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Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chatham Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd St. 806-535-8081
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- High City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Astor St
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm

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

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

East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 3:30 pm, TTU Merker Alumni Center

Dunbar/Marshattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Marshattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.

West Texas Native American Association For Luck, Snapper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm. Educational presentations and demonstrations.

Texas Nineteenth 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 Orves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.

West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.

The Parkway & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hartz Elementary.

Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hartz Elementary Cafeteria.

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Black Airmen To Convene for Reese AFB Reunion in Lubbock, Texas

Many people have heard of the Tuskegee Airmen, the African Americans pilots during WWII who served the country with honor while battling racial discrimination on every front. Lubbock, Texas had its own Tuskegee Airmen of sorts, just twenty years later, in the 1960's, the United States Air Force, began anew the pilot training for African Americans at air force bases across the country. Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock was one of such places where African Americans could receive Undergraduate Pilot Training, a vital stepping stone to a career in aviation. The program graduated dozens of Black pilots, many of whom either remained in the military or went on to fly for commercial airlines, such as American, Continental, and United Air lines a feat that prior to the early 1960's would not have been possible.

In Lubbock for the first reunion in more than 30 years. "The consensus among us was to reunite where it all began," says Hank Taylor, a former Reese Instructor Pilot and co-chair for the reunion. "I am often in Lubbock visiting family, Taylor married Lubbock native, Joyce Marie Sneed, however; many of the guys have not been back here in decades."

Taylor, now a Captain flying for FedEx, acknowledges the reunion may bring myriad emotions for some of the graduates. "Just like the Tuskegee Airman, we experienced our share of racism and discrimination while going through the pilot training program. To overcome these obstacles, we encouraged one another, met in one another's homes for additional study, and for those of us who became Instructor Pilots, even flew training missions with one another."

On May 29 - 31, 2009 several of these pilots will convene

learning and innovation, operating now as The Reese Technology Center, Todd Reno, Director of Business Development, will host the pilots and their families for a tour of The Reese Center. "There are still elements of Reese AFB here for the reunion attendees to see," says Reno. "We are thrilled to honor the history and legacy of Reese AFB as a place of First - the first flight simulator used in training, the first joint pilot training program with the Air Force and Navy and the first USAF pilot training program for females."

In addition to touring the 3,000 plus acre business park, home to numerous research and technology businesses, a day-care center, an 18-hole golf course, and training center for Texas Tech and South Plains



GOP walks fine line on opposing Sotomayor

WASHINGTON (CNN) - The Republican Party risks further alienation from Hispanics by challenging the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, who would become the first Hispanic, and third woman, on the Supreme Court.

On Tuesday, President Obama nominated 54-year-old Sotomayor - who is of Puerto Rican descent - to replace the retiring Justice David Souter. Sotomayor is a judge on the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, named to that post by President Bill Clinton when she was a U.S. District Court judge, nominated by President George H.W. Bush in 1992.

League of United Latin American Citizens. "Because when you think about that the length of time the Latino community has waited for this nomination, it's been a long time."

"If they just out of sheer ill-will - try to block the nomination, that's going to have a big backlash in the Hispanic population," Wilkes warned. "And we won't have to do anything except sit back and watch them destroy themselves, because it's really going to be that bad."

Ruben Navarrette, a syndicated columnist and CNN contributor, said Latinos are simply "running out of patience."

The barbed comments about Sotomayor began almost as soon as the announcement was made at the White House on Tuesday.

Conservative radio personality Rush Limbaugh called Sotomayor a "reverse racist" on his show. Limbaugh, who is known for stirring up controversy, said he hopes Obama's nominee fails.

"Do I want her to fail? Yeah. Do I want her to fail to get on the court? Yes. She'd be a disaster on the court," he said. "Do I still want to Obama to fail as president? Yeah. He's going to fail anyway, but the sooner the better here so that as little damage can be done to the country."

Limbaugh's attacks aside, many influential Hispanic leaders were optimistic and warned the GOP against rushing to conclusions before she pleads her case before the Senate, which must confirm her.

"I do think Republicans have to be very careful and not oppose this nomination just for the sake of it," said Brent Wilkes, executive director of the

"For 20 years I've been hearing the drumbeat from Latinos they been waiting for a Latino on the Supreme Court ... They're ready and they're due - not because of what happened in the last election but because what's been going in the past 50 years and what will happen in the next 50," he said, referring to the projected rise in the Latino population.

According to exit polling from the 2008 general election, Obama received 67 percent of the Hispanic vote and Republican Sen John McCain received 31 percent - down significantly from the number of Hispanics who voted for former President George W. Bush in 2000 and 2004.

But Republican strategist Leslie Sanchez, who is also a CNN contributor, said senators shouldn't feel obligated to vote for Sotomayor because of the potential for Hispanic outreach, but rather on her qualifications.

"I think many in the Hispanic community are excited about this nomination. There's no doubt about that. As a Latina and as someone who was raised by a single mom I get that," she said. "I think, with all due respect to this confirmation and this process, the fairer we are, the better it is for all people."

Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, a Mexican-American agrees.

"I don't think any gender group or ethnic group is entitled to representation on our courts," he said.

Alex Castellanos, a GOP strategist and CNN contributor, said Obama may be taking the country back to the era of identity politics.

"He didn't play that card in the campaign, he fought against that. And he said we're now at a new place," he said. "And now the question is... is he taking us back to identity politics saying that someone is a better judge because of their race or their gender or their ethnicity?"

Paul Begala, a Democratic strategist and CNN contributor, however says it's extremely likely that Sotomayor will be confirmed based on her qualifications and not her ethnicity.

Support Juneteenth Celebration!
June 12th - 20th!
Parade: June 20th!

EASTACADO MATADORS ALL CLASS REUNION SET JUNE 18-21

The Third All Class Reunion for Estacado High School has been set for Thursday, June 18th, thru Sunday, June 21, 2009.

Perhaps there have been difficulties along the way, but as former classmates and graduates look back over the many years, they're all proud of what has been accomplished. We would classify our First All Class Reunion as a great success! During that reunion, more than 500 people were in attendance. This year, all are anticipating a much greater number in attendance.

The deadline to register has passed, but there is still an opportunity to register. Let us be advised that an arm badge and a badge must be worn at all events. There will be no exceptions. Security will be enforced.

The reunion cost is \$90.00 per person, and \$160.00 per couple. Couples may consist of any combination of two people. However, couples must register and pay at the same time to avoid errors and confusion.

Those who want to register may do so by sending cashier checks or money orders to: The Estacado High School Alumni Association, P. O. Box 3013, Lubbock, Texas 79452.

If there are any questions,



Who was the first Matador? Here he is.

please contact any of the following officers: Linda Hunter-Davis, President, (806) 747-8389; Kay Anderson-Grant, Treasurer, (806) 745-2513; Mike Smith, Assistant Treasurer, (806) 787-4832; and Sandra Culppepper-Reed, (806) 765-0727.

"As we have been saying for many weeks, this is expected to be an outstanding all-Class Reunion," says Mrs. Davis.

"If you know any former graduates or students, please advise them so they will become a part of this special effort,"



continued Mrs. Davis. "So let's get ready for another great year celebrating the 4 years Estacado High School has been in existence," she concluded.

Some of the family members remained on Sunday, and attended church services at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

Family members are most appreciative of the hard work of Sheila Burns who work for this reunion to become a reality. "We thank God for her," said Mrs. Hightower.

Honoring Our Stars of Tomorrow

LEARN Inc. will celebrate the accomplishments of local students during its annual recognition banquet for the "LETS Go Advance" program. The theme for the banquet, "Honoring Our Stars of Tomorrow," celebrates the dedication and persistence of our students to pursue a college education. The banquet will be held at the City Bank

Hightower & Francis Reunion Held In Lubbock Last Week



Pictured above are members of the Hightower and Francis families who were in attendance last Friday and Saturday, May 22 & 23, 2009, at the Parkway Neighborhood Center. This was the second time it has been held in Lubbock.

These family members are from Dallas, Seagraves, Odessa, Midland, and Lubbock. Mrs. Roberta Hightower reported a wonderful reunion, and thanks be to God for who were in attendance. "We had a wonderful time, and can't wait until it comes back to Lubbock," says the eldest member of the families.

Many of the family hadn't never been on the campus of Texas Tech University, and this a very exciting time for them to visit this landmark university.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group of the Patterson Branch Library will meet Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 2:00pm. We will be discussing, "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" by Julia Alvarez. The group welcomes new members or those who would like to drop-in from time to time to discuss the monthly selection. Titles up for discussion are made available for free check-out at the library. For more details, please call Helen Viser-Fitzgerald at 767-3300 or email: hviser@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us

The Lubbock Area Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will have services at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, May 31, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Rev. Sonia J Scott is pastor.

Free Immunization Clinic hosted by City of Lubbock Health Department Tuesday, June 16, 2009 from 4:00pm-6:00pm in the Mildred Deo Community Room. Ages: 0-18yrs. Please bring current shot records.

Final exams, early dismissal

and final day of classes in Lubbock ISD. Elementary schools dismiss at 12 noon, middle schools dismiss at 12:40 p.m. and high schools dismiss at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy Sharp at 766-1062.

The Lubbock Area Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will have services at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, May 31, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Rev. Sonia J Scott is pastor.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 9 through 12, 2009 at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, from 6:30 p. m. until 8:30 p. m. Sister Elard Devenport is coordinator and Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor.

All ar are invited to come and be blessed!

All women of the New Hope Baptist Church are asked to be in attendance today, Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 6:00 p. m. in the B. R. Moton Fellowship Hall. They will be rehearsing on the Fifth Sunday, May 31st, plus finalizing plans for their Women's program on June 10, 2009. Sister Alma Colquitt is WMS President.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, May 24th, at the New Hope Baptist Church.

Services opened with the Praise Tem at its post of duty. The Holy Spirit filled the room. After scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir sang several selections.

Pastor B. R. Moton delivered a very dynamic sermon. His subject was "The Lord's Word Is The Source of my Joy - Center of My Joy."

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, May 24, 2009 church services got started with a glorious time at the New Light Baptist Church 3013 Idalou Road where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School got started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled "Harmony At Home".

Morning worship got underway at 11:00a.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 "We've Come This Far By Faith" and truly we have come this far by faith. The responsive reading read by Rev. Lee comes from Psalm 125:1-5. The altar prayer was led by

Rev. Edom with the Choir singing "He Is Lord."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place. All birthdays for the week were mentioned also. There was the pastoral period that was held by Rev. Jackson and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "I'll Go" and "The Lord Is Blessing Me". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "You Can Be Set Free" and the text scripture came from John 8:36. Bro. A. W. Brown sang a selection after the sermon.

Pray for the sick/shut in; those that are in nursing

homes, prison, jails and those that has lost a love one recently. Pray for those that are in our communities and surrounding counties.

Scripture For The Week
"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the love of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself."

But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

For each one shall bear his own load. Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

Don't be deceived. God isn't mocked, for whatever a man sows that he will also reap. GALATIANS 6:2-7

Meet Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez Of The Church Of The Blessed



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation.

The number of baptisms is 40. The Church of The Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with it's Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 5:00 a. m. Monday through Friday.

Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the family at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for service this week

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FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

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Library Events For Activities In Lubbock

Bilingual Storyhour at Mahon Library

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, invites children to a bilingual storyhour at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 1. We will read stories in English and Spanish and do a craft. For more information, call the library at 775-2838.

Children's Movie at Patterson Branch Library

Come watch a movie on the big screen at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Monday, June 1 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 767-3300.

Petting Zoo at the Public Library

Children of all ages are invited to the public library for a petting zoo, featuring animals from Kenny's Korral. Dates and times are as follows:

Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street Tuesday, June 2 10:00 a.m.

Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive Wednesday, June 3 10:00 a.m.

Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street Thursday, June 4 10:00 a.m.

This program is free. No tickets or reservations required. For more information, please call 775-2838.

Gardening Storytime at Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will have a special evening storytime and gardening project for kids on Tuesday, June 2 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 767-3300.

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

Teen Program at Mahon Library

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, invites teens to the library for ice cream and a movie on Thursday, June 4 at 3 p.m. The film will be "Paul Blart: Mall Cop." For information, call 775-2838.

Teen Program at Patterson

Vacation Bible School Set

Vacation Bible School will be held at the New Zion Baptist Church, 1601 Martin Luther King Blvd., from June 18th - 20th and are inviting all children in the community, between the ages of 4 years and 17 years, to attend.

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "The Armor of God", Ephesians 6:10-17.

The following times have been arranged:

June 18 - 19 -- 6 pm - 8pm
June 20 - 10 am -- 2 pm

All those interested in attending may come by the church or call us to receive registration forms. Any questions regarding the VBS, please contact Sister Pamela Best (806) 702-4632 or Sister Karen Peoples (806) 239-6983.

Sister Best is Education Director.

Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites teens to the library for a craft program on Thursday, June 4 at 3 p.m. Bring a pair of old jeans to be remade into something new. Call 767-3300 for more information.

"Twilight Thursday" at

Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, invites teens to a meeting of our Twilight book group on Thursday, June 4 at 4:45 p.m. We will be discussing the fourth book in the Twilight series, "Breaking Dawn" by Stephenie Meyer. For more information, call 767-3733.

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Church School 9:30am
Morning Worship 11:00am

Wednesday Services
Bible Study 12:00 noon & 6:00pm

Pastor Sonia Scott

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MAN OUR BROTHER"



Church News



FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"Lubbock's Police Department Needs A Raise"

Sunday, May 24, 2009 I was truly impressed with one of Lubbock's finest: A young policeman. A call was made by one of the parishioners and I had the opportunity to listen to the report given and hear the policeman responded in such an intellectual way.

The attitude, demeanor, professional look and action of the young Lubbock policeman was a far cry from the days I grew up in racist East Texas where those who were employed was given little training and had very limited amount of education. However, these oversized men allegedly wore cowboy boots with steel toes to help African Americans in particular, into the rear of their patrol car if you questioned them intellectually. The reason for their negative action was to cover up what we deemed and knew as ignorance because it is alleged they could not read their names if placed on the side of railroad box cars. Their reading ability was superb when they uttered "see Jan run or Jack went up the hill to get a pail of water!"

If the above seem far removed from today's reality there is a non-fictional story told about a police department in a town on Highway 71 along the Colorado River where the mindset of the police department was at any given time to make African Americans walk in front

of the police car if they were arrested to the jailhouse.

I assumed this story was true for when in the mid-sixties a friend and I were eating in a café that had not long been integrated in the neighborhood, a policeman laughed when a 6'8 400 pounds white boy walked to our table and told us to get our black a... out or he would put his foot where the sun did not shine. Of course it did not happen and he left with both feet and legs that weren't shorten and I'm writing about this some 40 years later.

I mentioned the former to point out we are living in a different world where the sons do not have the mindset of their fathers and grandfathers about humanity. I believed change should bring rewards.

Lubbock policepersons deserve a raise that is equal or greater than those metropolitan areas to our south and east. Lubbock has risen to an economic, social, educational, and medical force to be reckoned with. We are not a one-horse town. We share values, education, economic and the like with other cities of Texas and our leaders need to rise above a small town mentality as it relate to the pay of Lubbock Police Department.

I was reading a report that says Lubbock is one of the major distribution points for one

of the violent drug cartels of Mexico. If Lubbock is a major distribution point, then that means the cartel control the drug traffic. If it controls the drug traffic this could mean that it controls some of our leading citizens (politicians, preachers, lawyers etc.) who would not want an efficient police department.

What I really want my readers and others to know is that we have an economic problem with the Lubbock Police Department. We are about to lose in a few years a great number of policemen and policewomen and they are not being replace. One of known reason for the lost of personnel is because of low pay. Oh by the way when listening to the young policeman, I notice that his vehicle was dated and needed to be replaced. The citizens of Lubbock should demand that Lubbock Police are equipped the finest of equipment and the latest technology.

This writer is from the old school but has a NOW school mentality. The citizenry of Lubbock should demand that their elected represented have a NOW school mentality. The pay scale and equipment that was good in their day is not workable in an extremely high tech society!

The citizen of Lubbock should also demand the best for
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We Thank God for Jesus "Home Improvement Time"

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

Proverb 15:6 - In the house of righteous is much treasure, but in the revenues of the Wicked there is trouble.

Lord, I'm very upset. I have many troubles in my Home. And I look back, I can tell where things went Wrong.

Matthew 7:26-27 - Jesus said, everyone that hear these sayings of mine, and do them not, shall be like unto a foolish man, which built his house on sand, and the rain descended, and the floods came and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and great was the fall of it.

As I raised My five children, I did the best I could. But if I had to do it all over again I sing your **WORD I WOULD!!!**

Proverb 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not Depart from it.

Lord, My Husband died when they were Small. I TRIED TO RAISE THEM ALONG I got Plenty of Spoiling help, from My Mother, Grandmother's HOME.

Psalms 127:3-4 - Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb in his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth.

Lord, even when I wanted to **SPANK** and four times of doing **WRONG. MY MOTHER**

AND GRANDMOTHER DEFENDED THEM SAYING, O' LEAVE THEM ALONG!!!

Proverb 25:19 - Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a Foot out of joint.

***** YES, PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS WILL ROB GOD!!! *****

Proverb 26:3 - A whip for the house, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

***** AND SOME NEED IT!!! *****

We would all give them things, **AND MANY WE KNOW THEY DIDN'T NEED. WE TRIED TO SATISFY THEIR WANTS, TRYING TO PLEASE!!!**

Proverb 8:10-11 - Receive my instruction, and not silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

LORD, TWO OF MY CHILDREN, MADE PRISON THEIR HOMES, MANY TIMES IN COURT ROOMS: I ASK WHERE DID I GO WRONG???

Proverb 23:13-14 - Withhold not correction from the child; for if you beat (SPANK) him with the rod, he will not die. You shall beat (SPANK) wit h the rod, and

shall deliver his soul from hell. **LORD, AND MY TWO CHILDREN ARE GROWN AND GONE. BUT MY 14 YEAR OLD IS MY TROUBLES AND HE THINKS HE'S GROWN!!!**

Proverb 22:15 - Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

LORD, NOW MY SON HAS BECOME A CAR THIEF. I GET HOME FROM WORK, TAKE A NAP. HE STEALS MY CAR FROM ME.

Ephesians 6:1-3 - CHILDREN, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honour your father and mother which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with you, and you may live long on earth.

Lord, he wants to tell me **ABOUT HIS SO CALLED RIGHTS. I TELL HIM ABOUT THE RULES OF THE HOUSE, AND WE ALMOST FIGHT!!!**

O. T. Apocrypha: Ecclesiasticus 30:8-12 - A horse not broken becomes headstrong, in a child lift to himself will be willful. Cocker your child, and he shall make you afraid; play with him, and he will bring you to heaviness.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, May 24, 2009, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway at 10:10 a. m. with Sunday School. Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis was in charge. The subject of the morning's lesson was "Harmony At Home." The scripture text was Ephesians 21: 6-4.

The key verse was "Submitting your selves on to another in the fear of God." Ephesians 5:21.

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. Continuing in prayer was done by Sister Barbara Johnson.

Rev. Canady brought a powerful message. His subject was

"What Do You Have To Testify About?" His scripture text was Acts 10:42-43. The Inspirational Song was "When We All Get To Heaven." Again, we had a wonderful time singing God's Praises!!!

The weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 6:00 p. m. Bible Study begins at 7:00 p. m.

Friday evening, Choir

Rehearsal begins at 5:00 p. m. The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. each Saturday morning.

Let us remember our sick and shut in members of the community. Among them include Sister Wanda Brown and Sister Lola Byrd who are ill this week. So if you know of someone who is ill or shut-in, pray for them or if you have an opportunity, call or visit them.

Take the task He gives you

gladly; Let His work your pleasure be; answer quickly when he calleth, "Here am I, Send me."

Thought For Today: "Whom God calls, He qualifies; Whom He qualifies, He sends."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

The St. Matthew Baptist

Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested, then call Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445.

Matthew 10:16-39 17 "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. 18 On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.

amaze me— no, four things that I don't understand:

how an eagle glides through the sky,
how a snake slithers on a rock,
how a ship navigates through the ocean,
how a man loves a woman.

(NLT) Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elitona Jones, teacher.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to ask you a very important question: Are you pursuing real peace?

This is what most people are looking for. So how do we obtain real peace?? They must have real peace with God, if they are to have any peace at all. What is the answer to these real people's problems? Jesus is the answer. And a real relationship with Jesus is the solution. If we - you and I - would be the peacemakers God has commanded us to be, we will be constantly on the job making peace between people, more so than aiming to make peace between people.

You may be asking yourself, how can I make peace within people? You can do it! With Jesus, you cannot fail!

You plant the seed of God's word adequately securely, and with great concern into the hearts of hurting, frustrated, angry people! The wonderful precious Spirit of God does the rest. Just as it is with a natural Garden, so must you do with the seed of God's word planted

into the heart. Keep working with the soul, praying over it and for it. Keep giving it gentle care, then you will know the harvest is soon to come. When Peace is made within the heart, the Soul Terminator must take flight.

When I he enemies take flight, violence and crime immorality. And sin, in general, decreases. God is pleased, and we're blessed. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God. Are you a child of God? Be known as a child of God; be a peacemaker! Satan doesn't like a peacemaker.

This is for Lubbock and the world. The Spirit of God sends this message to you. The oppressor's will be oppressed, and the Pharos of this City and the World to let my people go. "Think About!!"

Keep loving all and showing it. Doesn't matter if they are unlovable or not, that's not your problem. Just keep doing the above, and you will be glad you did!

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race!!!

Scripture overflows with verses about love, with passages that speak of divine love, brotherly love and romantic love. This collection is just a sampling of the many Bible verses about love.

Bible Verses About Love Genesis 29:20

So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it

seemed to him but a few days. (NLT)

Proverbs 5:19 A loving doe, a graceful deer—may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love. (NIV)

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs. (NIV)

Proverbs 13:24 Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.

Proverbs 15:17 A bowl of vegetables with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate. (NLT)

Proverbs 17:9 Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends. (NLT)

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. (NIV)

Proverbs 30:18-19 There are three things that

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Obsequies

Daniel Vankieth Wilbon

Funeral services for Daniel Vankieth Wilbon were held Friday afternoon, May 22, 2009, at St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Burial followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Wilbon, 23, of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, May 15, 2009 at his residence.

He was born on July 13, 1985 to Dorothy Ann Wilbon-Smith and Rev. Durwood Drones.

Daniel is preceded in death by his grandparents and one uncle.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Dorothy Wilbon; father, Rev. Durwood Drones; grandmother, Bernice Patterson (Freddie Thompson); three brothers, Derrick D. Wilbon (April Greathouse), Durwood Drones, Jr., and



Terrance King; four sisters, Natasha, Shanae Drones, Dakeda Drones, and Marshare; one special brother, Johnny Morin; one aunt, Tanisha Wilson; one very special aunt and uncle, Daniel Lee and Alice Wilbon; common-law wife, Yvonne Picon; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Gaye Eileen Smith-Tanner



A memorial and celebration of life service for Gaye Eileen Smith-Tanner will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, Lubbock, Texas.

Smith - Tanner, 62, of Lubbock, died Wednesday, May 13, 2009. Her funeral service was held in San Antonio on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 11:30 a.m. with interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd Street, Lubbock, TX 79423 in Gaye's honor.

ATC Scholarship Reception

The Lubbock ISD Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center (ATC) will present college scholarship totaling \$20,000 to twenty of its best students at a presentation and reception on May 27. LISD Superintendent Wayne Havens, South Plains College President Kelvin Sharp and Lubbock Economic Development Alliance Workforce Development Director Terri Patterson will participate in the presentation program.

Twenty high school seniors, who performed at the top of their class at the ATC, will receive a college scholarship for their efforts in classes ranging from Automotive Technology to Video Technology.

The scholarship reception is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at LISD TV, 3201 Avenue Q. The students and their parents will be in attendance at the reception.

Three students received the ATC South Plains College (SPC) Building-Wide Scholarships for their involvement in and development through programs at the ATC. The first place winner was Nicole Sexton, Lubbock High senior, winning a \$1,500 scholarship, the second place \$1,000 winner was Tanner Lewis, Lubbock High senior and the third place \$500 winner was Alex Sanders, Comrado High School senior.

The program winners for \$1,000 ATC scholarships are: Automotive Technology II Julio Granados, LHS

Broadcast Journalism Gloria Sanchez, LHS

Computer Digital Graphics Jonathan Murphy, CHS

Computer Networking Technologies John Koenig, CHS

Computer Technologies Heath McCasland, LHS

Electrical Trades Luis Duran, MHS

Engineering Computer/Aided Drafting (CAD) Aaron Hellman, LHS

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Monica Wolfe, CHS

Graphics Communications and Design Anthony Maples, MHS

Fashion Marketing Chelsea Hall, LHS

Metal Trades II Tommy Brashear, CHS

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Ready-Set-Teach Alexandria Molinar, LHS

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The funding for these scholarships was raised at an ATC partnership banquet in the spring of 2007 which raised more than \$50,000 for outstanding students attending the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center.

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Varicella Vaccine (Chickenpox): All students entering kindergarten and 7th grade will be required to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine if they have not had the disease. If they have had the disease a written statement is required with month and date and should be provided to the school.

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap): All students entering 7th grade will be required to have one dose of Tdap vaccine if it has been five years since their last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Students in grades 8-12 are required to have a booster dose of Tdap if it has been ten years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine.

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Settlement Made in James Brown Estate Case



The long suffering saga of who gets what from James Brown's estate was finally settled on Tuesday, with nearly half going to his charitable trust, a quarter to his wife and young son, and the rest to Brown's adult children, reports the Associated Press.

The settlement decisions flew in the face of instructions that were outlined in Brown's will and trust following his death on Christmas Day 2006. Some of Brown's adult children contested the bequest, claiming their father's estate was mismanaged by trustees.

"I find that the settlement is just and reasonable and provides a just and reasonable result for the charitable beneficiaries," Judge Jack Early wrote. "From the perspective of the charitable beneficiaries, the risks of not approving the settlement agreement are substantial."

The exact value of Brown's assets has not been made public. However, during numerous court hearings since the Godfather of Soul's death, there have been claims of unpaid debts, inadequate accounting and misappropriated money. Some of the soul singer's possessions were auctioned for \$850,000, partly to pay debt.

The settlement establishes that Tomi Rae Hynie Brown is the surviving spouse of the late entertainer and her son is James Brown's child. James Brown II will not be required to take a DNA test.

I am so relieved and happy that the court has approved this settlement," Brown's widow said in a statement to the AP. "I want to be able to work with the trustees and other Brown family members to promote James Brown's legacy. My son James and I are grateful to the judge and hope this nightmare is finally over."

The judge also wrote that Brown's relatives will create a museum or other memorial burial place for the late singer. Brown was interred March 10, 2007, at the Beech Island home of one of his daughters.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

MORE SENSITIVITY IS NEEDED! THIS N THAT ... is a supporter of the efforts of the **UNITED WAY** ... but when the report came for the **10 VICE CHAIRMEN** ... there were no **BLACKS OR HISPANICS** ... to fill one

of these vice chairpersons positions. Hopefully the Board of Directors of the United Way will become more sensitivity in these kinds of efforts.

According to the organization there will need to be **400 VOLUNTEERS** ... In this day and time ... there needs to be more **SENSITIVITY!**

YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPT. HAYNES ... BUT! THIS N THAT ... read the comments from **SUPT. DAVID HAYNES** ... at the East Lubbock Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) ... a few days ago at Estacado High School. **YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPT. DAVID HAYNES** ... but more residents from **DISTRICT 2 NEED TO BE INVOLVED** ... in public hearings.

SUPPORT JUNE-TEENTH! THIS N THAT ... wants as many as can to **SUPPORT** ... the 30th Anniversary of the Lubbock Juneteenth Committee. It is needed as much as possible!

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THINK ABOUT IT! We Must Press On!

by Edsie Richardson

We have come a long way since our arrival on these shores some of us through the statue of liberty we have had many ups and downs along the way but through it all we survived no matter how hard the road we traveled thank God we made it because we failed to give up are quit. The road has been long winding, bumpy, narrow, deep pot holes, we kept our focus and upward bound movement not letting anything or anybody turn us around because only the strong survived on the over crowded ships from the mother country Africa detouring the trip over many perished because of the unbarable conditions along the way.

eism, separate but so called equal, we have come through protest, marches, demonstrations, boycotts, court actions, negotiations and in some cases any means necessary to receive a true share of the American dream. The sad sad thing now is to take a look around and look at some of our young people and see the quest and fire that our young people has apparently lost since our gains we have made over the years we have come a mighty long way but we still have a long way to go we must remember the struggle is not over, we have a few that truly succeeded while the masses have slowly moved backward, our young people need to re claim the passion of our fore runners if not we will continue to loose ground at an escalating rate.

opening of the George Woods Swimming Pool, the above sidewalk; picnic tables with tops for Mae Simmons, B. T. Washington and Butler Parks, additional trees in our parks, playground equipment at Mae Simmons and a swimming pool for Burris Park. (Note: Parks and Recreations has once again assured me that restrooms, water fountains and sidewalks will be in Mae Simmons Park prior to Christmas, 2009. This is not a part of the Nov. Bond Package.) I support bond money for 34th Street upgrade, soccer fields, fire stations and the two pavilions, and, of course, the items I will be presenting. The CAC will deliver its recommended list to the City Council prior to June 30. If you have comments, or wish to place an item on the recommended list of project, call Helen Watson, City of Lubbock, 766-2186. D. Pierce-District Two CAC Member

Letter to the Editor "November Bond Election"

Dear Editor:
The following information is provide to update the community on the possible Bond Election in November. As a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), I have attended meetings in which proposals have been presented for consideration of our Committee. Our Committee will select items to be presented to the City Council who will make the final decision on the items to be placed on the ballot or whether to even have an election. \$65 Million dollars is the amount under consideration.

seminated. Sundry's AJ had an article on the Citywide desires for the Bond money. It is what we have heard from the people that attended the 3 minutes 34th Street, Soccer Fields, streets Citywide were the main topics. The City Staff is asking for streets, Emergency Operations Center, additional fire stations, improvements to the Mahon Library, and a 600 capacity pavilion in McAllister Park and one in MacKenzie Park.

to explain the low turn-out at the Estacado High School District 1 and 2 input meeting, the blame lay between the City Staff and the media. A small item was in the newspaper the Thursday prior to the Tuesday Meeting, but never on television. Except for those receiving last minute notification from CAC Members, the notice of the meeting was never widely disseminated.

be like, excluding the million dollars, and it would be wise for adults to point the way that our young people should go and walk in the paths themselves. We must get 'in cinque' and educate our youth on the values, virtues and vitality of Family.

At the Estacado meeting, the items requested dealt mostly with routine maintenance of existing conditions, which are not covered under this Bond Election. However, paving of dirt roads, a sidewalk from East 24th to East 19th and an Events Center can be placed on the ballot. As District Two's representative, I am requesting the re-

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

It is Memorial Day, the day in which we remember those persons whom have put their lives on the line for our country in order to preserve freedom and democracy. Many of us observe religious ceremonies to commemorate the ideals and sacrifices which have taken place for us. Then on the other hand, this is just another day in which many of us did not have to check in at the job. It is a day when we can just kick back and rest or try our hands at the art of grilling on the patio, having a few friends over and 'party hearty'.

becomes a 'baby mama' because the young man in her life no longer finds her significant. Then the 'Baby Mama' drama begins. Many of these young ladies had some grandiose idea that if they became a mother, the young man would make them their Mistress, legally. The young fathers do not want to be husbands and fathers at this juncture in their lives. Many of them want a child, but all they want is visiting rights when they feel like it. The baby may or may not be cared for by the father, but he expects the mother to care for the child on a daily basis, physically and financially. If and when he is ready to settle down to be a husband and a father, it is not usually with the 'Baby Mama.' Some young men take pride in having more than one 'baby mama.'

They become amazed at the conflict between the young ladies as most of them are always up for drama, either with another 'baby mama' or the young man's newest significant other. It was bad enough when out-of-wedlock babies came into this world because of a lack of knowledge about birth control, but it is devastating when they are brought into the world on purpose for selfish reasons which often lead to child abuse and neglect.

Virtuous young ladies and young men are having a difficult time finding each other in this day of casual sexual activities. Most virtuous young ladies have a difficult time find a nice young man who does not have a 'baby mama.' This generation in the making has no wholesome role models. The do not know the definition of 'family' and virtue. Our President, Barack Obama and his family are setting a good example of what a family should

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Wheatley Students Had Very Good Year!

Continued from last week. Here they are:
5th Grade

Ten fifth graders were selected to go on a field trip to the biology department at Texas Tech. The students were selected based on their improvement in science. The students enjoyed a day of science. They participated in several labs and enjoyed dining in a dorm dining hall. The students also were introduced to Elvis, a 14 foot python. We ended our day with a tour of Tech's greenhouse and saw a carnivorous plant. The students enjoyed a fun-filled day of science. The students

who attended were Delton Lewis, Manuel Rios, Kamiya Mitchell, Lacey Thompson, Alexis White, Karissa Meatte, and Mah'Kayla Bureson.

It has been good to see what the young boys and girls have done this academic school year. It is just great to hear what they have done, and are wishing them much success in the upcoming school year.

The Southwest Digest appreciates this acknowledgment made by the Wheatley Elementary School, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Randle, principal.

Mike Tyson's Daughter Passes Away

Tyson's youngest daughter passed away this afternoon due to a tragic accident. Exodus Tyson was pronounced deceased at 11:45 AM today at the hospital. Paramedics were called to Tyson's Phoenix home at around 10:30 Monday morning when his 7-year-old son

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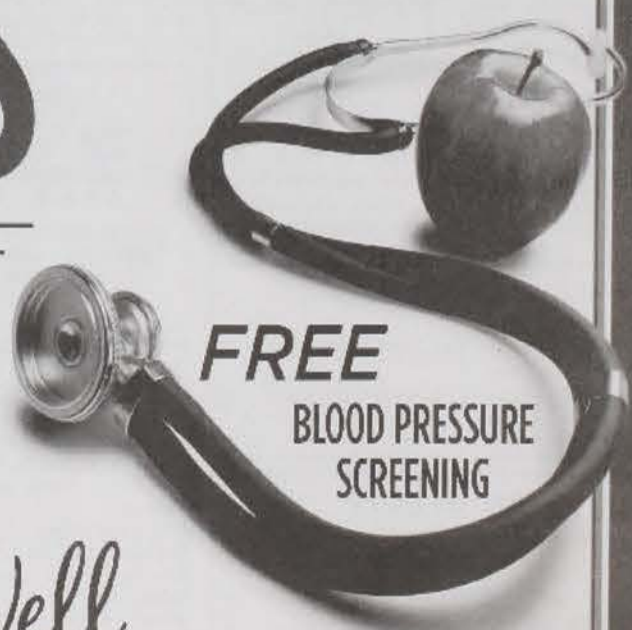
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Police: Man Arrested in LA Killing of Rapper

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Up-and-coming rapper Dolla was killed in a shooting at an upscale shopping mall, and a man was arrested for investigation of murder, police said Tuesday.

Los Angeles County Coroner's spokesman Ed Winter said the man killed Monday afternoon at the Beverly Center was 21-year-old Roderick Anthony Burton II, the birth name of rapper Dolla.

Police said in a statement Tuesday that 23-year-old Aubrey Lotus Berry of Georgia was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport with a gun Monday night. His bail was set at \$1 million.

Burton was shot several times in a parking structure at the Beverly Center, and was later declared dead at a hospital, police said.

Burton's publicist, Sue Vanmassing, told the Los Angeles Times that the rapper was waiting at a valet stand after a shopping trip when he was shot.

Police said Berry was found hours later in a ticketing area of Los Angeles International



Rapper Dolla

Airport. He was believed to have dropped off a rental car before he was found, said airport police Sgt. Jim Holcomb.

"As the officers approached the suspect, they asked him 'Do you know why we're here?'" Holcomb told The Associated Press. "He put his (hands) up in the air and said, 'Yes, I've got a gun in my waistband. Don't shoot me.'"

Airport police recovered a loaded 9mm semiautomatic handgun and turned Berry over to Los Angeles police.

Burton, a protégé of hip-hop artist Akon, worked on the soundtrack for the 2006 dance film "Step Up" and recently released two singles with Akon "Like This" and "She So Fine."

His MySpace page said he once modeled for Diddy's Sean John clothing line and was signed to Jive and Elektra record labels. A media contact listed on the MySpace page did not immediately return an e-mail seeking comment.

Burton was working on his second album, "A Dolla and a Dream," which was due to be released on Akon's Konvict Muzik label. A song with T-Pain was titled "Who in the (Expletive) Is That?"

On one of his songs, "Rainy Nights," Burton seemed to foreshadow his own death. "Papa died at 25 so he must have been great, they say the good die young. I guess I'm on my way."

have sorrow with him, and lest he gnash your teeth in the end. Give him no liberty in his youth, and wink not at his follies. Bow down his neck while he is young, and beat him on the sides while he is a child, lest he was stubborn, and be disobedient unto you, and bring sorrow to your heart.

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Laugh not with him, lest you

Parson Smith
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those who protect its citizenry in a global and volatile world that pray on its seniors and young for illicit gain.

Let's demand that Lubbock Police Department personnel receive a raise. More to come...

Thank You, Lubbock!
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Black veterans buried in almost-forgotten McKinney cemetery honored



Honor was paid this Memorial Day to veterans who have lain in an almost-forgotten field since their long-ago homecomings, veterans of both world wars, Korea and Vietnam.

Their resting place, Collin County's only black cemetery in the Jim Crow days, was an overlooked adjunct to the larger Pecan Grove cemetery and a makeshift dump, where trash hid tombstones and many graves went unmarked.

"We feel honored and privileged to be here at this time and place to bring a long-overdue tribute to these folks," said Alce Blanchard of the Allen Heritage Guild.

Shortly after noon on Monday, the Blaine Harding American Legion Post 321 honor guard, led by Adjutant Commander Fletcher Sharp, honored the fallen vets buried in Ross Cemetery with a flag ceremony, a funeral salute and the playing of Taps.

The burial ground is in McKinney, but like other blacks in the county, congregants of Allen's St. Mary Baptist Church buried their people there.

The Heritage Guild, which has adopted the church, feels a tie to the cemetery as well.

In past weeks, guild members, scouts and service club members have volunteered in a clean-up campaign in consultation with the cemetery association.

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life story is about as interesting as a mayonaisse sandwich on white bread... and she has this compelling personal story."

When asked about the risk of alienating Hispanic voters, Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele said, "You have to be careful, you don't want to be seen as a bully in this situation."

"I think our party will right now avoid the partisan knee-jerks that come with some of these things," he added. "We're not in the business of pillorying someone... we do have some reservations and concerns on her views on the Second Amendment, her views on abortion, her views on... property rights."

Uncion Will Be In Concert

A local Spiritual group, Uncion, will be performing in two concerts Sunday afternoon, May 31, 2009, at the St. James Baptist Church, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Rev. H. L. Harris is pastor.

Sunday afternoon, June 14, 2009, Uncion will be appearing on Pastor Mark Culver during the church's anniversary, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

The public is invited to attend these concerts.

Uncion has been performing in the Lubbock area for several years. The group has received praises for the performances. Recently, they sang at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.



Pictured above are photos of Uncion while appearing at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Black Airmen

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College, reunion attendees will have the opportunity to further their walk down memory lane with a tour and closing dinner at The Science Spectrum and Omni Theatre. It is home to numerous artifacts and memorabilia from Reese AFB including photographs, a flight simulator used in training, and a T-38 jet aircraft located in front of the Science Spectrum.

"The Science Spectrum is a United States Air Force Museum accredited site for military artifact display and is a former home to the Daedalian membership in Lubbock, since the closing of Reese Air Force Base," says Sandy Henry, President of the Science Spectrum. "Flight has an important history in this city, and The Science Spectrum is pleased to help host this reunion of pilots who trained at Reese and who remain a welcome part of this community."

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