24th Street, will offer fall registration from 5 to 7 p. m. No permit is required.

Registration for SPEC at the Bryon Martin ATC, 3201 Avenue Q, is set for 5 to 7 p. m. Students must have been admitted to SPEC with transcripts on file to be eligible to register.

Late registration is scheduled from 8:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. On the Levelland campus, students must report to the Counseling Center in the Student Services Building. On the Plainview campus, students must report to the Main Office. At

the Reese and SPEC at Bryon Martin campuses, students should report to the Counseling Center.

Current Connect link at www.southplainscollege.edu as long as they have a pin number.

Students must bring the following items to registration: time permit, pen or pencil, valid driver's license, vehicle registration information and form of payment for tuition and fees.

For more information for the Levelland campus, contact the Admissions and Records Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2578 or 2572. For more information call 806-885-3048, ext. 2902 or 4660.

Williams/Fullbright Family Reunion Set

Crosbyton - The Williams/Fullbright Family Reunion will take place Saturday, August 25, 2007, at the Crosbyton Senior Center, located on North Berkshire, behind the Citizens National Bank, from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m.

The Reunion was begun by one of the two surviving Williams' children, Mrs. Dorothy R. Terrell of Crosbyton over 25 years ago. This lady is very devoted to God, her family, community and just people in general.

Each year, the Lord's blesses us more and more, for anyone who once lived in Crosbyton or the surrounding communities and are friends of Dorothy (Dot), L.C. please feel free to stop by.

We began our celebration each year with a devotional period, giving praises to the Lord. Last year, we were blessed to do better than blessed with songs

and praises from Rev. Gloria Moore of Tahoka and her group, they closed out our wonderful Celebration.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The China Disease

I am truly concerned about the wholeness of America. Daily I observe locomotives from my office window pulling hundreds of rail cars carrying consumer goods from other countries. The majority of these foreign rail cars carry labels from China and other Asian countries.

There is an advertisement for sales support of China imports that reads: "Our objective is to provide more than engineering and manufacturing support. We pride ourselves with providing to our customers full 'Go China' life style support. We get involved in the engineering, manufacturing and sales processes only to the extent that you need us to do so. Whether you are interested in complete turnkey manufacturing project, or are just looking for assistance in successfully navigating the intricacies of doing business in China, we will become your right hand as your expert China adviser if that's what you need. Or, we will turnkey manufacture your product, and deliver it to your dock, on time and on budget."

There is nothing wrong with this advertisement. What is troubling is the one-sided balance in trade and the accu-

mulating of an elephantine trade deficit. Our present trade deficit with China could burden our children and grandchildren for years to come.

Another fear that should be of concern is "biological warfare." A recent report stated seafood imports from China were raised in untreated sewage. Fish products we Americans were consuming were treated with dangerous drugs and chemicals. Imagine the catfish or other fish you eat being raised in water contaminated with raw sewage (out-house) and compensated by using dangerous drugs and chemicals.

FDA inspectors announced the presence of tainted food imports from China are being reject with increasing frequency because they are filthy, are contaminated with pesticides and tainted with carcinogen, bacteria and banned drugs.

China is allegedly the No. 1 in agriculture in the world, 3.7 billion tons of sewage is discharged into rivers, lakes and coastal water, some of which are used by the industry. Only 45 percent of China is to have any sewage-treatment facilities.

China industry purports to control the spread of bacterial

infections, disease and parasites by pumping the food supplies with antibiotics and waters with fungicides and pesticides.

The federal government purported to (if you want to believe your government is doing something) begin investigating Chinese manufacturing standards. However, Lou Dobbs reported on CNN there is new evidence that the United States government has no interest in protecting American consumers from dangerous Chinese imports.

Dobbs reported a new recall of dangerous imports from communist China: "This time hundreds of thousands of defective tires are being recalled because they lack important safety features ... the federal government is beginning to investigate Chinese manufacturing standards. As well as allegations that China is dumping defective tires on American consumers."

Dobbs reported in Pennsylvania, a terrible accident killed two men when their tire treads separated and wrapped around the axles, overturning the vehicle and

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Preachers Despising God"

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

Micah 6:8 - He has showed y you, O' man, what is good, and what the Lord requires frews of you. But to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Many churches where the Preachers are not about God's business, but playing games. The Preachers and the people are bringing to God's name: Shame! Shame! Shame!!!

II Samuel 12:14a - Because of this deed, you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

***** The Unsaved Are Saying, 'There Is No God!!!' *****

There are Preachers who allow sinners to hold positions in the Church, and knowing they're not saved, but they want their money. And the Church is hurt.

II Corinthians 6:14-16a - Be you no unequally together with unbelievers for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.

***** Yes, Preachers Do Rob God!!! *****

They know their lights are

not shiring, and giving God His highest glory. The Preachers and people, they don't fear God, and that's the whole story!!!

Malachi 1:6 - The Lord said, a son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I be a father, where is my honor? And if I be a master, where is my fear? O' Priest (Preachers) that despise my name. And you say wherein have we despised your name?

As long as the Preachers are getting the tithe and offerings that's their love. They have no respect for God and His Church or His word which came from above.

Matthew 6:24a - Jesus said, no man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one and despise the other.

The Prophet Malachi wrote of this kind of ungodliness in the Church in his day. The Preachers polluting the Church with that which is not to fit, and it's going on today!!!

Malachi 1:7 - The Lord said, offer polluted bread upon mine altar, and y you say, wherein have we polluted thee? In that you say, the table of the Lord is contemptible (worthless).

Some Preachers say, this is where the unsaved suppose to be and that's a lie. God wants your best fruits, and can use them when they give Him their lives!!!

II Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new.

***** Where Is The Change??? *****

When one gives their lives to God, he can no longer live the same old way. But the sinners in the Churches today. Live today in their sins as they did yesterday!!!

Some Preachers think because the sinner can play an instrument, God wants that. God wants a saved and sanctified instrument player and that's the true facts!!!

God's House is to be respected, and given the highest reverence above all. But Preachers don't care who comes in as long as they make his pockets grow tall!

Mark 11:17 - Jesus said, is it not written, My House shall be called of all nations. The House of Prayer? But you have made it a den of thieves.

***** Yes, The Preachers Continue on Page 6**

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church service were well attended last Sunday morning, August 19, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with

Sunday School last Sunday morning with Superintendent Sister Lucella Harris in charge. It was another wonderful lesson which was taught by Sister Harris and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject of the morning lesson was

"Call For R Repentance." Zechariah 1:1-6; 7:8-14.

The morning worship hour began with devotion led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. The spir-

it was very high!

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls for the Lord. Our Senior choir members really enjoy singing for their Lord and Saviour.

Pastor Canady delivered another powerful sermon. His subject was "For The Battle Is The Lord's." His scripture text was I Samuel 17:47.

"Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

Remember our sick and shut-in members. Among them include: Sister Betty Titus, Sister Oretha Moore and Sister Georg Ann Hereford.

Just a little kindness to someone on the sick and shut-in list will go a mighty long way. Let us not forget those who are down today. Tomorrow, it could be one of us who are fortunately to be well this week. God is always blessed! He knows what we need

and when we really need it.

Did you know, we will never accumulate enough riches to purchase a place in the paradise of God. But there's good news! Salvation can be ours "without money and without price", according to Isaiah 55:1.

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Have you trusted Jesus as your Savior? You need to stretch out

and trust Him

"Our works and words should say the same thing."

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Congratulations, Brother Eddie P. Richardson, Brother T. J. Patterson and Digest Staff on y our thirty years of service to the Lubbock Community Informing Lubbock and Surrounding Areas of what's really going on! Thanks again for making sure the weekly column of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast is seen and read by our many readers. May God continue to bless you with continued success.

133 Psalm

Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that run down upon the beard, even aaron's beard that went down to the skirts of his garment. And as the dew of Hermon as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessings, even life for evermore."

Give Thanks!

Psalm 92 is a "Song for the Sabbath day", a resting place for those who are troubled.

The song begins with a commendation of praise: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord." It does us good to turn from our unsettling and anxious thoughts to declare God's "loving kindness in the morning, and His faithfulness every night. God loves us and is always faithful. He makes us glad.

Praise not only makes us glad, it makes us wise. We begin to understand something of God's greatness and creative design in all that is hidden from those who do not know God. The wicked may "flourish" and "spring up like grass" for a moment, but ultimately they will wither away.

The righteous, however, are joined to the One who dwells in

eternity. They flourish like a palm tree and "like a cedar in Lebanon, symbols of graceful beauty and unbending strength. For they have been "planted in the house of the Lord. Their roots go down into the soil of God's faithfulness; they draw on His unquenchable love.

Give thanks and praise to the Lord today!

Oh, render thanks to God above, The Fountain of eternal love, Whose mercy firm through

ages past Has stood, and shall forever last!

So again, Southwest Digest, thanks for all the hard work you have done for all of us. We know it hasn't been easy. But God knows!

If y ou ever need us, just call the Outreach Prayer Breakfast!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, Vice president; and Sister Gloria Jones, teacher. God is able!

Stone Hollow VILLAGE

Park Meadows VILLAS

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**Give It Up!
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by
Gordon Jackson
Texas Publishers Association

Everson Walls and Ron Springs, both former standout football players from the glory years of the Dallas Cowboys, made the play of their lives this spring. And comedian-actor George Lopez and his wife, the former Ann Serrano, gave the performances of their lives two years ago.

Their grand accomplishments far exceeded anything that had to do with sports or entertainment, but involved something much more serious. The above friends and husband-and-wife team represent two of the most high-profiled stories to date about organ transplant operations, critical medical procedures that did more than win a ball game or a Grammy award—they saved lives.

The four individuals being African American and Hispanic are even more paramount. The day of August 1 was National Minority Donor Awareness Day and every April has been designated National Donate Life Month. They both represent a nationwide observance to raise awareness of the desperate need for donation and transplantation in the African American community (as well as the Latino community) and to educate the public on the facts and myths about organ donation.

The reason is simple: The African American community is in desperate need of African American organ and tissue donors. Although they make up 14 percent of the United States population, approximately 35 percent of those on the waiting list for kidney transplants are African American.

Other alarming statistics show:
*While Blacks comprise 27 percent of individuals on the national transplant waiting list, they represent only 12 percent of organ donors.

*As of May 2006, there were 25,177 African Americans registered on the U.S. transplant waiting list compared to 6,598 in 1991, a 382 percent increase.

*Approximately 51 percent of those waiting for a transplant are minorities and 27 percent of those are African Americans.

*In 2005, 5,212 African Americans received an organ transplant; there were 1,136 African American deceased donors and 889 living donors.

Springs, ailing badly from the effects of type 2 diabetes, which caused the amputation of a foot, managed to beat such odds when Walls, his best friend, found out that he was a match. As with all healthy humans having two kidneys, doctors told Walls that he could give one of his good ones to Springs and still maintain a healthy normal life. "I would still do it again for my friend," Walls told an audience this spring at a sports luncheon held at the African American Museum. "Whatever was going to affect Ron's family, because we were so close, I knew it was going to affect mine. Once I was determined to do it, I was hell-bent."

For his "hell-bent" actions, Walls, a Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame inductee, was later honored as a hero by the legislature at the state capitol in Austin. State representative Helen Giddings spearheaded the tribute with wishes that it jolts others to do the same.

"It is my hope that the bond between Mr. Walls and Mr. Springs inspires each of us to do what we can to help our fellow man," Giddings said. "Furthermore, I commend the two gentlemen for having the initiative to begin a foundation to encourage organ donation for both living and deceased donors. With death can spring life and with compassion spring hope."

Walls was inspired by friend and fellow Dallas native Serrano. After finding out that husband George, star of the television series "The George Lopez Show" and popular stand-up comedian, had deteriorating kidneys due to a genetic disorder, she did not hesitate to donate one of hers to Lopez in April 2005.

Other stories of successful kidney transplants have been involved in pro basketball players Alonzo Mourning ring and Sean Elliott. Unfortunately, there are also far too many more stories of failures involving organ donor transplants among African Americans. Farrah Gray, the former teenage tycoon sensation, who became a millionaire at age 14, lost his sister, Greek, to leukemia in Sept. 2006 after failing a matching bone marrow donor. "I've been speaking to everyone from Ebony to 20/20, especially Black people, to go out to their local blood banks and register to be an organ donor," said Farrah Gray, now 21, who was honored last year at a Texas Publishers Association confer-

ence. "Only 3 percent of bone marrow donors are African American while they make up thousands of individuals being diagnosed with leukemia and we cannot find a donor match." Other highly publicized losses include Jackie Dombue, sister of rapper Nelly, who died of leukemia in March 2005 and pro football running back legend Walter Payton, who succumbed to a rare liver disease in November 1999. Both lives could have been saved by matching donors, but no one was found in time. Pam Silvestri, public affairs manager of the Dallas-based Southeast Transplant Alliance, thinks that the number of such heartbreaking stories in the African American community is about to curb down, if it hasn't started already. Reasons behind the severe lack of organ donors among African Americans include:

- * An overall lack of trust in the medical industry due to previous cases of adverse treatment;
- * Pure mis-education and lack of

information about organ donation.

* The inability and thus resistance for low-income and uninsured sector of the African American community to seek medical care, particularly among Black males;

* Traditional religious beliefs. "We're not out of the woods yet," Silvestri said. "But the amount of donations has made leaps and bounds over the past 10 years. Our initial goal was to encourage minorities to donate at a rate that reflected the numbers within their population. We've blown past those numbers."

Yet, with the number of African Americans needing new kidneys, other organs and fresh bone marrow having increased so sharply the last decade, Silvestri said they've had to raise the bar. "Now we're encouraging minorities to donate at a rate that reflects the numbers on the waiting list," she said.

But the lights of hope beam through, with more stories of everyday people of color receiving organ transplants and returning back to society. "As more minorities get transplants and go back into the world, it's helping subdue those fears," Silvestri said. "They're finding out that not everybody getting kidneys are White and rich. They're seeing that a lot more look like them."

Those looking like us include Walls and Springs, who have formed the Everson Walls and Ron Springs Gift of Life Foundation to get the word out to the African American community about organ and bone marrow donation and to shatter the debilitating myths. "We're going to make sure that we beat that drum for anyone that wants to hear about it," Walls said.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson



Think About It!

It Has To Be Us For Us!

by Eddie P. Richardson

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change ... You see ... you are your child's ... **ROLE MODEL** ... and when you speak ... you man business ... Anyway ... let's do the right thing for the sake of our little precious assets ... **BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE! THIS N THAT** ... would like to encourage as many who cannot attend the ... **BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** ... at Alderson Middle School ... 219 Walnut Avenue ... on Friday evening ... August 24, 2007 ... from 6:00 p. m. until 7:30 p. m. ... The principal ... **GEORGE LOVE, JR.** ... will be expecting many of you to attend ... He is very concerned about the welfare of our young people ... so let's go by on Friday evening ... and let him and his dedicated staff know we appreciate what they are doing ... and will continue to support them this school year. So don't forget the ... **BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!** **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "LIVING IN THE PAST** ... paralyzes ... the ... **PRESENT** ... and ... **BANKRUPTS** ...

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For our long denied communities to become the productive and competitive market places with our goods and services, the leadership and initiative must come from within the community. The time has passed when we can sit around and complain as well as blame everyone else for our short comings. It is not going to be Jesus and Twelve Whitemen to come down or around and save us from us for us. That price has already been paid and now we have choices because of that price being paid in full over 2,000 years ago. We now have choices. The choice we make gives us our results. I t's like Heaven and hell. Right or Wrong. The choice is ours. The results come from our choices. For a fresh start we must start loving, trusting each other, working together for the good of all of us collectively. We must work with each other, trade with each other, support each other. Most of all, be fair with each other by competing at the market place and do the same kind of work for each other. When we do for each other, we will see to that all jobs begun will be completed in a professional manner before we go to another one. Don't tie up three or four jobs at the same time and linger on all of them at the same time and have everyone mad and dissatisfied all at once and wonder why you get bad mouthed. We must learn to give each other a chance, but remember life is a two edged sword. One must be competitive and professional across the board. We should not trade with one just because they are Black. On the other hand, we should allow Blacks a chance because they are Black. But y you should get a good professional job which is timely no matter what. The bottom line is we must learn to trust each other, but we must earn the trust. To this writer, that is the beginning of a united community. We have to create role models and images across the board for future generations. We have lost at least three generations to either sickness, selfishness and other en-

deavors. Reemember, you can't get to Heaven riding Pharaoh's chariot. You must be able to get hip and build your own. The proof is in the pudding. You just can't sit around and wait on the government or white businesses and industry to lead you to the Promise Land. Every tribe which was led to freedom was lead by a tribal member always. The leadership must come from within by working together when many others put their resources together for a better community. For example, in Lubbock the Black community has so many resources at its finger tips and all needed is for all of them to come together for the betterment of all members of the Black community. With our many resources, proper guidance, and support much can be accomplished. You put these together and with God's help, there's no telling where we can go. Sometimes, this writer realizes how frustrated one may become because of the way things did happen. But, you know what, it is not the end of the world. You must learn to keep on fighting for what you think is important for the future of our community. With all of this said, we realize that talk is very cheap and many times we depend on trying to talk our way through it. So come on, Black Community and let's use what we got for a much better community. Are you for it? Hope so!

Preachers ... **Continue from Page 3** **Do That!! ****** The Preachers think t hey can give God anything and things will be OK. Give that which is un-worthy to the President would you??? No way!!! (Let's say, the President is coming to your Church Sunday, and he tells the Preacher, I know who's not living saved and sanctified when I get there. Any who is living a Christian life, I will take away your Church's exemption rights. So Preachers, don't let me see them be there. I know the Preacher will tell the ones who are not living saved to stay at home Sunday! He might tell his wife not to come or he might no be there himself, because he fears the government's power and not God's!!!) **Matthew 23:27** -- Jesus said, woe u mo y ou, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like unto whited sepulchres, which appear beautiful outward, but are within full of deadmen's bones, and of all uncleanness. **Closing Thought Again:** You cannot climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pocket. Nuff Sed! Why Not? **Parson Smith** **Continued from Page 3** throwing them out. A third man suffered a brain injury. The attorneys for the men say tires made in China were lacking a standard feature to prevent that kind of separation. The Chinese put profit in front of safety. Then, there is the lead place in toys that can serious injure our innocent precious little ones by the Chinese. The little ones are America's most precious commodity. What is wrong with the idiots in Washington who would let corporate America become baby killers by let a Communist Chinese company lead poison our children and grandchildren. Middle-class Americans must take a stand against the corporate, political and foreign genocidal sycophants who slavishly bow to the Baal of China and the Middle East while acting obsequiously to gain favor by lip service through burros.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Time is changing and too often the senior citizens of America are not informed about many of the changes which affect their daily lives. Many seniors are so preoccupied with just keeping up with the things directly affect their physical daily well being and do not pay any attention to matters which affect their long term livelihood. Immediate worries about how one will feel when exiting the bed each morning is an utmost concern for many seniors, or how they will succeed in getting breakfast once they successfully get out of bed. There are some seniors who fortunately do not have such problems, but run into other problems which affect them and their daily living arrangements. A senior citizen with Medicare coverage feels most content knowing that when they visit a doctor that the most of their care service or eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare allowable fee will be covered by Medicare. This is not always true and one has to be in the position of need to usually find out that something is not covered. There are at least two areas of

senior needs which are not covered by Medicare. One of these is hearing aids. A doctor evaluates ones hearing and discovers that one needs a hearing aid and prescribes a hearing aid based on the audiology test results. One gets in gear to purchase a hearing aid to the tune of several thousand dollars or as little as a few hundred dollars to be told that Medicare will not pay anything on the cost of a hearing aid. So, what does a senior with Medicare coverage do? Many will not have the prosthesis that they need. Aside from hearing aids, everyone knows that as one ages, there is a tendency to have moles multiply on the face and neck which are uncomfortable and often get caught in clothing, washcloths and towels, causing bleeding sometimes. Perspiration often causes the areas around the very small pinpoint sized moles to give off a burning sensation which is most uncomfortable and unwanted during very hot weather. Make a decision to visit a dermatologist to have the moles removed and discover that Medicare will not pay for such a service because it is considered cosmetic rather than a physical need. When seniors become eligible for Medicare at age 65, they should be given a policy like any other insurance company to make them aware of what is covered and what is not covered. In addition, we need to get 'in

cinque' and encourage our Congress to add coverage for hearing aids and mole removal to Medicare.

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Minter & Reed Family Reunion Held In Lubbock - July 13-15, 2007

Continued from last week: Some of our family members were in Lubbock prior to the family reunion. They were Kenneth Gilbert, Richard Gilbert, Thomas Gilbert and Elizabeth Gilbert. Their mother, Jehovah blessed her. She's back on her feet.

Lee Stewart was in Lubbock during the week of Mother's Day. He brought his grand kids to see members of the family.

Louis Minter was here June 30, 2007 on his way to Friona,

Texas to attend his mother's 70th birthday.

Jamnie Stewart was here June 29-30, 2007 to attend the Estacado High School All-Class Reunion.

Randel Thomas he helped to move his Aunt back home March 2007.

Congratulations to Quentin Johnson for his new job in Fort Worth, Texas as an employee at Sprint/Nextel.

Let us take this time thank each member for helping to get

this family reunion and having family members as guest.

For family members who were unable to attend this year's reunion. May Jehovah God bless each of them to be in attendance in 2008. We missed seeing Ms. Bernice Nickerson, Dolores Waters Davis, Aunt Roberta Smith, Earnest and Doris Ridley and family.

To Anthony Thomas and Lornita Raven, we want you to know we missed you and love both of you. God hears your prayers. God is able!

Our hats go off to those who celebrated birthdays in July 2007.

On Sunday, July 15, 2007,

family members returned to Aunt Lorraine house to take pictures and exchange addresses. The family members traveled to Hop for breakfast and returned back to the house. Out-of-town began leaving for home. Everyone was gone by 2:30 p.m. We learned all family members returned home safely.

Uncle Joe, you keep coming back. You are very special to this family. We love you, family members. We want you to tell all of you, we surely you, Effie Nelson.

Aunt Lorraine Minter wants to thank all family members who helped out in her time of need.

The 2007 officers were:

President, Velda Gilbert; Vice President, Cynthia Pierce; Assistance-to-the-President, Richard Gilbert; Secretary, Effie Nelson; Treasurer, Vairie Gilbert and Tammie Stewart.

Again, we want to thank everyone for coming home for 2007 Minter & Reed Family Reunion. We continue to give our blessing to Jehovah God. Our family prayed and Jehovah heard our prayers. It will be 365 days before our next family reunion. Please send money in as possible. This helps us to go higher in getting ready for 2008 Reunion. Information will be sent out in January 2008 about the family Reunion for July 2008. Keep in mind, we need a theme for the July 2008 Reunion. Contact Effie Nelson. We give all our blessing

to Jehovah God. Family Reunion went very well. We had a joyful time. We all had smiling faces. Family members, let's keep praying for each other.

Remember a family that prays together. Let's keep our prayer lines and stayed connected with God. We serve a Mighty Awesome God. Prayer is power. Jehovah God is good is good all of the Minter Family. Jehovah has smiles on our family for another year, 2006-2007. There were no deaths in our family. All our events have been happy events to bring our family together. All our events were happy events to bring our family members together. Thank you, Jehovah for our family blessing. Again we want to thank everyone for coming home for 2007.

Thank you, Southwest Digest and staff for supporting the Minter/Reed Family with reporting the Reunion in the newspaper. Thank you so very much. With all of your support, family members who didn't get to attend, we will have a chance to know what we did.

Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Minters for welcoming our family members and opening up you all our hearts. You all always are special to the Minter Family. Thanks for looking out for our Sister and Aunt Lorraine Minter. God bless all of you and your precious family.

Congratulations, Kwinntzie R. Scott for making the Honor Roll, whose Craig Scott's daughter. Congratulations, Brenae L. Nelson for making the Honor Roll, Byron & Tanika Nelson's daughter.

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Accepting Grant Applications

Civic Lubbock, Inc. is now taking grant applications for events to be scheduled in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center or City Bank Auditorium/Coliseum for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, October 1, 2007 through

September 30, 2008. Civic Lubbock, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster and promote cultural, educational, and entertainment programs, to include the visual and performing arts, for the citizens of Lubbock.

This grant program is funded through the revenues generated from the operation of Concessions at the Civic Center and City Bank Auditorium/Coliseum as well as the Select-a-Seat ticketing operation. The overall Civic Lubbock budget has not yet been finalized; however, Civic Lubbock would like to begin the process of accepting applications. The purpose of the program is to provide funds to assist programs and events in building strong participation in order to become self-sufficient on an annual basis. Applying organizations must be a 501(c) 3 organization.

Applications can be obtained by calling the Civic Center Administration Office, 775-2242, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for submitting completed applications is Friday, August 31, 2007.

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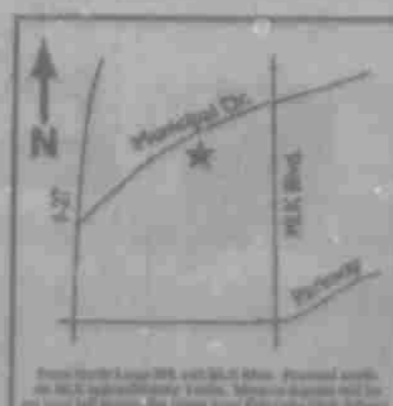
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