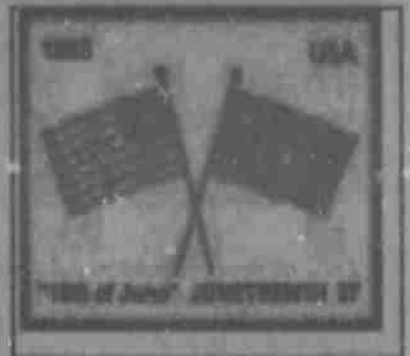


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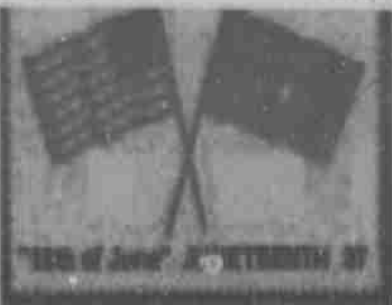
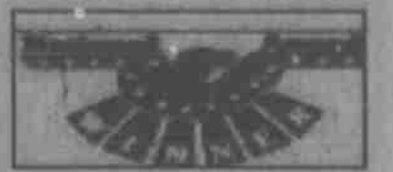
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* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens

* 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 6:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Fort Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm 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 Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

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Former County Commissioner: Ysidro Gutierrez Announces A Bid For Lubbock County Judge



Ysidro Gutierrez

Ysidro Gutierrez, who served as Precinct 3 Lubbock County Commissioner from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2008 will announce his candidacy for Lubbock County Judge in the March, 2010 Republican Primary. Gutierrez spoke to members of the media Friday November 13, 2009. The 10:00 a.m. Press Conference was held at the Lubbock County Courthouse Gazebo.

Gutierrez is a fiscal and social conservative. "I have always been a conservative" says Gutierrez, "I was born and reared in Lubbock. I am a West Texan; my values are unmistakably West Texan." Gutierrez is a graduate of Lubbock High School and holds a BBA and an MBA from the Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business.

Gutierrez believes the economic prosperity of Lubbock

County is the key to the prosperity of the surrounding counties. In a statement released Friday, Gutierrez said, "Lubbock is not only the Hub city, it is the economic hub of the Plains. Prosperity comes from a vibrant free market.

I will work in partnership with all government entities and private entrepreneurs for the continued prosperity of West Texas. One of my goals is to continue to encourage new businesses to come to Lubbock.

I support government and private partnerships that result in investments in infrastructure and job creation. New revenues from growth help keep property taxes low. Growth is the key to Lubbock's prosperity in the emerging 21st Century."

As a conservative, Gutierrez's campaign will emphasize the strong conservative principles of small government, limited gov-

ernment and holding the line on taxes and spending. "We need conservative leadership," he said, "Hard work and individual responsibility builds strong families and communities. Business entrepreneurs are born of these. Conservatives stand for traditional family values, individual freedom and liberty and service to country and community. We honor our veterans and celebrate community heroes." Someone once wrote: "Ask me what a Conservative government stands for and the answer is this: we will reward those who take responsibility and give a hand-up to our neighbors in need."

Gutierrez promises to continue the proud West Texas tradition of Conservative Leadership for Lubbock County. "My record is a proven record of conservative leadership," said Gutierrez, "As commissioner I was the continuously consistent voice against higher taxes, bigger government and more spending."

Gutierrez says this message will be a mainstay of Ysidro Gutierrez, who served as Precinct 3 Lubbock County Commissioner from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2008 will announce his candidacy for Lubbock County Judge in the March, 2010 Republican Primary.

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Patrea Ferrell of Lubbock was crowned Miss Caprock during the 52nd Annual Scholarship Pageant held Friday evening, November 20, 2009, in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio on the South Plains College campus. Ferrell was nominated by North Sue Hall. (SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)

Ferrell wins 2010 Miss Caprock Scholarship Pageant

LEVELLAND - Patrea Ferrell of Lubbock was named 2010 Miss Caprock Friday (Nov. 20) during the 52nd annual Miss Caprock Scholarship Pageant at South Plains College. Ferrell represented North Sue Hall at SPC. She received a \$500 scholarship along with the crown and sash.

"It would be an honor for me to be blessed to be named Miss Caprock," Ferrell said. "I've never been in a pageant before. Go Texans!"

Ferrell is the daughter of Mish Manahan of Lubbock. She is a freshman at SPC majoring in marketing.

Chantelle Duran, 24, of Plano was named first runner-up and will receive a \$300 scholarship.

Second runner-up was Kirstie Avery, 18, of Levelland; Miranda Casas, 19, of Levelland was named third runner-up and Chicagra Brown, 20, of Matador rounded out the top five.

Julie Gerstenberger served as Mistress of Ceremonies with entertainment provided by Kate Hearne and Sydney Wright.

There were 18 contestants nominated by SPC clubs, organizations or residence halls to compete for the title. The interview segment of the competition comprised 50 percent of the total score with casual and evening wear making up 25 percent. The contestants' response to the question segment counted 25 percent on the judges' ballots.

Meet The Parkway Roses

Every other Tuesday, a group of fifth grade girls from Parkway Elementary School meet in the library right after school. These girls are members of a new club called the Parkway "Roses." The club's name was derived from the book, "The English Rose". It is about four girls who are jealous of another girl in their school. Without getting to really know her, they decide to exclude her from their group of friends. As a result, they make unfair and incorrect judgements about her character and her life.

They continue to treat her unkindly until someone else helps them to "see" themselves as they really are. During the reading and discussion of the book, the sponsors of the club emphasized that the rose represents and parallel their lives and reputations. Both are very fragile and precious, to be treated with respect, love, and care. After the first meeting, each girl was presented a red pen decorated with fancy ribbons, red feathers and crystals. It was to remind them that they are valued, respected

and expected to emulate the disposition, temperament, personality and character of a "young lady."

The girl's club concept was a vision shared for some time by the principal of Parkway, Mr. Eddie Fitzgerald, and Ombudsman, Mrs. Nettie Edward. Both envisioned a club with nurturing environment where girls would have fun as they participated in community service projects, became acquainted with young, successful goal oriented mentors

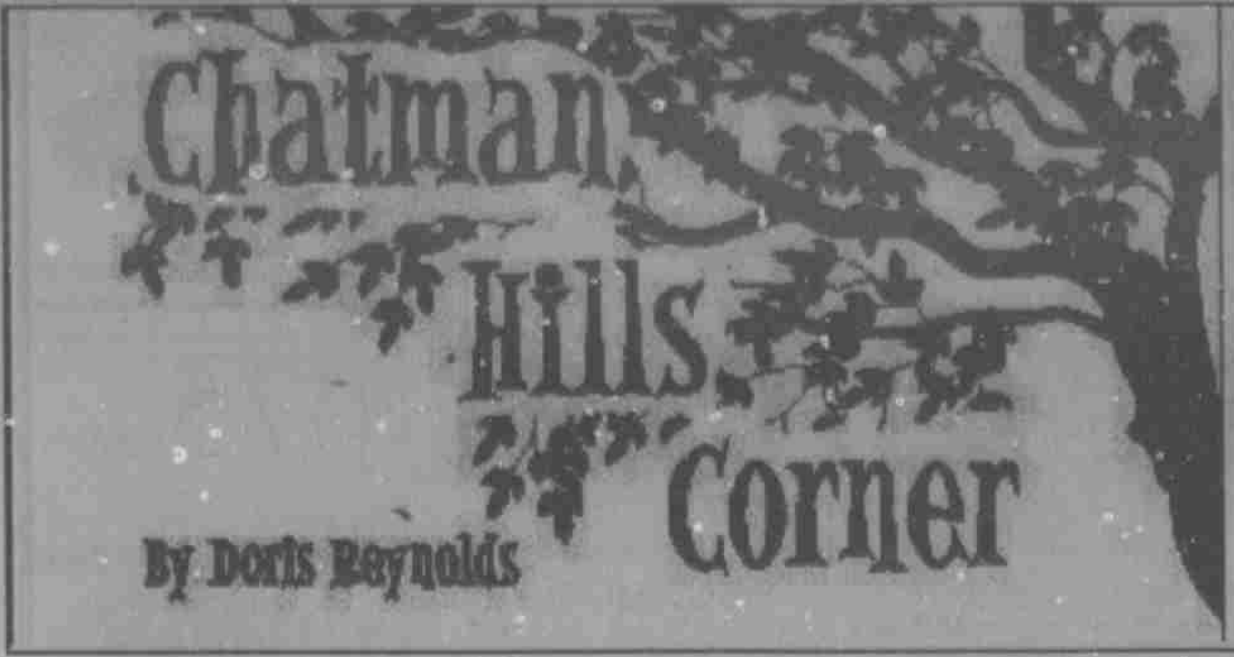
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Here they are, the Parkway Panther Brigade members, who are shown visiting Judge Rusty Ladd's Court Room.



Parkway Roses, a program designed to help young fifth-grade ladies achieve success, is beginning its second year. Field trips, guest speakers, and programs geared towards learning how to be leaders in and out of school help take this group of special young ladies one step closer to realizing their full potential and purpose in society.



For the 53rd consecutive year, Santa Land will light up the Lubbock night with Christmas trees, children singing, twinkling lights and Santa and Mrs. Claus ready to hear the Christmas dreams of area children. An opening ceremony to welcome the Clauses, light the 60-foot Christmas tree, and officially open Santa Land will be held on Thursday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. Children from Lubbock and surrounding communities are invited to be a part of this special evening. Santa Land is open fourteen consecutive nights on December 10-23, 2009 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. nightly, and as always, Santa Land is free to the public.

More than 30,000 people visit Santa Land each year to see the festive holiday village with its huge lighted Christmas tree, animated displays, bonfires, traditional holiday scenes, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. For visits with Santa, parents are encouraged to bring their children early in the evening as the line is stopped on busy nights at approximately

9:00 p.m. or earlier depending on the crowd. Enjoy live entertainment most evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Hot chocolate and other refreshments are available for sale at the concession stand. Parents are welcome to bring cameras and video cameras to take photos of their children with Santa at no charge. For those who forget their cameras, keepsake digital photos may be purchased for \$5 each. The entrance to Santa Land is from the East Broadway entrance into Mackenzie Park just east of Avenue A and the South Plains Fairgrounds.

The City of Lubbock and the Parks and Recreation Department are grateful to its sponsors and the Lubbock community for their help in underwriting some of the costs for Santa Land and for bringing this annual event to the children of West Texas.

On Sunday, December 20, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., the Booker T. Washington, Post 808, American Legion will sponsor its Annual Christmas Party for

the boys and girls of the Lubbock Community.

The American Legion is located in Yellowhouse Canyon. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

The Mae Simmons Community Center will be hosting their first annual Christmas Carnival for kids and families on Saturday, December 5, 2009, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Win prizes and enjoy an evening of fun at this free event. Participants will enjoy carnival games, Christmas karaoke, pictures with Santa, live entertainment and so much more! Donate a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and enter a drawing to win 1 of 2 FREE Turkey dinners for Christmas donated by United Simons Community Center is located at 2004 Oak Avenue. Their regular operating hours are Monday - Fridays 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. For more information, call Traci Crawford at 767-2700 or 767-2708.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, November 29, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "If The Church Would Just Pray." His scripture was Acts 2:41-42, and 47.

Let's remember Brother Charlie Knighten who lost a sister this week.

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson THE STATEMENT NECKLACE!

Ladies these necklaces are hot, they hit the fashion scene in a very big way. They are to die for, gaudy, lightweight, colorful and a must have this season. Simple? not even

close, bling bling and more bling, dancing sparkles, and sexy designs are created to make own lookers go WOW!. Make your favorite dress, suit or pant suit even more special, dress it up, no more small and dainty, dress it all the way up, with some gaudy jewelry and feel like a million dollars.

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New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday, November 29, 2009, services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:50 a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "The Best Is Yet To Come" with the printed text coming from II Peter 3:1-13.

Breakfast was served for those who were in attendance after Church School.

Morning worship started at 11:05 a.m. with the praise team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "O' I Want To See Him". The responsive reading read by Rev. Lee comes from Psalm 59:1-17. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the up coming events that would be taking place. There was the pastoral period held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "On The Battlefield" and "Trust In The Lord" led by Sis. Angela Mosley, with the choir singing in the background. "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "What Will You

Give?" with the scripture text coming from Psalm 116:12, 17 & 18. Mother Cavanaugh sang the song "There's A Bright Side" after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and then all visitors which were in attendance was acknowledged by Sis. Jade Price.

Pray in and out of season. It's hard to stumble when you are on your knees. Pray for those that has lost a loved one that God will continue to keep them lifted up.

Scripture For The Week: "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in

the beginning with God all things were made by him and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life and the life was the light of men." John 1:1-4

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Church News

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Crashing Of A State Dinner"

I was taken aback when I heard that two Beaver and Butthead like characters from Virginia were allowed to enter a state dinner at the White House. Tareq and Michael Salahi walked into the State House Dinner put arms around Vice President Joe Biden while posing with Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel for pictures. If this was not enough these two aspiring members of a reality show had a face to face conversation with President Obama and had access to some of Washington's elite without actually being on the guest list.

What should be embarrassing to all Americans is these two Beaver and Butthead like characters outsmarted the top law enforcement officials of America or did they??? Crashing a state dinner at the White House apparently takes a security breakdown as well as having the nerve of a brass monkey.

It was reported that President Barack Obama was never in any danger because the party crashers went through the same security screening for weapons as the

other 300 or more people who were actually invited to the dinner honoring Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Imagine what chaos this would have caused if these two Beaver and 'Buttheads' were there to harm the leaders of our country. Think about it: Harry Reid or Nancy Pelosi president and vice president; new chief of staff, a war with India, a civil war in the United States between the races that have been mistreated, Mexico overrunning Texas and taking back the land they believe belongs to them, Cuba releasing a missile on Florida and other southern states, China demanding all of the money it has loan America and moving people from an over crowded country to America and Chinese enjoying payback for the mistreatment of their race alleged by Americans in World War I.

African Americans are asking how two white Americans could get past security at the first State Dinner by the first African American president. This type of security procedure is truly

worth looking into and heads should roll for putting the nation at risk. With people like Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck, and other misfits in what should be a wholesome society stirring venomous hatred toward the leader of the United States, America is straining to keep it together. A security or intended breakdown could be America's Armageddon. This type of hillbilly law enforcement must not and will not be tolerated when it comes to any leader of our country whether we personally like him or her.

Two senators: Democrat Evan Bayh of Indiana and Republican Jon Kyl of Arizona said such behavior should be strongly discouraged. They also said authorities ought to pursue criminal charges against the couple.

Senator Bayh says its not laughing matter that two people could get so close to President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden without being cleared.

The couple is said to be offering interviews to networks on the experience—but they want
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We Thank God for Jesus "Christmas Mocking God"

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

I Timothy 4:1-2 - Now the spirit speaks expressly that in the last times some shall depart from the earth having given heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of Devils, speaking lies / in hypocrisy, having their conscience sear ed with a not iron.

In America, you have rights. You can mock anyone you want too. You know this is a true fact, and by law, there is nothing they can do!!!

Jeremiah 15:17 - I set not in the assembly of mockers, nor rejoiced, I set along because of your hand (GOD'S). For you have filled me with indignation.

****** IF GOD'S WORD BE TRUE, SANT AS AND REINDEERS ARE A LIE!!! ******

The Devil has made it OK to mock anyone and any thing under the sun. He got so bold. He decided to mock for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap, for he that soweth to his flesh reap corruption, but he that sows to the spirit shall reap life everlasting.

****** JESUS IS THE GOSPEL TRUTH!!! ******

The Preachers allowed the Devil to bring trees, Santas, and Reindeers that fly. It makes the Bible and the birth of Jesus a fairy tale, and be a lie!!!

Jeremiah 2:8 - The Lord said, the priests said, where is the Lord? And they that handle the prophesied by Ba'al, and walk after things that do not profit.

****** YES, THE PREACHERS ARE ROBBING GOD!!! ******

Now America is mocking the Birth of Jesus by every one putting up a Xmas Tree. The ungodly's, start playing religious. It's the only thing it can be!!!

Jeremiah 10:2b-4 - The Lord, learn not the way of the heat hens, and be not dismayed at the signs of Heaven. For the customs of the people are vain. For one cut a tree out of the forest. The work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold. They fasten it with nails and with hammers. That it move not.

****** THE UN-GODLY'S IS RELIGIOUS FOR ONE**

DAY!!! ****
(The Un-Godly's House will have Xmas Trees, presents, Big Dinner, and lights, and so will Christians, which house will be worshipping the only true God???)

****** WHAT ABOUT YOUR HOUSE???**

America's ca's playing with the birth of Jesus mocking God. It's not a game. She will have more hate, suicides, killings, robbery, DWI's. SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

Jeremiah 44:3b- The Lord said, because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger in that they went and burn incense, and to serve other Gods.

****** WHO ARE YOU SERVING???**

America have e mocked God's Preachers, with many kinds of their comedy's. That disrespectful, but America ca has r rights. It's called Freedom of Speech!!!

II Kings 2:23 - And He (Elisha God's Preachers) went up
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got started at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, November 29, 2009, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "The Best Is Yet To Come." The scripture text was II Peter 3. The Unifying Topic was "A Hopeful People." The teacher of the morning lesson was Rev. A. Brown. The review was given by Pastor Canady.

The main thought of the Sunday School lesson was: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long suffering to us - ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Sister Annie Onasanya and Deaconess Ethel Williams.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their

hearts and souls. What a time we had singing God's praises.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "A Prepared Place For A Prepared People." His scripture text was John 4:1-6. The Song of Inspiration was "What A Friend."

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

Mission meets on Wednesday evenings, 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

The Ushers will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

All who are involved in these meetings are asked to be present.

The morning announcements were read last Sunday morning by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in of the Lubbock community. Your prayers are welcome.

Let us pray for Rev. Walter Jackson and Sister Barbara

Johnson.

*Lord, help me to expose my sin,
Those secret faults that lurk within,
I would confess them all to thee;
Transparent I would always be.*

Thought For The Week:
"Give God what He desires mostly, a broken and repentant heart."

"The Word Became Flesh"

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and

the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:1-2, 14

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church. You will be glad you chose to do so. When you attend, then bring a family member with you. Our doors are open for each of you!!
God bless until next week!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Lineage of David

(Ruth 4:13-17; Matthew 1:1-6)

I have two dogs, both of them boxers, one white and the other brown. They're great dogs and my wife and I love them very much, but they have a tendency to get into trouble.

For example, one day I came home from buying groceries and was greeted by our white dog, Otis. Except Otis was no longer white. Instead, he was almost completely black. It turns out while I was out of the house Otis discovered a tube of black craft paint, which he decided to use as a chew toy, spreading paint everywhere, including all over himself. He then entertained himself by rolling in the black paint on my cream-colored carpet. Yes, my dogs have a way of getting into trouble.

I have paperwork that documents my dogs' pedigree and lists their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. On this list are some really strange names, especially for dogs. Their heritage includes King Chaka Franklin, King George Von Harvest, Sir Tanner of Weaverland, Country View Princess, and Lady Mischief III. If you were to judge simply by the names on this list, you might conclude my dogs are royalty. But I can tell you my two mischievous dogs don't know about this list and act nothing like the royalty their heritage implies. Of course, they're just dogs, so to them their heritage is even less than a list of names on a piece of paper.

Names on a Paper.

I also wonder about us humans sometimes. I wonder if, for some of us, certain sections of the Bible are just a list of names on paper.

There are sections of the Bible I think most people skip over, namely genealogies. I don't think people intentionally ignore sections of the Bible; it's just

that most of us don't really know how to engage with a list of names, especially when we aren't even sure how to pronounce most of them. Yet, while these lists of names normally have very little impact on us, they were vital to Jewish people and to early Christians.

There are some phrases we frequently come across in the

Bible. If we were to speak about God, we would say just that: God. But in the Bible, when an author wants to refer to God, he often uses a phrase as a qualifier. Over and over again in the Bible you encounter phrases like "the God of Abraham," or "the God of Jacob," or "the God of David," or "the God of our fathers."

The point is this: the people who wrote the Bible never forgot what God did in the past. They never lost touch with their history and God's role in it. Very often when they spoke about God, they would speak of him in relation to how he had worked in the past, especially in other people's lives.

How did that miracle happen? God did it, the same God who promised Abraham when he was an ancient man that he would be

the father of a great nation that would outnumber the stars.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet at the home of Sister Annie Mae McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue, on Saturday, December 5, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher

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Obsequies

Marrene Goode

A Memorial Service for immediate family and friends only was held Monday afternoon, November 30, 2009, for Marrene Goode at Ossie Curry Funeral Home Chapel of Lubbock.

Goode, 48, of Lubbock passed away November 20, 2009 at University Medical Center.

Marrene is survived by her mother, Margie McCleod of Levelland; sisters Marjean Goode and Buckley Dancer of Lubbock, and Ericka McCleod of Levelland; a brother, Orlin Goode of Lubbock; three nieces, a nephew, and a grandson.



Christ Temple COGIC 30th Local Women's Annual



1st Mother Myrta Haynes
Conductor

The 30th Local Women's Annual will be held at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ Friday evening, December 4, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday morning, December 5, 2009, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with a Continental Breakfast. The day's activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. with "Church Protocol & Sainly Decorum. At 9:30 a.m., "What Every Usher Should Know." At 10:00 a.m., "What Every Aspiring Missionary Should Know."

Guest speaker for the services will be Evangelist Ruby Holand Hutchins, Touch The World Ministries, Inc., of Memphis, Tennessee.

Saturday evening services will get underway at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday afternoon, December 6, 2009, the Official Annual Service will be held, beginning at 3:00 p.m.



Guest Speaker
Evangelist Ruby Hutchins
Memphis, Tennessee



Hat Winners During 2008!
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All ladies are asked to wear their hats!

According to 1st Mother Myrta Haynes, Conductor, hats will be given away at close of service.

Supt. David Haynes is host pastor.

We Thank God For Jesus

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from there unto Beth-el; and as he was going up by the way. There came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, go up, you bald head. Goo up, you bald head, and he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in; the name of the Lord, and there came forth two she bears out of the woods, and tear (Rip Up) forty and two children.

**** HAVE YOU CURSED AMERICA'S CHILDREN??? ****

We in Amedrica have been

mocking mankind for a very long, long time, but when he starts mocking God, believe it, we've lost our mind.

Ps. 1m 53:1 -- The fool has said in his hart, there is no God. Corrupt they are, and have done abominable iniquity. There is none that do good.

Parson Smith

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half million dollars.

I must also note to my fellow senior citizens that one of President Barack Obama's closest Republican allies in the Senate urged him to put health care reform on the backburner and focus on Afghanistan.

What is more important, Afghanistanians or Americans health? Some Republican friend when it comes to health care for Americans. Backbu

MLK Baseball Little League Needs Your Help

The Martin Luther King Little League needs the help of the community. A meeting will be held Monday evening, December 16, 2009, at the Estacado High School Library, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

According to officials of MLK, they are making plans for the 2010 season, and they are in need of volunteers and coaches. Donations are also needed for this upcoming season.

If you are interested, then please be present. Bring your input, because our boys and girls need your help.

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Deadline Set For Black History Calendar Is Almost Upon All of Us!

If you want to be a part of Black History in Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas, you can do so by participating in a proposed Black History Calendar.

The deadline for the Black History Calendar is Monday, January 4, 2010.

This is a project of the Roots Historical Arts Council.

For more information, contact Eddie P. Richardson at (806) 762-3612.

"We are trying to promote Black History by promoting Lubbock's Black citizens who have contributed to this area in business, education, arts, sports, law and other areas," says Mr. Richardson.

New Zion Will Host

New Zion Baptist Church will host a Youth Revival on December 10th and 11th at 6:30pm. Speakers of the hour are Minister Rashard Barnes of Redeemer Church, Lubbock, TX and Minister Antonio Reed, Community

Baptist Church, Lubbock, TX.

All Lubbock youth to attend this conference to receive all God has for them. The theme is "Young, Gifted, Anointed and Appointed by Christ". The theme scripture is from the book of 1 Timothy Chapter 4 Verse 12.

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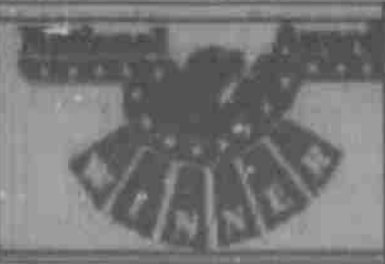
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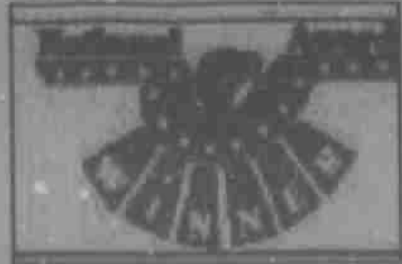
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Editorials • Comments • Opinions



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

THANK YOU, DR. AYERS FOR YOUR BIOGRAPHY ON THE LATE E. C. STRUGGS! THIS N THAT is very pleased with the recent biography on the life of the late **PROF. E. C. STRUGGS** .. who was principal ncpial of **DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL** from 1930 until 1965..... He made many **OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS** to the Lubbock Independent School District.....and was a **VALUABLE CITIZEN** to the Lubbock Community..... In formation in the book **"E. C. STRUGGS: VISIONARY LEADER"** is on target as the Black Community needs

these kinds of role models and hopefully young Black Boys & Girls will hold their heads up high because se of the**BLACK LEADERS** as the late **PROF. E. C. STRUGGS!** ... Again **THANK YOU, DR. AYERS** for a job well done!!!
STILL WAITING FOR THE LUBBOCK BRANCH, NAACP TO MEET!! THIS N THAT is happy over the response for the activation ion of the **LUBBOCK BRANCH, NAACP** and hopefully it will happen in the very near fu future as there will always be a need for the **LUBBOCK BRANCH OF THE NAACP**..... Perhaps a

meeting will happen shortly after the holidays ... as it would be an outstanding way to start the year of 2010.....
PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "A SOFT REFUSAL is not always **TAKEN**but a**RUDE ONE** is immediately believed."
JUST WANT CITIZENS TO BE INFORMED, BUT LET'S MOVE ON!! THIS N THAT has written several times about the need for a **TOWN HALL MEETING** about our Lubbock Public Schools and hosted by our representative **SISTER VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES** but evidently she sees no need for such a meeting..... It would have been nice as it has been since February when a meeting was held... It was a **VERY PRODUCTIVE MEETING** and..... hopefully another such meeting would have done some outstanding things for our schools in the East Lubbock area..... Anyway let's move on but keep in mind t his meeting was suggested by **THIS N THAT** and it didn't happen.....
LET 'S CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FEDERATION OF CHOIRS! THIS N THAT is asking that we continue to **SUPPORT** the monthly meetings of the **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** as it has done much h for the **BLACK COMMUNITY** over the years..... So let's continue to **SUPPORT** this valuable asset program!!

THINK ABOUT IT!

This Is The Beginning Of The Season!!

Yesterday is gone; tomorrow is not here, so lets be in love with today. Everything you could or did not accomplish in the past, it's too late because you cannot recapture time. It's gone and never to return. So look to today and look for tomorrow because, yesterday is gone forever.
We must or at least, we should remember the season and the reason we celebrate. Starting with Thanksgiving, almost years end, being thankful for our good fortune and blessings during the year.
Beginning with the Indians and Pilgrims many years ago, they even took time out' from their feuding and fighting to

break bread and give thanks for their successful crops and other blessings throughout the year.
In this modern day, however; instant gadgets, electronics, digital cyber age, we take every thing for granted. The world or every body owe us something! When in reality , no one owes us a darn thing. We owe it to ourselves to do for ourselves, and help ourselves because, a person with faith and determination can be or do anything they want to do. That is, if they are willing to work at it and pay the price. No one said it would be easy but, any thing is possible. Again if you are willing to work at it and pay the price.
We should all take a quick

lesson in history and see why the season or holiday we just celebrated began with Thanksgiving and the one we are approaching Christmas ,not X M A S, and realize the true meaning and spirit of both days and our whole attitude would change. They were not about getting or receiving, not about big commercial days for the merchants but, about giving, sharing, and thanking for life, liberty, and happiness. For some, celebrating the birth of a Savior.
So anyway we look at it , we have strayed away in the wrong direction think about it!
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Inter Faith Dialouge A Great Model For Bridging Lives Across Cultures, Communities, Convenants, & Creeds

By BROTHER ASKARI

Last Monday Night, I attended an inter-faith program. My Queen and I were invited to this Magnificent program by our neighbor, the Honorable Councilman of District 2, Mr. Floyd Price and his Graceful wife, Violet. This event was attended by other members of the city council. Mayor Tom Martin and his wife were there. Councilman Todd Klien was there. Councilwoman Linda Deleon was there, Sam Medina, City Attorney, was one of the speakers. One of the speakers Dr. Webb said something that has been a part of GOD'S gospel since creating us into nations and tribes to know each other and not to despise. Dr. Webb stated that it is very common for us to Love people of which we have some likeness. In fact, this likeness, in my understanding, also includes appreciation, admiration, respect and

THEMSELVES!
Being narcissistic is not loving one's self, but a mere reflection of the fact that one is a consumer of love and affection. Love is a two-way affair. You give love and receive love, that IS LOVE! If you only receive love and it remains with you, then you are a consumer of love. When there is no one to give you the love that you consume, then self hate kicks in, often followed by thoughts of hurting one's self.



the common courtesy of support in all the good that benefits the human soul. I was amazed to see people of different branches of the seeds of Abraham Jews, Christians, and Muslims enjoying an event of respect for Faith in GOD and the Human choice of worshipping and doing the Will of GOD. **THERE WAS NO SET TRIPPING IN THE ROOM!** There was none of that, "I don't mess with you because you are a Jehovah Witness" or "I don't mess with you because you are a Seven Day Adventist" or "I don't mess with

you because you are a Baptist or a Protestant" or "I don't mess with you because you haven't chose a church to attend".
This program was hosted by Muslims and, the Christians who attended shared, appreciated, admired and respected GOD'S TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS 'LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, MIND AND SOUL AND YOUR NEIGHBORS AS YOU LOVE YOUR SELF' Dr. Webb asked all of us: "CAN WE LOVE SOMEBODY DIFFERENT THAN US?" Remember this GOD did not give us a description of the neighbor, he has **COMMANDED US TO LOVE AS WE LOVE OURSELVES**. Also remember the most honored in GOD'S SIGHT ARE THOSE OF US WHO ARE MOST OBEDIENT TO GOD'S COMMANDMENTS. **B.L.A.C. B.R.I.C & EACH ONE REACH ONE'S** Quest is to create this kind of harmony in this 21st century "ONE HEART AND ONE MIND" at a time. Thank you Councilman Price and your wife for inviting my queen and me to witness the very idea of harmony this society needs. There is a gospel group entitled TAKE 6 one of my favorite songs by them is "SPREAD LOVE" wouldn't we all show ourselves approved spreading this golden rules?

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard
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die. Nothing in life lasts forever. Family members usually die in the order in which they have been born, but sometimes it does not happen that way. We learn that life should go on in spite of the fact that we lost someone dear and near to us. As a mature individual, this is normal and acceptable. Immature individuals have a difficult time and often need psychiatric care to overcome losses.
Losses are especially difficult for some people around holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Research has found that way too many people commit suicide during the holidays because of loneliness and the feeling of not being loved. This is tragic and could not be the situation if most people learn first of all to LOVE and RESPECT

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Ysidro Guterrez Will Announce For Lubbock County Judge

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was the continuously consistent voice against higher taxes, bigger government and more spending." Gutierrez says this message will be a mainstay of his campaign. Gutierrez believes his message will appeal to traditional Republican voters and to cross-over and first time voters in Lubbock County.

"County government touches every person's life," said Gutierrez. County government keeps vital birth and death records, protects private property, assures the one man one vote principle at the ballot box and public safety through the courts and jail.

Gutierrez is a 20 year veteran of the US Army. He served as a Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) for 18 of the 20 years. His accomplishments were numerous but one of the more significant was graduation from the US Army Sergeants Major Academy; the Army's premier leadership and management school. Only the finest NCO's are selected for attendance to this school. The year after graduation, he was selected for promotion to Sergeant Major.

Army wide, he was one of only three in his specialty field promoted to this rank in under 20 years. Gutierrez says his military experience strengthens his love of country and sense of duty and honor.

The campaign will emphasize Gutierrez's Compassionate Conservatism. "I enjoy helping people" said Gutierrez, "I believe that the spirit of volunteer service makes our community and Nation great. My record of community service is clear." Gutierrez worked as a volunteer in the Arnett Benson Neighborhood Association Gang Free Drug Free Rally and Concert in the Park for 3 years. He served in the following community organizations: Raiders Rojas National Alumni as President 2002 and Director 2003. He was active in the American Red Cross from Sept 11, 2001 to August 2006. He was a Disaster Team Captain in the Oklahoma City Tornado and the Central Texas Floods. He served as Red Cross liaison to the Lubbock Emergency Operations Center during the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and worked to raise money

for Tsunami victims in Sumatra. He worked as a volunteer in the United Way as a Loaned Executive in the 2006 campaign. He raised about \$100,000. He worked with the local MDA office during the annual Jerry Lewis Telethon and was a Jailbird for 3 years. He raised about \$4,000 for Jerry's Kid's. He served on the TTU Chancellor (David Smith) Minority Advisory Committee for 2 Years and the Chancellor's Pastors Forum for 2 Years. In 2007 he served as an Elementary School Tutor/Mentor in a Ramirez Elementary 3rd Grade class. In 2009, he tutored elementary students at Rise Academy in Chess proficiency and techniques.

Gutierrez remains active in service to the Lubbock Community. He is in his third year of service with the Lincoln-Douglas Scholarship Committee and is the current VP. He is a certified trainer in the South Plains Citizens Corp. He has trained over 200 volunteers in Disaster Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery. He recently received a 5-year service award. He has been a member of the All Branches Military Veterans Honor Guard since 1996. The Honor Guard renders final honors with the folding and presentation of the American flag, playing of taps, and the 21 gun salute. Gutierrez is a member of the Lubbock Optimist Club. He is the Treasurer. This year the club awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to Lubbock Youth. The Optimist Club motto is "Friends of Youth."

Gutierrez says the Commissioners Court could be more accessible to the people of Lubbock with a few minor changes. Commissioners Court meetings could begin at 12:00 noon. Citizens could attend during their lunch break. Citizens' comment similar to those at City Hall would afford citizens the opportunity to address the Court. Public hearings could be held in convenient locations in all four precincts as well as in the courthouse. They do not have to be limited to the minimal required by law.

Gutierrez said, "From my lifetime of experience I have developed an unshakable optimism of Lubbock. Lubbock is a diverse community with many wise and wonderful, bright and beautiful people who give our community its West Texas favor. It is the goal of my campaign to bring to the public arena the multifaceted goodness of West Texas. If elected, I will work for all the people of Lubbock County. I will visit them in their communities, clubs, social gatherings, festivals, etc... I will be a Judge of the people and for the people.

As the Republican Primary begins I pledge to present to you, the voter, my views, my voting record and evidence of my conservative values not only throughout the primary but to the general election.

Thank you for your support. Together we can secure Conservative Leadership for ourselves

Rose Parkway Girls

Continued from Page 1 and had exposure to quality experiences which would encourage and stress the importance of starting now to set goals and do their best. The decision was made to finally start the club this year. They were so delighted to learn a short time later that a number of interested individuals had heard about the idea and initial planning "through the grapevine." Calls of interest from citizens in the neighborhood and the LISD community were received. All resources and service. Parkway is indebted to the following people for volunteering to help co-sponsor the club: Mrs. Beverly Finch, Former Estacado AVID teacher/Current LISD Migrant Program/PhD candidate at Texas

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projects and other activities which promote high expectations for the development of dignified, responsible, trustworthy "young ladies." Parents have always been included and the sponsors are particularly excited about a dad who attended and participated in an activity that involved parents expressing their appreciation and pride for their girls and the girls doing the same for their parents.

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