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Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-buildin... 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 806 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, Atrium 3rdm Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Midhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Midhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1361 East 4th 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 pm.
- 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.
- 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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East Lubbock developments include demolition of old apartment complex

(Editor's Note: This is the third of three editorials concerning the development of East Lubbock with the help of the apartments, Park Meadows Villas and Stone Hollow Village, Developed by Landmark Housing Development, Kent Hance, owner.)

If you grew up in Lubbock, especially in East Lubbock - you, your family, friends or acquaintances may have lived in Green-Fair Manor Apartments over its more than 45 years, when Harry Stokley, Jr. was the first manager. A lot of history and memories are probably good as are some of the Southwest Digest - which is nearly 30 years of age - and the Publishers of the Southwest Digest remembers Green-Fair Manor Apartments from its inception. If you have not noticed, it's time for Green-

Fair Manor Apartments to move on. Its day has come and gone. It's a new day now, and East Lubbock is finally a part of it after all these years of neglect, overlooked, denied, and forgotten.

But after all these years along comes Marc McDougal, Mayor of Lubbock, who had an idea at the inception of the North and East Lubbock Community Development Corporation and former State Senator, District 28, 19th District Congressman and Railroad Commissioner, Kent Hance, and son, Ron, plus their associates who invested over \$20 million dollars in East Lubbock. Our friend, Kent Hance, is not running for any political office, but wants to help a community.

Even at one time, a Lubbock City Council member stated: "The North

and East Lubbock project was a good thing. It's time for us to eat his words or admit a misguided reality.

We were recently informed at the Southwest Digest by our friend, Ron Hance, by working with the Lubbock Housing Authority and the State of Texas, Green-Fair Manor will be torn down and replaced with a complex similar to the new neighboring complex, Park Meadows Villas. Currently, Green-Fair Manor Apartments has 120 units and is classified as "Public Housing." The new complex will have 32 "Public Housing" units and the remaining 88 units will be used as affordable apartments, such as Park Meadows Villas and Stone Hollow Village.

"We understand change is sometimes hard, but we at the Southwest

Digest are really proud the day will come when we see Green-Fair Manor down and a new complex will replace it. It is like a long lost dream has finally come true! So go by Park Meadows Villas and Stone Hollow Village and see for yourselves. They are really nice and as co-publisher Eddie Richardson recently said, "I would be proud to live in either one or in the replacement for Green-Fair Manor Apartments. You would be proud too!"

For young people or those who do not mind the upkeep and maintenance of homeownership, there is always King Dominion. But, East Lubbock like the Phoenix Bird is rising again and will be bigger and better. Then one day in the near future, we will reclaim our community schools and rebuild those in need. We will move

forward and prosper. The Southwest Digest truly thanks those who kept the faith and stood tall in the saddle during the declining years!

After all is said and done, let us not forget Oscar Jones, who was the executive director of the Lubbock Housing Authority, during the demolition and rebuilding of Green-Fair Manor Apartments. He was also a part of the future development of the proposed new apartments which have replaced Green-Fair Manor. Let us not forget that Oscar Jones worked with Kent Hance and the Landmark Developers, Regional Office of Housing Urban Development (HUD) and other entities to make this a reality. The Southwest Digest says "Hats Off to Oscar Jones" for his many efforts in the building and re-building of East Lubbock!

Texas Publishers Association issues gubernatorial endorsement

By T. L. Wyatt

Austin, Texas - The Political Screening Committee of the Texas Publishers Association (TPA) met on September 9 at the George Washington Carver Library in Austin. Invited to this meeting were candidates running for State-wide office.

All of the candidates for U. S. Senate, Governor, State Comptroller and Attorney General were invited to appear before the committee. In addition to being invited to appear, a questionnaire was sent to each candidate about issues that were of interest to African Americans in Texas.

Appearing at the meeting were two candidates for Governor: Democrat Chris Bell and Independent Carole Strayhorn.

Chris Bell has held two political offices in the past. He was a U. S. Representative from Houston and a Houston City Councilman. Bell

said that he believed that he was the best person for Governor. As Governor, he says that he will supply the bold leadership and new vision that is needed to restore the greatness of Texas. Bell said that in his previous positions, he has always included African Americans on his staff. He promised to do so as Governor.

Carole Strayhorn said that said that she wanted to make it perfectly clear that she was not a Republican running as an independent. She said that she declared in January that she was an Independent. She was a little concerned that news media had not conveyed that message to the Texas voters. Strayhorn says that she has been elected to public both as a Democrat and as a Republican. She has held several offices. They include, Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas Railroad Commissioner, and State Comptroller. She indicated that she



Gubernatorial candidate Carole Strayhorn is shown here with TPA president Willie T. Hobdy, Tommy Wyatt and TPA vice president Dalry Johnson

has always had a diverse staff. She says that in her present office as State Comptroller her top administrative staff is 30 percent African American. Strayhorn says that one of her priorities will be to improve the educational standards in Texas.

That would include providing two years of free college for all high school graduates who want to go to college. This would be done through the community colleges in Texas.

Both candidates felt confident

that they would be victorious on November 7, 2006 in the General Election. The winner will only have to have the largest number of votes, because there will not be a runoff.

Governor Rick Perry and Kinky Friedman declined the invitation of TPA stating that they had previous engagements. Some of the other candidates returned their questionnaires. They will be considered for endorsement at a later date.

After the screening, the committee voted to recommend that Carole Strayhorn receive the endorsement of TPA. Publishers were polled and a majority voted in favor of the recommendation.

Texas Publishers Association (TPA) is state-wide association of African-American Owned and Operated newspapers. The membership consists of 21 papers throughout the state of Texas. TPA was organized in 1986.

For further information, contact T. L. Wyatt at (512) 476-0082.

Civil rights pioneer honored with statue at Ole Miss

by Willow Nero and Lindsey Phillips
The Daily Mississippian

The voices of many joined together Sunday to celebrate the dedication of the Civil Rights Monument at the University of Mississippi, rejoicing in the changes it signaled across the campus, Mississippi, the South and the nation.

"Today the state of Mississippi is a better place," said Congressman John Lewis, D-Ga., in his keynote address. "The South is a better place. It's not just the new South, but it's becoming the Beloved South."

A crowd of more than 500 people, made up of Ole Miss faculty and students as well as graduates and community members, filled the grassy ellipse between the Lyceum and the Library, using the event's programs to fend off the mid-80s heat.

Lewis was frequently interrupted by applause from the audience as he delivered a message that many later compared to that of Martin Luther King Jr.

Linking his childhood experience in his aunt's shotgun house during a thunderstorm to James Meredith's journey to integrate the University of Mississippi, Lewis said, "We were little children walking with the wind, but we never left the house. James Meredith never left the house; he stayed with the house and you must stay with the house."

"Call it the house of Ole Miss, call it the house of the state of Mississippi, call it the house of the state of Alabama, call it the house of the state of Georgia, call it the house of the state of New York or California, call it American house or world house—we all live in the

same house. Stay with the house and don't give up, hang in there." University of Mississippi Chancellor Robert Khayat found

acknowledged by William Winter, former Mississippi governor, as well.

"Under the leadership of



Hundreds attend dedication of civil rights monument at Ole Miss, 44 years after integration. The monument features a life-size bronze likeness of James Meredith, the first black student admitted to the university. The statue is posed as if it is striving toward a 17-foot-tall limestone portal topped with the words "courage," "perseverance," "opportunity" and "knowledge."

Lewis' words captivating and the entire day a historic success.

"I hope first that our students, our faculty and students, staff and alumni will be inspired by what happened here today," he said. "And I hope that America will look to Ole Miss as a model university for promoting human relationships for the betterment of mankind."

Mississippi Congressman Roger Wicker also spoke during the ceremony, addressing the university's recent press in The Chronicle of Higher Education and the university's reputation of fostering "fierce loyalty" and "wonderful bonies."

Khayat's contributions to making changes at the university were

Chancellor Robert Khayat, a commitment has been made that this university will strive to be a model for the nation in teaching and in the practice of racial fairness, tolerance and understanding," Winter said.

James Meredith, who was the first black to enroll in the university 44 years ago on Oct. 1, 1962, looked on as many, including his only son to graduate from Ole Miss, Joseph Meredith, honored his achievements.

"His life has been about education and he did what it took to ensure that I received a good education," said Joseph Meredith, speaking of his father's sacrifices.

"So today I will let others focus on the Civil Rights Monument. I

will let the press focus on a black man integrating Ole Miss, but for me today it is personal. It is a father-son moment. For me I can be at peace knowing that all he did led to good."

Native Mississippian and actor Morgan Freeman gave a brief history of Meredith's integration and the riots known to historians as "the final battle of the Civil War."

"He did more than earn a degree," Freeman said. "By breaking down an old barrier of discrimination, he actually helped liberate

all Mississippians, white and black, from the prison of segregation."

Lewis agreed that much had changed since James Meredith's days on campus.

"Sometimes I hear some of my young friends saying nothing has changed," he said. "I feel like saying, 'Come and walk in my shoes and I'll show you something about change.'"

Of the statue, Lewis said in an interview with The Daily Mississippian, "It's very warm. It's a youthful James Meredith."

Hometown News

Air Force Airman Britany C. Davis has graduated from basic



Davis military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Johnathan Davis of Estrada Parkway, Irving, Texas, and granddaughter of Charlie Coleman of E. First St., Lubbock, Texas.

Davis is a 2006 graduate of Estacado High School, Lubbock.

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



Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Last week, this column announced the Texas College Alumni Association was to have met last Saturday afternoon. But that was incorrect as it will meet this Saturday afternoon, October 8, 2006, at Furr's Family Dining, 2803 50th Street, beginning at 2:00 p.m. This meeting is for those who are graduates or former students of Texas College in Tyler. One of its members, Dr. Charles Henry, is looking for all of you to attend this important meeting.

Let us remind you the deadline to register for the November General Election is nearly here. Keep in mind that Tuesday, October 10th, is the date which registration applications must be received or postmarked. Early voting extends from October 23rd through November 3rd. Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th.

The landmark of East Lubbock is changing for the better as things must change if the area is going to grow. Change is observed in the name of one of our historical churches. This writer has noticed that the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 2511 Fir Avenue, has been changed to Mt. Gilead Full Gospel Church. R.

was not known by many in the community. Rev. J. Jerome Johnson is pastor.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Steward and Stewardess of the Greater Fort Worth District of African Methodist Episcopal Church will meet Saturday morning, October 7, 2006, at Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Amarillo at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Randle Phillips is host pastor. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is pastor of Bethel.

Also on Sunday afternoon, October 15, 2006, the members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, will have their Annual Men & Women's Day, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The speaker of the hour will be the Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

Let us continue to pray for our local loved ones who have lost loved ones. Among them is the family of Barbara Mitchell who will be eulogized at the New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, will officiate on Friday afternoon, October 6, 2006, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Griffin Mortuary & Funeral

Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Our local businessman, Al Cavie, owner of Cavie's Pharmacy, is doing much better at this report. God is able.

The Federation of Choirs will hold its monthly meeting at the Community Baptist Church, 220 MLK Blvd., on Sunday afternoon, October 22, 2006. Host pastor is Rev. Larry Brooks. Sister Bennie Sims is president.

The 25th Appreciation Celebration of Rev. & Sister J. H. Ford, pastor and wife of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, will be held Sunday afternoon, October 8, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. R. T. McNeil, pastor of the Greater Saint James Baptist Church of Odessa.

Friday evening, October 6th, there will be a City-Wide Musical, beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday evening, October 7th, an Appreciation Banquet will be held at the Lubbock Country Club. Friends are invited to attend. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person.

Peoples to be honored during pastor appreciation month

Slaton - The members of the Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church would like to pause and say "Thank You" to our pastor, Rev. Clifton C. Peoples. We thank God for the leadership

and guidance he has shown and given to each member. Pastor Peoples always takes the time, when needed, for us from the youngest to the oldest.

Pastor Peoples is never too busy, and for this, all members

want to say thank you. We appreciate all of you who have done for the Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church Family. We pray God will continue to bless and keep you for many years to come.

Annual Women's Day Celebration

Slaton - The Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church, 887 Geneva Street, will present the Annual Women's Day Celebration Saturday, October 7, 2006, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a workshop. The worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Sister Lillie Water as speaker for the affair during the noon luncheon. Registration fee is \$7.00.

Sunday afternoon, October 8, 2006, starts at 3:30 p.m., with Rev. Sister Ruby Doss as guest speaker.

The theme for the special effort is: "Women On The Move For Christ - A Fragrance Of Beauty, Ephesians 5:1-2."

Rev. Clifton C. Peoples is host pastor, and Sister Vivian Peoples is president of the Women's Department.

The public is invited to attend and praise God and be blessed!

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In Remembrance

Vernell Tubbs Hickson
Funeral services for Vernell Tubbs Hickson were held in two separate services Monday, September 11, 2006, and Saturday, September 16, 2006.

The first service was held at Agape Temple COGIC with Bishop W. H. Watson, pastor, officiating. Supr. R. L. Caro was the eulogist.

Services were held at Holy Temple COGIC in Panama City, Florida with Dr. W. C. Green, pastor. Pastor David Woods, Jr. officiated and was the eulogist.

She was born March 11, 1933 in Coffee County, Alabama. She was the fourth child and only daughter of Plazo and Lillie Tubbs.

Her family moved to Panama City, Florida where she attended school in the Bay County School System.

She was baptized and dedicated her life to Christ at an early age while attending Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Coffee County, Alabama.

She was a faithful member of Holy Temple Church of God, in Christ, and raised seven children in the church. She moved to Lubbock, and transferred her membership to the Tree of Life Church of God in Christ in the early eighties. She was dedicated to the mission of God and served faithfully on a number of boards until her death.

She passed away Friday morning, September 8, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Hickson; parents, Plazo and Lillie Tubbs; daughter, Phyllis Robinson; two brothers, Garnell and Alonzo Tubbs; and a son-in-law, Henry Lee.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her children: Glynda Williams-Walker (Lewis), Libby Lee and Tyra Ward (Toney), all of Lubbock, Gilda Willis (Kenneth) of Atlanta, Georgia, Drexel Robinson (Nyoka) and Lisa Lash (Edgar), both of Panama City, Florida; nineteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren; four brothers: Edward Tubbs and Gregory Tubbs, both of Panama City, Florida, Levester Tubbs (Pam) of Winter Springs, Florida and Reginald Tubbs of San Angelo; two aunts, Kathleen Smith of Enterprise, Alabama and Rosie Lee Sims (Leroy) of Panama

City, Florida, an uncle, Haven Tubbs (Lois) of Gary, Indiana, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives as well as dear friends, both in Lubbock and Panama City, Florida.

Palbearers were grandsons and nephews. Flower attendants were granddaughters and nieces.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock. Burial was held at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Panama City, Florida under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home in Panama City, Florida.

Imathia Isaac

Funeral services for a longtime resident, Sister Imathia Isaac, were held last Saturday morning, September 30, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Canady,



Isaac

pastor, officiating.

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

She passed away Saturday, September 23, 2006.

Lena Slay



Slay

Funeral services for Lena Slay will be held today, Thursday afternoon, October 5, 2006, at the Full Armor Ministries with Bishop

FASHION FUN

By Shirley Robinson
"Eilis" boot by Coup D'Etat

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

Leonard Chatman, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be held at the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away Thursday, September 28, 2006, at her residence.

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Cocaine Driving America Insane!

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

1 Peter 5:8 - BE vigilant (awake) because your adversary, the Devil, as a roaring lion, walking about seeking who he may devour (deceive).

Children, cocaine is glorified in America, and she's raising up drug addicts and fools. Don't get hooked on that lie America tells getting high they say "it's cool!"

Listen my Children, these stories are of life. They are very, very real, and so true. They're written to help the simple to be wise, and I pray that it will be you!

James 4:7 - Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.

*** Run From The Users!!! ***

Cocaine can take an airplane pilot and make him forget which runway he was to take. It can take a brick mason of 20 years, and make him forget the pattern he was to lay!!!

Proverbs 18:9-10 - He that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster. The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous runs into it and is safe.

Cocaine can take a chef of a restaurant and make him forget what he was to cook. It can take a 16 year old honor roll student to forget the studying in his books.

Matthew 19:14 - Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me. For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Cocaine is used in the White House by leaders who suppose to

run this country, but they can't do it with this drug in their life, and telling mankind how to be free!!!

John 8:31-32 & 36 - Jesus said, if you continue in my words, then are you my disciples indeed (truly), and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son of man, therefore, shall make you free, you shall be free indeed (truly).

*** Have The Lord Made You Truly Free!!! ***

Cocaine is in America, because America loves the money that comes from it. She knows when she put it here from her people that they would not be able to quit!!!

Isaiah 5:20-23 - Woe (cursed) unto them who call evil good, and good evil, that put darkness for light, and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe (cursed) unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!!! Woe (cursed) unto them that are might to mingle strong drinks which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him.

*** Please Don't Never Forget Its Name - Cocaine!!! ***

Cocaine can take the most educated man in the world, and turn him into a fool. It can take a sculpture of many years, and he will forget which tool to use.

Proverbs 29:1 - Wink is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is

not wise.

Cocaine can make an insurance agent, and make him right the wrong amount of a policy. It can make jewelry of diamonds, and make the wrong cut, and bring him to misery.

Proverb 3:5 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding.

Cocaine has ruined many, many lives, and it is not finished. It's looking for you, and it will be on your back the wrong cut, and bring him to misery.

Proverb 3:5 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding!!!

Cocaine has ruined many lives, and it is not finished. It's looking for you, and it will be on your back once it gets you and the drug dealers will be there too!!!

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

Cocaine can take America's millionaire's bank account, and drop it down the tune of zero. It has destroyed many lives by putting needles in arms and powder in their nose!!!

3 John 11 - Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that do good is of God. But he that do evil hath not seen God.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Reporter is asking: "Is everything in order?" St. Luke 12:5; Ephesians 6:10-18.

Are you ready for your Lord returns. If so, you can open the door and let him in. The moment he arrives and knocks, there will be great joy for those who are ready and waiting for his return. He may come a nine o'clock at night or even at midnight. But when he comes, there will be joy for his servants who are ready! Everyone would be ready if they knew the exact hour of his return. Just as they would be ready for a thief if they knew when he was going to strike. So be ready all the time! For I the Messiah will come when I'm least expected!

My word to you today is "Are you ready???" If not, "get ready",

with everything in order today! This does not mean stock piling our stuff, but our soul, your life. How's your fellowship with your sisters and brothers? Do you love them enough to not grin in their face on Sunday and stab them in their back ON Monday. What about your Pastor? Your Pastor's wife. The Mission? Ushers? Choir? The Deacons? Brotherhood? How do you feel in your heart about the Praise Dances? - Those who are praising the Lord like you would have them to do.

Ephesians 6:10-18 - Please read this scripture. You only put this armour on to protect you, not your church or any other earthly body. Are you ready???

Thought - "Is everything in

order, and are you completely dressed? Saints, you don't face this war with a hair net on and a No Rag!"

To those of you who are sick, don't give up! Our God is a healer, Jehovah Rapha, call Him. Also those who have lost loved ones, God specializes in things which seem impossible. He can give you Peace!

Continue to witness to others in every way you can. Continue your walk through and drive by prayer!

Let us be apprised the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday morning, October 7, 2006 in the home of Sister Annie Mae McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue, beginning at 9:00 a. m. Sister Erma Crawford is hostess. Come and be blessed!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, October 1, 2006 were well attended. Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:10 a.m., with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson, "Seeking Deliverance", Judges 2:16-23, was taught by Sister Harris and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The morning worship hour was begun with the morning devotion led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sang God's praises, singing out of their hearts and souls. Oh, what a wonderful time in God's house.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "Restore!" His scripture text was Psalm 51:12. What a wonder and

uplifting sermon for all in attendance.

Let us pray for Sister Ethel Williams as she is on our sick list. Continue to pray for all of those who are shut-in. If you are aware of someone who is shut-in, then continue with prayer and visits.

Thought For The Week: "With God's word as your map and his spirit as your compass, you're sure to stay on course."

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Hugo Chavez's Anti-Bush and American speech

The caption of my last week article was "The Nerve of a Brass Monkey - Hugo Chavez." Whether you agree or disagree with me does not really matter. However, when one come to your house and insult you as Hugo Chavez, Venezuela elected president did on American soil to America's President Bush it is worthy to note. I personally could handle it better if it was in a private session and it leaked out. However, this leader of another nation played the part of a monkey in a zoo when he had the spotlight of the world and made President Bush the watering hole and privy of the world. This I despised!

This writer was raised on a farm in East Texas. When the little pigs became to mature before the allotted time for development, we had a solution for the problem. After the proper treatment, these little pigs produced meat that was sweet and slices of bacon that were a streak of lean and a streak of fat. This should be a case in point for Mr. Chavez.

To you who are in doubt or not familiar with the action of Mr. Chavez, please continue by reading his speech at the United Nations on September 20, 2006.

"Representatives of the governments of the world, good morning to all of you. First of all, I would like to invite you, very respectfully, to those who have not read this book, to read it.

Noam Chomsky, one of the most prestigious American and world intellectuals, Noam Chomsky, and this is one of his most recent books, "Hegemony or Survival: The Imperialist Strategy of the United States." (Hold up book, waves it in front of General Assembly.) "It's an excellent book to help us understand what has been happening in the world throughout the 20th century, and what's happening now, and the greatest threat looming over our planet.

The hegemonic pretensions

of the American empire are placing at risk the very survival of the human species. We continue to warn you about this danger and we appeal to the people of the United States and the world to halt this threat, which is like a sword hanging over our heads. I had considered reading from this book, but, for the sake of time," (flips through the pages, which are numerous) "I will just leave it as a recommendation. It reads easily, it is a very good book. I'm sure Madame (President) you are familiar with it. It appears in English, in Russian, in Arabic, in German. I think that the first person who should read this book are our brothers and sisters in the United States, because their threat is right in their own house.

This devil is right at home. The devil, the devil himself, is right in the house.

"And the devil came here yesterday. Yesterday the devil came here, Right here." (Crosses himself) "And it smells of sulfur still today."

Yesterday, ladies and gentlemen, from this rostrum, the president of the United States, the gentleman to whom I refer as the devil, came here, talking as if he owned the world. Truly, As the owner of the world.

I think we could call a psychiatrist to analyze yesterday's statement made by the president of the United States. As the spokesman of imperialism, he came to share his nostrums, to try to preserve the current pattern of domination, exploitation and pillage of the peoples of the world.

An Alfred Hitchcock movie could use it as a scenario. I would even propose a title: "The Devil's Recipe."

As Chomsky says here, clearly and in depth, the American empire is doing all it can to consolidate its system of domination. And we cannot allow them to do that. We cannot allow world dictatorship to be consolidated.

CHAVEZ (THROUGH TRANSLATOR): The world parent's statement - cynical, hypocritical, full of this imperial hypocrisy from the need they have to control everything.

They say they want to impose a democratic model. But that's their democratic model. It's the false democracy of elites, and I would say, a very original democracy that's imposed by weapons and bombs and firing weapons.

What a strange democracy. Aristotle might not recognize it or others who are the root of democracy. What type of democracy do you impose with marines and bombs?

The president of the United States, yesterday, said to us, right here, in this room, and I'm quoting, "Anywhere you look, you hear extremists telling you can escape from poverty and recover your dignity through violence, terror and martyrdom."

Where he looks, he sees extremists. And you, my brother - he looks at your color, and he says, oh, there's an extremist. Evo Morales, the worthy president of Bolivia, looks like an extremist to him.

The imperialists see extremists everywhere. It's not that we are extremists. It's that the world is waking up. It's waking up all over. And people are standing up.

I have the feeling, dear world dictator (referring to President Bush and Americans), that you are going to live the rest of your days as a nightmare because the rest of us are standing up, all those who are rising up against American imperialism, who are shouting for equality, for respect, for the sovereignty of nations ... to be continued.

Please keep this article so that when you put all of them together you can see the danger this man posing to America. You will note how he plays the race card to those who are unaware of his evil intent.

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Movie Review: The Last King of Scotland

Samantha Ofole-Prince

Plot: A fictional account of a doctor's relationship with the former ruler of an East African country.

Cast: Forest Whitaker, James McAvoy, Kerry Washington, Gillian Anderson, Stephen Rwangyezi

Rating: R

Based on Giles Foden's best-selling novel, "The Last King of Scotland" is a glamorous, feature film about the relationship between a young Scottish doctor and the former exiled ruler of Uganda.

James McAvoy, plays the naive doctor Nicholas Garrigan whose thirst for action and adventure upon completing medical school leads him to the city of Kampala, where a chance meeting with the Ugandan president Idi Amin turns into his worst nightmare. What starts off as a mutual friendship soon takes a darker and deeper turn as he begins an odyssey into the inner circle of one of Africa's most horrific reigns of terror.

This movie is a juxtaposed version of fact and fiction woven into what should be a powerful and astounding flick, and although it's well made and is somewhat racy, it fails to tug at the heartstrings despite its intense and volatile subject matter and just ends up simply being mildly entertaining. Still, it's Whitaker's most impressive role to date and he truly gives 110% to his role as Amin, whose violent rise to power in 1971 combined with the atrocities he performed throughout his reign has earned him a title as one of the world's worst dictators, joining the ranks of Hitler, Stalin and Saddam Hussein. Although Whitaker bears little physical resemblance to Amin, with an altered hairline and a skin tone darkened to match the tyrannical dictator's, he immerses himself completely into the role transforming himself into Idi Amin Dada; posture, culture, lingo and charisma. He was also able to evoke Amin's split personality, allure and menace. "I feel like I did everything that I could do. If it works it works, but I gave myself everything and I served the character and the project completely and in every way. There wasn't anything else I could have done," says Whitaker about this portrayal of the comical president who had a fascination with everything Scottish. The lush greenery and culture of Uganda is also aptly

captured and an appropriate balance of the country complete with rustic villages, and modernist architecture is astounding and shows a more realistic image of Africa. "It was important to me to show an image of Africa that wasn't familiar to people," says director Kevin McDonald. "People think of Africa and they think you are living in mud huts and primitive conditions in the outback or in the bush or in slums in the city. The thing about Uganda is that it was at that time a very prosperous and successful country."

"The Last King of Scotland" does accurately follow all the major events which occurred throughout Amin's reign such as his expulsion of the country's entire Asian population in order to create an all black nation, the hostage crises at Entebbe Airport and the brutal dismemberment of one his five wives, Kay Amin, played by Kerry Washington. Its downside however, is that it toys too much with "white hero in Africa" pattern and fails

to fully capture the problems of post colonial Africa and the dreary existence of Amin's reign where up to 500,000 Ugandans were killed. Intense and powerful it is, but entertaining it is. It's worth viewing if only

to get a glimpse of Uganda and immerse oneself in culture, but if it's a moving and gratifying account of Amin's leadership that you seek, then you will be a tad disappointed. Rating: 2 1/2 stars

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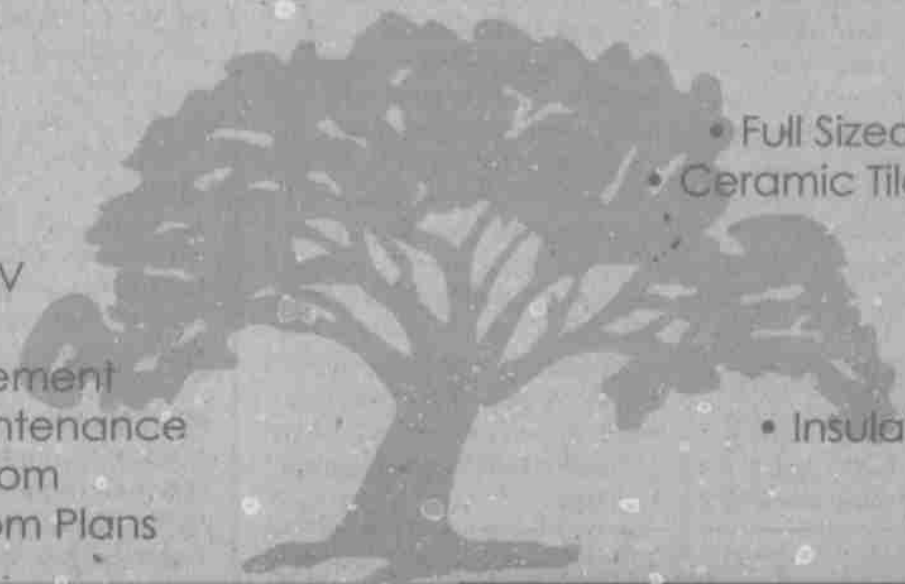
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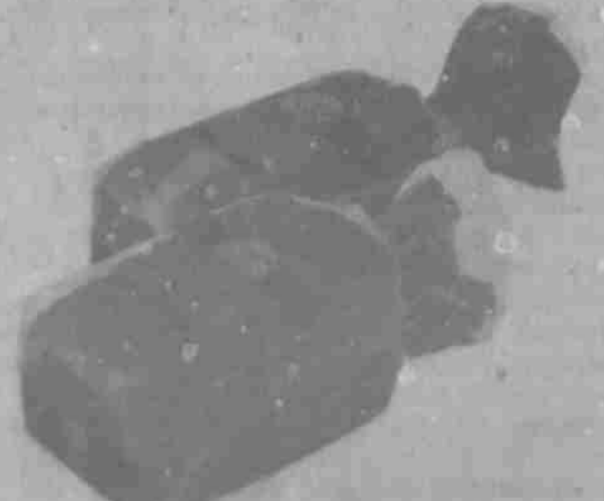
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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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GOOD INFORMATION BY DELTAS! THIS N THAT has received some very good information from the LUBBOCK ALUMNAE AND ETA LAMBDA CHAPTERS, DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. They told THIS N THAT, that "AFRICAN AMERICANS make up less than 13% of our population, and occupy less than 4% of the elected offices in the United States. On a national level, while there are 435 MEMBERS of the U.S. House of Representatives, only 42 OF THEM are Black. The U.S.

Senate is composed of 100 LEGISLATORS, and only one is African American. Is that enough representation for you?

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS, "OTHERS see what we do but GOD sees why we do it!"

COME ON BACK TO EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT can't tell people what they should do, but we can encourage them to come on back to EAST LUBBOCK. There are a lot of things on the drawing board, including the recently developed PARK MEADOWS VILLAS & STONE HOLLOW VILLAGE, and the complete demolition of the remaining Green-Fair Manor Apartments. This should open the door for more positive development of those who are looking for a place to live. Let us not forget the upcoming outstanding KING'S DOMINION across the street from Estacado High School. Come next spring, a new shopping center called PARKWAY DRIVE PLAZA will be in place next door to the Patterson Library. Surely these projects and others should be a reason for those who are living outside East Lubbock to want to come back to EAST LUBBOCK!

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE REALLY NEED OUR HELP! THIS N THAT is asking we continue to SUPPORT our young people by visiting our various public schools. Let our boys and girls see you on their campuses! Also let them know you are concerned about their future. Just think what will happen if more of

us would be seen on these campuses. Oh yes, nothing but good can come of our presence. If you have time, why not ask the principal if you can have lunch with these young people. So much is happening around the United States, but we still can be of importance at the local level. Will you join us in this special effort? Hope you will do so!

KEEP ON FIGHTING HARD, MATADORS! THIS N THAT is still pulling for those fighting ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS! You can overcome any situation, no matter how difficult it is! Just hang in there, because there is nothing you can't overcome. You're our team - THE ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS!

LATE BACK TO SCHOOL FEAST! THIS N THAT is inviting as many of our young people to attend the LATE BACK TO SCHOOL FEAST on Saturday afternoon, October 14, 2006. The feast will be from 12:00 noon until all the food is gone. The FEAST will be held at the CHATMAN PARK on East 28th Street & Ivory Avenue. School may have started, but so many in the community wanted to show our support for our young boys and girls in the community in Elementary and Middle School. This is the first of many activities for these young people. This event is sponsored by HOLIDAY INN & CHEF TYRONE WILLIS and EACH ONE, REACH ONE. The SOUTHWEST DIGEST will help sponsor this program.



Think About It! It has to be for us and by us

by Eddie P. Richardson

For our communities to be what they should be, the leadership must come from within the community. We can no longer sit around moaning and groaning about what they, them or someone should do for us when it should be us doing for ourselves.

No one knows what we need better than us. We should all take as our personal creed "if it is to be, it is up to me" and live by it with the understanding that no one lives by themselves or alone. We need someone else and, most of all God, but we need help now. Someone doing for us what we should be doing for self. We need others advice, knowledge and resources. Yes, even money to bring our selves up to parity, not equality. You can't be equal when you are four hundred years behind, but help us help ourselves and it will be easy to see what we can do with a chance to look at sports, entertainment and to a certain degree, politics. We need the so called "man" or "system" to help us get off the relief rolls and on to the tax rolls. When we get out of the man's pockets, we can make it.

Let us get into the economic arena, and we will do as we have done in the sports and entertainment arena. But our problems are we must reach back and pull someone else up when we make it. We have to stop forgetting where we have come from and work col-

lectively together for the good of all of us. For our communities and neighborhoods to be what they should be, we must and must go back to the basics. We have to love, respect, support and help each other. The only time we should look down on another brother or sister is to give them a helping hand. We need to recapture, and I am my brother's keeper. Then we will all be better off.

We must drop the big "I" and "Little You" because we are all in the same boat together. The class maybe different, but the cost is always the same on any given day. You are just another Black, and still believe it or not. On any given day as far as some of the establishment is concerned, you are still just another 'nigger!' So remember, the class may be different, the status, the financial situation, educational situation, etc. may all be different, but, after all is said and done, you are still Black, African-American or whatever the class may be different, but the cost is always the same and don't you

forget it.

Closing Thought: "No matter how high you rise, how fast you rise, always remember how you got there, because if you should fall, the journey down can be easier if you do not burn your bridges behind you."

"Best Dressed" contest update

The deadline for submitting applications to the Lubbock's Best Dressed Men & Women Contest will be Wednesday, December 20, 2006. All applications must be in the Southwest Digest office, 902 East 28th Street.

The program will be held January, 2007. The final date and location of the event will be forthcoming in the Southwest Digest. At this report, coordinator of the event, Eddie P. Richardson, reported that nearly 120 applications have been received.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



As working Americans complain about the inequities of the social security system, a few small changes have been made in the Government Pension Offset Provision clause for people receiving a pension from employment which was not covered by Social Security participation and would be eligible for spousal benefits. Some states do not deduct Social Security payments from the wages or salaries of their employees, such as Illinois, Louisiana and Texas, thus when they retire and have enough quarters to qualify for a social Security Benefit, the benefit is cut, almost in half for some recipients and by two-thirds for others. Spousal benefits can be eliminated altogether by this provision.

The Windfall Elimination Provision also penalizes recipients of Social Security Benefits when retiring if a pension based in whole or part if one's earnings were not covered by Social Security payments. This provision is not as drastic as the GPO, though it reduces benefits but does

not eliminate them altogether

A law was enacted in 2004 which modified the GPO Provision. People whose employment was not covered by Social Security from which they receive a pension can have the GPO eliminated from the computation of their Social Security Benefits if they are employed in a covered position for the 60 months prior to their retirement. This is called the "last day" exemption to the GPO.

"Based on the enactment of the Social Security Protection Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-203, enacted March 2, 2004), the "last day" exemption to the GPO can apply only if: 1) the last day of covered employment is before July 1, 2004, or 2) the person applied for Social Security spouse's or surviving spouse's benefits before April 1, 2004.

With laws changing and the economy changing, employed individuals who are nearing retirement need to plan way ahead in order to secure all of their benefits. The Social Security Department is good about contacting you around your 60th birthday to let you know how your account looks with regards to your Medicare and other benefit entitlements. They notify you and let

you know how many quarters of coverage you have in Medicare and monetary entitlement. They will tell you if you have any deficits and what you need to make it up.

What we need now is to lobby for the complete elimination of the GPO and the WEP because it penalizes WORKING PEOPLE, when at the same time NON-WORKING people get BETTER benefits. Seniors who have worked to receive Social Security and Medicare benefits who desire to continue working, have Medicare in the amount of \$88.50 deducted from their Social Security check and must also pay a 1.45% tax on their current earnings. Depending on the earnings, the tax could run higher than the deduction from the Social Security check. We need to get 'in cinque' and seek an overhaul of the Social Security laws to better serve workers. We thought that was the purpose of having the Social Security Department of government; for WORKERS!

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This event is courtesy of The Holiday Inn, Chef Tyrone Willis, and Each One Reach One. The Southwest Digest will assist with this special effort.

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- Type of locomotive
- Unwanted email
- Military signal for lights out
- Dried coconut meat
- Actress from 2005 "Fantastic Four" movie
- Toward the lee
- Decorate
- Gradually deprive of mother's milk
- Patron saint of Norway, St. _____
- Painter's red color, pl.
- Sections of a play
- Best pitcher on a team
- Unexpected slide
- Famous 1959 Nixon/Khrushchev debate
- 2005 Windy City champions
- Fashion designer Aana
- _____d'oeuvre
- Mt. Everest to Earth
- Very light wood, often used in crafts
- Freddy Krueger street
- Enticer
- Its mini version is popular with families
- Earp of the Wild West
- Coniferous tree
- Baseball player with most championship rings
- Opposite of their
- Concave surfaces or lines
- Knife fixed to end of rifle
- One of inert gases
- Formerly Radio Corporation of America
- Eve's partner
- Arousing
- Heart _____ or ear _____
- Health resorts
- Sow again
- Eliminates wrinkles
- Pig sound
- Meanders through Paris
- Southeastern Asian country
- Reveals broken bones
- Industrial center of Ruhr

DOWN

- Harry Potter's mark
- Item on a to-do list
- "Odyssey" or "Iliad", e.g.

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- Apprehensions of criminals
- He hit most World Series home runs
- Lumberjack's tool
- Type of bargain
- Taken _____ by surprise
- Greek for prophet
- _____ Te Ching," book
- Islam's Supreme Being
- V-sign
- Number of total possible games in World Series
- Rope-making plant fiber
- Part of a baseball game ticket
- Baseball that travels high but not far
- Headquartered in Langley
- Expression for close call
- "_____ Cow!"
- "_____ la Douce", movie
- Deficient in nutrients
- Xe
- City in W. Ukraine
- Gray-green
- Black tropic! cuckoo
- Re-establish
- Likewise
- "Chicken of the sea"
- Baseball team with most championships
- They broke the "Curse of the Bambino"
- Rough to the touch
- Small rope used to draw in sail
- Capital of Ghana
- Web search engine
- Nocturnal hoofed mammal of tropical America
- Supernatural life force in Polynesia
- Ostris' wife
- How many World Series have the Seattle Mariners won?
- Singer Stefani
- Half the width of cm in printing, pl.
- "_____ is the limit!"