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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
- Past Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at 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.

Chattman 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.

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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Citizens demonstrate concern for Boys & Girls Club with petition

A petition of more than 100 signatures on behalf of local citizens concerning how Ms. Socknomia "Sockie" Martin wasn't apparently unjustly "fired" from her position as Program Director at the Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club, 1801 East 24th Street, on June 20, 2006.

America, parents and friends refuse to sit by and let a caring qualified individual as Ms. Martin be "removed from her position with no justifiable reason, especially when we saw how she had such a positive influence on children."

The petition acknowledges that since Ms. Martin has been gone, the attendance rate has dropped tremendously and the kids are no longer excited about attending the Theodore Phea Boys & Girls Club.

The mission statement of the Boys and Girls Club states: "To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens." The Boys and Girls Club is supposed to be a place that provides: (1) a safe place for our children to learn and grow; (2) ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals; (3) life-enhancing programs and character development experiences; and (4) hope and opportunity.

Martin has a very sincere love for all the kids and all the kids love her. Not only were those who signed the petition concerned about the "firing" of Ms. Martin, but want to make sure the funding of Theodore Phea Boys & Girls Club is equitable with other Boys & Girls Clubs. If there are others who want to sign this position, they are encouraged to call either (806) 763-5107 or (806) 438-3989.

Crosbyton citizen surprised on 70th birthday



Crosbyton - L. D. Terrell, Sr., along with his wife, Dorothy, celebrated a surprise 70th birthday at the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Sunday, July 23, 2006. It was difficult keeping the surprise, but by God's grace, "we made it!"

Willie and Helen of Pampa and Herlean of Coleman. Very special guests were Joe and Susie Powdrell of Amarillo.

L. D. and Dorothy Terrell have been married for twenty years, and have a combined family of fifteen living children. A son, Bobby, Sr., is deceased.

Deborah Coppage-Hutchinson, one of his daughters. "He is a very quiet and patient man, and we love him very much and are grateful for him. We pray God's blessings of spiritual and emotional strength, prosperity, and many more years of dedication to God, family, and friends," she concluded.

Meet George L. Love, Principal at Alderson Middle School

George L. Love, Jr. is the principal of Alderson Middle School where last year was the inaugural year for the Lubbock Independent School District to implement the middle school philosophy. Alderson Middle School was proud to blaze the trail for future Lubbock Independent School Middle School campuses and look forward to continued success in the future.



Currently, Love is in his fourth year of school administration and is an active member of several professional educator's organizations which include: Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, National Education Association, Texas Education Association, Texas Middle School Association, and South Plains Middle School Association.

Kango Golf Association preparing for golf tournament



The Lubbock members of the Kango Golf Association have been making preparation of the 4th Annual Golf Tournament which will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 16 & 17, 2006, at Meadowbrook Golf Course, Mackenzie Park, 601 Municipal Drive. Tournament Headquarters is Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers, 801 Avenue Q, entry fee is \$125.00 which include green fees, half cart, range balls, lunch and dinner. Deadline is Wednesday, September 13, 2006. No registration will be accepted after this date.

Neugebauer refuses to debate with challenger to his congressional seat

August 28, 2006 - This week, Randy Neugebauer's campaign declined all public forums or debates with his democratic challenger, Robert Ricketts. The Neugebauer campaign cited a "busy congressional schedule" as the reason for Neugebauer's declined to speak to District 19 residents.

Behavior is indefensible. How could he stand on the same stage with a fiscal conservative like me and explain his support of a disastrous 23% sales tax," states Ricketts. "Maybe he is unable to answer why he has voted twice against funding our military men and women fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq."

Neugebauer's tax and borrow policies. They are ready for a return to sensible government," confided Ricketts. Ricketts is the Democratic nominee for U.S. Congress 19. He is a professor of accounting at Texas Tech University when he holds an endowed chair in taxation. His platform for sensible government is being warmly welcomed across the 27 counties of District 19.

Reid named interim executive director for the NELCDC

In a press conference Tuesday morning, August 29, 2006, at University Plaza, 1901 University Avenue, the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (NELCDC) named Jim Reid as Interim Executive Director, replacing John Hall.

Commission, Master Development Plan, and with identifying our first executive director Jim brings a wealth of resources that will not only benefit the NELCDC, but the whole City of Lubbock. The NELCDC was formed in 2004 to create, facilitate, and promote development in north and east Lubbock. Since its inception, the NELCDC has conducted homebuyer education workshops, facilitated financial literacy trainings, provided pre-purchase housing counseling and helped citizens achieve the American dream of home-ownership.

Super Saturdays registration underway

Registration is underway for the fall session of Super Saturdays at Texas Tech University. Super Saturdays is an academic enrichment program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Classes meet on the Texas Tech campus for four consecutive Saturdays, from Sept. 30 through October 21. The Institute for the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners (IDEAL) sponsors the program through Texas Tech's Division of Outreach and Distance Education.

Some of the classes offered include: art, engineering, forensics, photography, creative writing, theater, cooking and more. Instructors for the classes include members of the Texas Tech faculty, graduate students and public school teachers. Classes are hands-on and some include field trips. One goal of Super Saturdays is to introduce children to a variety of subjects to help them focus on an academic path. Students may take as many classes as they wish. Enrollment is limited. The average cost per

class is \$71 but fees vary according to subject. Partial scholarships are available as well as early bird registration fees. The deadline for early bird registration and scholarship application is September 13. To participate in Super Saturdays, students must submit a recent report card with a B+ or better average or submit a letter of recommendation from a school teacher or school official. For more information visit www.ideatx.edu or to register, phone (806) 742-3420.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please remember that the publishers and writers 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 Slaton Memorial District Convocation will be held September 4-5, 2006 at the Christ Temple COGIC, 2411 Fir Avenue, Supt. W. David Haynes, District Superintendent. This year's theme is "Walking In Purpose." Hebrew 12:14.

Guest speaker will be Supt. Destry Bell, William Temple, Houston. Facilitator will be Missionary Christy Mitchell Henry for the workshop September 5th and 6th, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

Supt. Haynes will deliver an official service message on Saturday evening, September 8, 2006.

Let us continue to support the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation, NELCDC, which will have an interim executive director, Jim Reid, who will replace John Hall. Hall resigned last week. Four new homes are under construction at this time, because of the efforts of Hall who will join the Housing Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, DC. Next week.

Speaking more about the efforts of the North & East Lubbock, volunteers are needed

for assistance with a highway clean up on September 16th & October 14, 2006. Anyone interested in doing so may contact Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr., pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, at 744-7552. If you can help, lunch will be provided.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. It's good to see Sister Ollie Coleman in attendance of her church, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, each Sunday morning. Others, who are members of Bethel, whom we sometimes forget and are ill include: Brother & Sister Lester C. Brown, Sister Norma Davis, Sister Charlie Mae Johnson, Sister Opal McFrazier, Sister Doris Ragland, Sister Mary Ella Tucker, and Brother Rudolph Belvin. Sister Dorothy Nash is often in attendance at Bethel.

Brother Oree Matthews is a patient at Covenant Medical Center.

Of course, there are many others who attend other churches. Hopefully, this column will begin to publish those citizens who are ill and can't get around as they once did. Let us not forget them. They, too, are tremendous assets to our community. God is able!

The Estacado High School Matadors will play its first football game of the season against Hereford High School there on Friday evening, September 1, 2006. Let's wish them well as they begin another year. Go Matadors!

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, August 27, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, where Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope.

Services got underway with Meditation and Prayer and songs by the Praise Team. The morning scripture and prayer were given by Minister McClendon and Minister Wilson. The New Hope Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "Three Things To Do When Trouble Comes!" His scripture text was Psalm 91:1-16; Hebrews 13:5-6. It was a sermon all should have heard. All of us need to trust and rejoice over our Lord Jesus Christ.

After an invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Brother Billy Dailey, and all visitors were welcomed by Sister Elaine Lindsey.

In Remembrance

Maudia Jewel Minor Powell Memorial services for Maudia Jewel Minor Powell were held Wednesday afternoon, August 16, 2006, at the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church.



Powell

Maudia Jewel Minor was born to Willie Lee Minor in Barry, Texas on August 2, 1925. She was wedded to Julius Powell on January 26, 1957 in Clovis, NM.

She was a member and Church Mother of the Greater St. Mark Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years.

She leaves to cherish her memories three sons: Harry of Lubbock, Willie of Mesquite and David of Mexia; two daughters, Beulah Mae Taylor of Fort Worth; seventeen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

& Funeral Home of Lubbock. He passed away Sunday, August 20, 2006, at the Lubbock Health Care Center.

He was born in Wetumpka, Alabama. He is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, and a brother.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two daughters, Stephanie Young of Lubbock and Wanda Tingite of Kalamazoo, Michigan; two sons, David Wiggins and Tyrone Young, both of Lubbock; three sisters: Ruth Brooks of Topeka, Kansas, Ruby Davis of Atlanta, Georgia, and Rosemary Brown of Lubbock; seven brothers: Willis James Young of Chicago, Illinois, Jack and Steve Bozeman of Lubbock, Tommy Bozeman of Lubbock, Tommy Bozeman of Topeka, Kansas, Ricky Bozeman of Austin, Lester Bozeman of Lawrence, Kansas, and Joe Bozeman of Anchorage, Alaska; eleven grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

FASHION FUN

By Shirley Roberson

Popular fall colors

Attention! Attention! It's every way! This fall color is a great



imporance. Add your colors with Rich purple debut as a very fall favorite, other popular colors

are emerald green, olive and lime green, red hot red, muted gray, turquoise, rich browns, vibrant pinks, berry, burgundy, dusty plum, ivory, racy blacks, pumpkin and gunmetal silver. Regardless of the color you're wearing... don't forget to sparkle!

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

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Intercessory Prayer 8:30am
Church School 9:30am
Morning Worship 11:00am
Wednesday Bible Study
12:00 Noon and 6:00pm



PASTOR EDDIE L. EVERLINE, JR.

"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER"

Slaton Memorial District Convocation begins Monday

Supt. W. David Haynes - District Superintendent.
THEME: Walking in Purpose - Hebrews 12:14

Guest Speaker: Supt. Destry Bell, William Temple-Houston, Texas

September 4th & 5th, 2006 @ 7:30pm

Facilitator: Missionary Christy Mitchell Henry September 5th & 6th @ 7:00pm Workshop

September 6th, 2006 Speaker: Elder Darryl Collins
TNW Praise & Worship Leader

September 7th 2006 @ 7:00pm Women's Day Missionary Hattie Scott Speaker: Supt. Johnny Allen, San Angelo

September 8, 2006 @ 7:30pm Official Service Speaker: Supt. W. David Haynes Bring a friend.

Tutor training for Literacy Coalition

Would you like to transform a life through education? The Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy is looking for volunteers to tutor adults who need to learn to read, to prepare for the GED or to speak English. Tutor training will take place on Saturday, September 9th, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at

the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street. The Coalition offers additional training for men and women willing to help dyslexic adults learn to read. Because the Lubbock Coalition is the only facility offering help for dyslexic adults in this area, the need for tutors is great. For further information, please call 775-3636.

Third Annual Homecoming Carnival
FOOD, GAMES & FUN
SEPTEMBER 2, 2006 11 AM - 6 PM
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
887 E. 11th St., Slaton, TX

Wanted: Safe/Reliable Drivers

Reward: \$1600.00 sign bonus

Work Safe - Drive Safe Bonus \$\$\$

\$45,000 - 65,000.00 Annually

90% Local Delivery

Requirements:

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- High school diploma or equivalent
- Ability to read and understand numbers, codes and perform basic math skills.
- Ability to lift 75 lbs often and maneuver a loaded dolly on a ramp.
- Neat and clear appearance
- Ability to communicate professionally
- Strong customer service skills
- Knowledge of Department of Transportation regulations.
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- Meet all DOT requirements including a physical examination and drug test.

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Reference job posting 06-0016

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THEME: FAMOUS WRITERS

- ACROSS**
1. Teboggans
 6. Speaking platform
 10. His first book was "Carrie"
 14. Tom Cruise's wife
 15. Painter Chagall's first name
 16. Computer graphic symbol
 17. Perform in a play
 18. Produces a healing gel
 19. Prima donna
 20. Apartment in a building without elevator
 22. Hole-punching tools
 24. _____ King Cole
 25. Homer's "Iliad", e.g.
 27. Any age prior to the legal age, pl.
 29. Insert again
 33. Siamese
 34. Bristles on grass
 35. To perfection
 37. Lip shiner
 41. Short for Internet
 42. Luxurious boat
 44. Ope is just like others in a pod
 45. Loosely hang
 48. Novice
 49. Illegal pitching motion
 50. Past tense of do
 52. American author of "The Bonfire of the Vanities"
 54. Used vehicle put toward a new one
 58. Very dark black
 59. Batch of something, like tobacco
 60. A large amount
 62. "_____ help me"
 66. Physical or mental ability
 68. Taylor Hicks became one in 2006
 70. Fragrant resin used as incense
 71. Wading bird of warm regions
 72. Half of the holes on a golf course
 73. An antiquity
 74. Writing point of a pen, pl.
 75. This actor and author of "Swimming to Cambodia" is known for his monologues
 76. Washington or New Jersey

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Where volunteering begins.

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1. Place at an angle
 2. Legendary actress Turner
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 4. English writer famous for criticizing social injustice
 5. Frame-ups
 6. American Medical Association
 7. Cheekbone
 8. His controversial 2003 novel has a famous painter in its title
 9. Nocturnal wildcat of Central and South America
 10. Cassidy's partner in crime
 11. Best part of cake?
 12. Less bright than supernova
 13. Small biting flies
 21. Religious devotion
 23. A fishing hang-up
 26. Person from Croatia
 28. Be unwell
 29. Her philosophy of Objectivism is expounded in "Atlas Shrugged"
 30. Pitcher
 31. Keen on
 32. Implied, as in agreement
 36. Spasm of pain
 38. October stone
 39. Your own identity
 40. "For Pete's _____!"
 43. Graves
 46. TV's Randall/Klugman couple
 47. Baked in a pan and popular in apple and cherry flavors, pl.
 49. Small bone
 51. Cutting vegetables in cubes
 53. Woman's suiting
 54. Writer Clemens' 'nram de plume
 55. Spiritual Jewish leader
 56. Spontaneous remark
 57. Lowest point
 61. Spanish courtesy title for women
 63. A sail-shaped constellation
 64. What exhaust pipes do
 65. This writer is famous for "The Vampire Chronicles"
 67. This suffix turns prince into princess
 69. Grazing land



Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Losers Weepers and Finders Keepers

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

I John 2:15 - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him.

I, Billy "B. J." was raised in a loving strong handed, do the right thing, and Christian Home, but all that changed when I went out on my own, because I became grown!!!

Proverbs 15:3 - The eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good. The leaders in the 60's told me you're free, and now you have rights. I began to do what I wanted to do, and they became my sins. I did them day and night!!!

Jeremiah 23:25-27 & 28 - The Lord said: I have heard what the prophets said that prophecy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed.' How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart. The prophet who hath a dream, let him tell a dream, and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?

The world changed my name to "Dr. Blo-Fly", while I was living in my sins. Where else can you find the filth of the flies? But with me in the world's hog pen!!!

Matthew 15:14 - Jesus said, let them along, they be blind leaders of the blind, and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall in the ditch.

Many things in the old world I did, even though I knew they were not right. Things I learned at home, I left them, and I wanted to try new things in my own sight!!!

*** **The Leaders Mislead Us All** ***

Those same leaders told me, "Be Black And Proud", because we have now overcome. So I kept on gambling, whore chasing, doping and smoking. I was thinking I was having fun!!!

Proverbs 14:12 - There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Jesus died on the cross for all mankind for every sinner like you and me. He did it all for the sins of the whole world so the lake of fire wouldn't be!!!

Matthew 25:30 - Jesus said, cast you the unprofitable servant into outer darkness, and there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth!!!

*** **Are You A Weeper Or A Keeper Of God's Word???** ***

As I walked in this old world, which I was full of sin, and in no way, I had no shame. I was told to be "Black and Proud", and I was Free at Last to do my own thing!!!

Psalm 2:1 - The Lord said, why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine (Dreamers) a vain thing?

I was into all the happenings, I thought, that the world's spotlight

was on only me. I was having a great time. Then the sin in my life had become my miseries!!!

Isaiah 5:20-22 - The Lord said, woe (cursed) unto them that call evil good, and good evil, who put darkness for light, and light for darkness. And who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight.

I was a prodigal son, and I cried out, 'Lord, please have mercy on poor me. My sins are my burdens. Please take them away, and your word will set me Free!!!'

Psalm 40:1-3 - I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock. I established my goings, he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God. Many shall see it, fear it, and shall trust in the Lord.

But the law of average, I should have been dead, sleeping in my Hellhole grave, but by the love, the grace and mercy of Almighty God, today, I'm now saved!!!

John 14:2 - Jesus said, if a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and will come unto (Live) him, and make you abide with Him.

*** **Are You A Keeper Or A Weeper Of God's Word???** ***



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Advice to the Religious Right

Joel C. Hunter, a pastor in Longwood, Florida and the author of "Right Wing, Wrong Bird: Why the Tactics of the Religious Right Won't Fly with Most Conservative Christians" wrote the following commentary for the Orlando Sentinel Tuesday, August 15, 2006

People are crazy about religion and politics. The recent glut of articles, books, blogs and editorials focused on the Christian Right has all the spookiness of a scary campfire story on a dark and windy night.

But between the liberal panic of a Christian lockstep toward theocracy on the left, and the fundamentalist's paranoia about America's persecution of Christians on the right, a growing number of conservative Christians believe we can be more constructive in our political involvement. Intent on dousing the fire in the morning, many of us see a need for more positive approaches and expansion to more oft-mentioned biblical issues.

The religious Right has settled on a few "below the belt" issues: Of course, we will always be pro-life and protective of keeping the traditional definition of marriage. But the scriptures point us toward additional pro-life issues like caring for creation (Genesis 2:15), empowering people to get out of poverty (Deuteronomy 15:11-14), protecting basic human rights and justice (Isaiah 61:3), and building peace (Matthew 5:9). We are convinced that God has put us here to make a difference in the world. Jesus has taught us to pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Yet in order to help that kind of heavenly environment come, we need to change our tactics.

First, we must change our tone. Fear and anger get immediate, but usually destructive, results. Ideas compete; radicals attack. Let's stick to discussion of solutions rather than accusations of those who disagree with us. The latter even happens among Christians. When several evangelical leaders went public with

our concerns about the human causes of global warming, we were accused by a Christian Right leader of "bating America." Huh?

Second, we must desire more than political gain (and be linked to biblical values rather than a political party). Winning at the ballot box can mask the need to be more personally responsible for our neighbor. The greatest result of the political process is not electing the right policy-makers or even creating improved social policy; it is mobilizing Jesus-like people who will continue to care for others outside their own group. Political victories are hollow if they don't produce better citizens.

Third, we must quit slinging slogans and propose our biblical ideals in an intellectually credible way. We need to offer something compelling and useful to the world that "God so loved." Governments don't need more special-interest lobbyists; they need more groups that can work with them in creating solutions.

It is significant that government are not in the lead in establishing world events these days. The faith communities (Some of which are extreme fundamentalists) the non-governmental organizations and other "sub-state actors" (as former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger calls us) are the one who are making an initial impact for good or ill. Could it be that we are going into a time when conservatives (who understand what it is to live by religious ideals) will have a better chance at negotiating permanent peace solutions with fundamentalists than governments do?

Last, we must never focus on the government as the solution to moral issues. Every government decision is a decision of values. We get that. But, while we all

need to voice and vote into those values, the government is an instrument of force, not of inspirational change. Its powers are too limited to change people.

Joseph Nye, former dean of Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, coined the term "soft power" years ago. Hard power, the ability to coerce through military or economic might, produces quick but temporary change. Soft power, the ability to attract people to ideals and a different way of living, takes patience but it most likely to result in long-lasting change in people. Faith groups need to be persuasive, not coercive.

Many say we should just get out of the realm of politics altogether. Sorry, that is not an option for an obedient Christian. Jesus said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). In this country, our government ("Caesar") doesn't just expect taxes; it expects participation - input, service and political involvement from every citizen, including the Christians. Public service should be a normal part of every Christian's spiritual responsibility.

We just need to calm down ... and aim higher.

This writer agrees to some degree with Mr. Hunter. Those of us who say we are Christians, whether liberal or conservatives need to understand that we are living in the 21st century and must move from a 19th century thought process.

We must come to the grip with the fact that we must be part of the solution process whether it is political, moral, economic or social.

Yes, we need to calm down, spread our wings and aim for the open universe of the Creator-God.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Word Vision is What's Needed Today - The scripture says where there is vision, the people perish. Catch the vision of something headed in the right direction and walk therein. New opportunities and see yourself on new paths and new interests. Look for newer and better methods. Welcome new and better ideas. It will put us in a world where dreams of harmony and love, and plenty will be a reality. We will be filled with enthusiasm for all things new and right.

My vision is renewed by Divine Love. We want to see all men through the eyes of love. Our vision is focused on truth, and, Saints, keep your eyes looking heavenward. Bring into the field of vision of vision which you

behold in Christ and in all people. Look past appearances and see the power of God at work. See the goodness of God being brought into manifestation. We have a high vision of you and for you. We see you as a radiant spiritual being. We behold the Christ in you. We see you shedding the fears and doubts of the past. We see you entering into new things in Christ Jesus.

We see the unfolding of a dawning light where God's people will be happier and more prosperous and successful than ever before. Whatever your Goals are for now, whatever you are hoping to overcome, whatever dreams you hope and long to come true, hold on to the vision. Keep the Faith, and all things are possible.

If you Believe, God will give you overcoming power and strength. God's Love upholds you and supports you! God's Spirit is in you, and gives you high vision and the assurance of fulfillment of your deepest dream and your highest Vision!

So, let's go for, God will see you through it. **Trust Him!**

Continue to stand on His Word!

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, September 2, 2005, in the home of Sister Luella Spence, 4506 Chicago Avenue, at 9:00 a.m.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well in attendance last Sunday morning, August 27, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The lesson was entitled "Leaning On Grace." I Corinthians 12:1-10.

The morning worship got underway at 11:15 a.m. with Sister George Ann Hereford and Sister Nina Davis in charge of devotions.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang out of their hearts and souls. It is just good to hear God's praises.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "Building On A Solid Rock; That Rock Is Jesus." His scripture text was St. Matthew 7:24-27. It was

another wonderful sermon. Thank God.

St. Matthew Baptist Church sponsored a "Men & Women's Day" program Sunday afternoon, August 20, 2006. It was a very successful program. The theme was "A Successful Person: Prepare Yourself." Guest speakers were Rev. Ernest Hopkins and Sister

Debra Hutchinson.

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Making up for lost time in Lubbock

Courtesy of the Texas Observer
by Tim Eaton

The nearly vacant, deteriorating buildings that make up the Lubbock's Green Fair Manor public housing complex bakes in the summer sun. Rows of trains from the adjacent rail yard block the views. And occasionally, the evening breeze delivers the stench from a nearby feedlot. It's hard to imagine a bright future for this part of the city's neglected East Side.

Yet the remaining residents are expecting better days for this part of town. Sitting on an old couch in the breezeway of one of the buildings, 83-year-old Sarah Johnson says she's confident the city will follow through on its recent pledge to tear down Green Fair Manor and build energy-efficient, government-subsidized apartments. "The last few years, they have been trying to do something about the East Side," Johnson says. "Pretty soon I think this community will be like it was when I was young."

Johnson's 60-year-old son Robert Hastings can also remember a more vibrant east Lubbock, and he thinks his mother is right. "I believe it's going to get better," Hastings says sitting on the ground near his mother. "Why do I believe it? Because I'm an optimist. It can't get no worse. Things got to get better."

Johnson and Hastings watch over a dozen or so children playing with footballs on a dusty piece of land next to the apartments. When the heat becomes too much, the kids pile inside to play video games. There aren't many kids left here; as tenants have moved away or been evicted, the Lubbock Housing Authority has declined to re-rent apartments. Fewer residents at the time of demolition mean fewer people who have to be moved.

Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price says residents will be temporarily displaced for several months during the demolition and construction of the apartments. The old apartments were built out of cinder blocks, and much of the mortar has come loose. There is asbestos in the buildings, Floyd says. The window air-conditioners can only cool a portion of the apartments. The pipes are old, too. Face-lifts aren't enough, Price says. The four-decade-old complex needs to come down.

Lubbock's East Side, where most of the area's African Americans live, has heard a lot of talk but seen little redevelopment over the years. John Hall, former executive director of the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corp., says interstate and railroad lines bisecting the city seem almost designed to create two distinctly different Lubbocks. To the west, white-columned estates near Texas Tech University stand in sharp contrast to the East Side's crumbling apartment buildings and abandoned storefronts.

Most of the new development has been concentrated on the west, while the east has been all but forgotten. "Why do we have to leave our place of comfort to buy things, to go to a nice restaurant, or things like that?" asks Tina Betts, a community leader and president of Parkway and Cherry Point Neighborhood Association. Councilman Price ended a recent interview making the same point. He said his wife was waiting for him to take her to dinner - on the West Side, where most of the restaurants are.

Betts reels off several unfulfilled promises made to East Side residents over the years. She has heard talk about an IHOP restaurant and a Home Depot (and the jobs that accompany them) coming. It hasn't happened. Betts also maintains that so-called "gateway" funds, money administered by the City Council for economic development, have not been equitably distributed across the city.

"We had promises, we've voted on different things, and we're still waiting for them to come through," Betts says. "You go through the proper channels, and things still don't happen." Betts mentions a bond election for a new baseball complex on

the East Side. "All they've done is go out there and break ground," she says. "I have not seen one piece of equipment."

According to Price, the complex is under way. He also says east Lubbock is getting primed for more development. Part of the reason for the history of neglect, Price says, is that the East Side had no representation in city government because council members were elected citywide until about 20 years ago. But with single-member districts, there is now minority representation on the council. "Before that we were just a stepchild that was left out to be beat on," says Price, who has been on the council for about two years. "For many years, you had a council that truly didn't hear the moans and groans of a large part of the city."

John Hall, former director of the North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation spoke from his office at the development corpo-

ration, says his part of town has grown accustomed to "empty promises," noting that the last completed subdivision dates to 1954.

On top of that, one traditionally African-American neighborhood to the west of the interstate highway was redeveloped out of existence. The Overton neighborhood, which separated a stunted downtown from the campus of Texas Tech, was in the way. So in the late 1990s a company owned by the powerful McDougal family - which includes Marc McDougal, who stepped down in May after serving two terms as mayor - headed a project to make way for hundreds of new and cheap apartments, a Wal-Mart, a Starbuck's, a tanning salon and other businesses.

The once-prominent Overton community had become a neighborhood of mostly poor renters. Crime, prostitution, and drugs were becoming prevalent. McDougal Construction execu-

tives saw an opportunity and bought out or condemned the old housing stock. The low-income residents were shuffled out to make room for droves of Tech students.

Local activists say things will be different this time, starting with the residents of the Green Fair apartments. They are expecting the city to make good on its pledge of improving life for its residents. Price - who showed up a neighborhood meeting sporting a designer shirt and red cowboy boots - says it is becoming more apparent that city leaders are beginning to see east Lubbock as an opportunity. The property is cheap and plentiful, and close to downtown, the interstate, and the airport. Unlike parts of the West Side, east Lubbock is above the floodplain and close to the water table. "They are just beginning to

notice the gold mine," Price says.

Price and others point to the current construction of the Kings Dominion mixed-income housing development where houses will cost between \$75,000 and \$150,000.

He credits Kent Hance, the former Republican congressman and lobbyist, with directing attention to the city's revitalization recommendations for the East Side.

Hance, along with son Ron, is the developer in charge of rebuilding Green Fair Manor. He says he has always enjoyed support in east Lubbock and now wants to be known as one of the first people who worked on East Side revitalization. "It has been kind of forgotten," Hance says of the area. But, like Floyd, he says the neighborhoods are on the rebound, partly due to his devel-

opments. He's already built two East Side complexes for Lubbock's working poor. Included in each are computer rooms, exercise rooms, and children's playscapes, he says, adding, "We're the first ones to build something like that in east Lubbock, maybe ever."

Councilman Price calls Hance an old friend and believes in his plans. At a recent meeting of Green Fair tenants, Price spoke of a revamped Green Fair and rejuvenated East Side. Give it 18 months or two years, he says. The east is about to be transformed, he insists.

Sarah Johnson, who has known Price since he was a toddler, says she has put her faith in him, and so have a lot of other people who have heard the promises over the years. They'll see soon enough whether things will be different this time.

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers: Back To School


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around. However, it didn't stop them from playing games, watching movies and attending church.

Friday night, July 7th, was Christmas in July. They watched a DVD of their late brother, George Lewis, preaching in Plainview. In other words, they had church at home. Saturday, July 8th, the sisters couldn't miss the opportunity of going to Dallas for shopping, and we do mean "some shopping!" That evening, they had BBQ Wade style! It was delicious. Sunday morning, the sisters

attended two churches - University Park Church and Beth COGIC.

Monday, July 10th, the Lewis Sisters did a little more shopping. Monday evening, they went to a store's place called Salt Grass Steak House. Everyone should try this establishment. They serve very good food.

Just like always, we want to thank our Dad, George Lewis, for being the greatest Dad ever. If it wasn't for him and our Mom, all of this wouldn't be possible. Thanks to Mama Rose for being there for our Dad. We love you, Daddy and Mama Rose! We also want to let our Sister Debbie Flowers know how much we missed her even though she chose not to be with us. She's always there in spirit. We love you, Debi! We want our brothers, Curtis and

David Lewis, to know we love them too!

For everybody who have families or love ones, please don't take it for granted. Show each other love, because God is love! We can tell each other how much we love each other, but if you are not demonstrating love, remember talk is cheap! Give each other their flowers while they live!

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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

CITIZENS CONCERNED ABOUT THEODORE PHEA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB! THIS N THAT was advised about a concern of the alleged FIRING of young Black woman, SOCKNOMIA "SOCKIE" MARTIN, who was the Program Director for the THEODORE PHEA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB on East 24th Street. This action was taken June 20, 2006. As a result of this firing, more than 100 PERSONS signed a petition because of the positive work this young lady has done for the boys and girls of this Boys & Girls Club. It was learned that the attendance has dropped because of this young lady's departure. THIS N THAT has also learned that there has been a lack of resources for this organization to be used at this club. Hopefully, something will be done about this apparent situation at the THEODORE PHEA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, so our young boys and girls will continue to have a positive program for them. At the same time, THIS N THAT was glad to see the concern of these more than 100 people who signed a petition to help someone.

JIM REID WILL DO WELL! THIS N THAT has always supported the efforts of JOHN HALL as executive director of the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation, and he did an outstanding job. As of

Tuesday morning, August 29, JIM REID will replace Hall as the executive director. He'll do well, and the program will not lose a beat. You see, Reid was the one who recognized Hall for the position some 32 months ago. So let's continue to support this worthwhile program, as we still have mighty long ways to travel.

THANKS FOR THE \$10,000 FOR TRAINING! THIS N THAT wants to say thanks to BANK OF AMERICA for making a \$10,000 DONATION for financial literacy training for the North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation. The donation was made Tuesday morning, prior to the announcement of an interim executive director, Jim Reid. These funds will allow this corporation to reach an additional 100 low-to-moderate income individuals who want to learn how to take control of their financial situation. So, THANKS BANK OF AMERICA, for this needed investment to help develop people.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "IF YOU always tell the TRUTH, you will never be trapped in a LIE!" CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ERVINS! THIS N THAT heard about the upcoming wedding anniversary of CLARENCE AND JOAN ERVIN. Can't really be sure of

the number of years, but THIS N THAT believes it's more than 54 years. Anyway, the correct years will be made known but, CONGRATULATIONS are in store for these Lubbock citizens. They have toiled as parents, church workers, civic workers and good citizens all of these years.

TO OUR ESTACADO MATADORS! THIS N THAT wants our own ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADOR FOOTBALL TEAM to forget about their past record, and just focus on this year. What happened in the past is history, and now this is the beginning of a new year. THIS N THAT wants those MATADORS to know they can make this an outstanding year but they must remain focused each game. If all players come together and work from the same playbook, then this team will be very successful. All of you are outstanding young people, and it is time for you to STAND TALL and make some things happen. There's no doubt about it, MATADORS. You can make it happen! Keep on looking out for each other, because you're a team. When you WIN, you win as a team, and when you LOSE, you lose as a team. So MATADORS, remember - there are many in the community who support you. Let's start this week off with a BIG WIN against Hereford!!! You can WIN!!!



Think About It!

Black self-help and the role of the Black Press

by Eddie P. Richardson

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the Southwest Digest on Thursday, March 14, 1985. It was written to inform our readers about the Black Press.

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leadership promotes responsibility and productivity for independence reduces the dollar and security burdens now threatening everyone in America.

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The social structure and consumer market in every community is a two-part system - comprised on the one hand of those of largely European background who identify as white, but made up, on the other hand, of "affected class" minorities (largely Black) who the government recognizes never having been allowed to identify with white America in many ways.

Media (A-J) that are basically reflective of - and primarily oriented to - white consumers do an excellent job of identifying with these consumers and selling them at an emphatic level. By the same token, Black oriented media (Southwest Digest) identify with unique needs and lifestyles imposed upon these ... Thus the only means of reaching them at the same kind of emphatic level as white-oriented media (A-J) do for white consumers.

"Be A Part Of The New Awareness!!"

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Just a few years ago, we discussed morality and sexuality with regards to how young people dressed and presented themselves in manners which were not exactly acceptable to self-respecting adults. Young 'ladies' wear clothes that barely cover



some of their private parts, as there is more of them exposed than covered. The young men on the other hand, try to cover their complete bodies from head to toe. As a matter of fact, the head dress is usually so large until it is difficult to see their eyes if they are not wearing shades of some sort. Their shiny gold teeth are easy to gleam. Their trousers are usually too large and sag below their buttocks, often exposing their underwear. This vulgar display of clothing somehow seems to be attractive to young 'ladies.'

Self-respecting young ladies generally do not find attraction in a young man whom dresses like a 'wannabe' thug. This type of young lady seeks out a clean shaven, belt-wearing, shirt-tucked-in, non-sagging young

man whom she will not be embarrassed to have meet her parents, instead of the Jay-Z 'styler and profilers'.

Jay-Z, the 'over 30' rapper has changed his style and feels that it is time for him to act like an adult. A change in his clothing line which he has been selling to young men will now be replaced with slimmer pants designed to fit properly and more respectfully. The vulgar rapper style has been around so long now until it is inconceivable as to how long it will take to see the new trend take shape. The current generation of the rapper fad will probably hold on to it until they wear out the clothing that they have and cannot find any more to purchase. The same will probably be true for the scanty type clothing worn by young ladies.

It is fairly certain that young people really do not have any idea how much their clothing reflects on their success in life and with each other. The nonchalant clothing has helped them to live what they consider a free, sexy life which has most positively added to the increase in STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) in the United States.

Parents have to take the blame for much of what has happened to our young people as they have allowed their children

to pretty much raise themselves. They have provided the funds and free choices for their children to do as they pleased, without giving them any cautions. They go as far as a parent's money will let them. We need to get 'in cinque' and stopping letting our children raise us. We need to be the pace setters.

Letter to the Editor

Don't want to beat a dead horse, but...

Dear Editor:

August 16, 2006 Judge Sam Medina, in his remarks to the loved-ones who have graves unaccounted for at the City of Lubbock Cemetery, said, "We needed to stop living in the past and get on with it."

I don't want to beat a dead horse to death, but I want Judge Medina to explain to me just how I do that. The Mother, my Mother that the City and County of Lubbock can't account for

tried when her Great Grand Father was lynched while his family looked on, because he refused to tell where his son was, after he shot dead a self appointed lawman for riding up in his house on a horse and trampling two of his children to death. The past wouldn't allow her to get on with it, because a group of good Republicans got together and lynched her Great Uncle, because he refused to vote Republican.

Our family, it seems, has been trying to get on with it for what seem like forever. I refuse to get on with it, until I know where my Mother is. You, Judge

Medina, won't allow me too. When I know where my Mother is, or when the City and County face me and tell me and all the others something besides get on with it, will I be appeased. My Mother, my Grandfather, my Aunts and Uncles deserve that much.

Jeanette Livingston
Seattle, Washington



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New Orleans remembers Katrina with style



Champemell Washington seated, is comforted by Donna Banks as Washington grieves for a relative who died in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina while sitting on the levee wall in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006. Hurricane Katrina forced water through the levee in two places helping to flood the Lower Ninth Ward.

The first anniversary of the biggest calamity to befall this city was marked Tuesday with a moment of silence, wreath-laying, the tolling of bells and, in true New Orleans fashion, a wailing jazz funeral through the potholed streets for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Jazz musicians marched ahead of a horse-drawn hearse, a symbol of the city's watery death. They played a dirge for the more than 1,800 people killed when Katrina came ashore. But the ensemble soon exploded into a joyful rhythm, the marchers opening colorful parasols and hoisting them toward the hot sun as they danced the city back to life.

Sandra Brown has made a point of wearing a black skirt or

top since the hurricane, but she was shimmying behind the musicians on the roughly one-mile procession from the city's convention center to the Superdome - both scenes of the storm's misery. "I mourn for the lives lost. I still cry when I see the footage of last year," she said. "But you have to be hopeful."

Residents held vigils in pock-marked neighborhoods choked with weeds, in church pews and in gutted community centers. They rang bells to mark the collapse of the city's biggest levee and laid wreaths at the site of each successive break in the cement structure protecting the city.

They bowed their heads and closed their eyes in prayer, both for those no longer here and for

the city's rebirth.

At a midday interfaith prayer service, Mayor Ray Nagin told the city it was time to take responsibility for rebuilding.

"If government can't go, you, your church, on time, it says you need to do something," Nagin said. "It says your neighbors need to come together and all you need to do is cook a pot of red beans and they'll bring over the hammers and the nails."

Nagin met with President Bush, who bowed his head for the dead in St. Louis Cathedral, the city's mother church, and made an impassioned plea for the living. "I know you love New Orleans, and New Orleans needs you," the president said. "She needs people coming home. She needs people - she needs those saints to come marching back, that's what she needs!"

On his way out of the city, Bush's motorcade drove to the shattered Lower Ninth Ward, where water from the buckled levees tore homes from their foundations and spit them into the street. He stopped at the destroyed home of New Orleans rock 'n' roller Fats Domino.

Not far away, people danced, sang and wept at the new concrete levee that replaced one that had split open on the Industrial Canal in the Lower Ninth.

Cedrick Johnson, 25, wiped away sweat and tears as he talked about the death of his grandmother, a longtime resident of the neighborhood.

"Look around. Look at all these empty lots. Why us?" he said. His shirt bore his grandmother's picture and the words: "Why Geraldine. Why?"

In Mississippi, where Katrina left 231 people dead, workers and families gathered for tearful remembrances, but there was also celebration. The \$800 million Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi, one of more than a dozen casinos battered by the storm, reopened with 3,800 employees - 400 more than before Katrina.

In Gulfport, Miss., two unidentified victims of last year's storm were given symbolic names

"Will" and "Strength" - before their bodies were laid to rest in a city-owned cemetery.

"God knew who these people were. He knew their names," said Chris Chavers, 38, of Lumbard, Miss.

At a memorial erected outside New Orleans' convention center - where a year ago thousands of bagged refugees waited on the pavement in the sweltering sun, begging for food and water - relatives of the dead came bearing flowers. They laid white carnations in front of the monument, one by one, reciting the names of lost loved ones.

Joyce Brulec was there to remember her 99-year-old father, Benjamin Francois, who died in a New Orleans nursing home. "He was so looking forward to his 100th birthday," Brulec said, adding that she was not able to claim his body until January.

The reminders of the destruction - and how far the city still has to go - are everywhere. White



Brass musicians sing, march and play in a jazz funeral parade to commemorate the one-year anniversary of hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006.

trailers still line driveways in neighborhoods where debris is stacked up in piles. Only half New Orleans' population of a half-million has returned. Emergency medical care is doled out in an abandoned department

store, while six of city's nine hospitals remain closed. Only 54 of 128 public schools are expected to open this fall.

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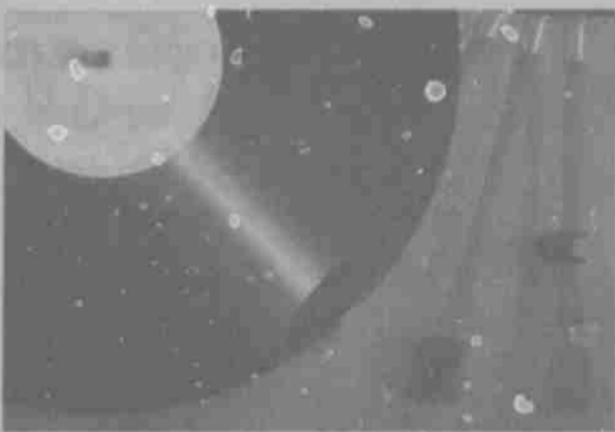
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