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Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hunt Elementary Cafeteria.

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Former Lubbock Chief of Staff Drops Grievance Hearing

The City of Lubbock's former chief of staff dropped his grievance and terminated hearing last Friday, August 3, 2007. The hearing was scheduled to resume August 16.

Fernando Bustos, the adjudicating attorney in the grievance hearing, told City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld that Dixon Platt had withdrawn his complaint.

"We stand by the findings from our investigation and the subsequent action that was taken," said Dumbauld. "Dixon admitted in his testimony that all of the findings in the investigation were true."

Platt was terminated May 10, 2007 after an extensive investigation of allegations that he had a history of inappropriate and offensive behavior. He later requested a grievance hearing and requested it be open to the public. Two days of testimony were heard in late July before the proceeding was recessed until mid-August.

"I believe the citizens were well served in this matter," said Dumbauld. "We will not tolerate racist, sexist or insensitive remarks."

Reduced Prostate Cancer Funding

Prostate Cancer is the most common form of cancer for among men. It will contribute to about 218,890 new cases of prostate cancer in 2007, which is a 15% increase over the past five years. Prostate Cancer is also the second leading cause of cancer-related death for men in the United States followed by lung-cancer. The American Cancer Society projects that 27,050 men will die of prostate cancer in 2007. Prostate Cancer affects ethnicities differently, with the highest occurrence among the African-American population. Nearly two times as many African-Americans live with the disease as compared to Whites. American Indian/Alaskan Natives have the lowest occurrence at .07%. African-Americans also tend to have advanced stage of prostate cancer. Risk factors include age, family history and race; diet and exercise also have an impact. One of the main reasons for the such large differences between African-americans and to her ethnicities is due to the lack of awareness and education in the community particularly among the underserved population. Providing access to educational materials/resources and informing men of screenings are areas in which efforts must continue to have an impact on the growing rates of this disease.

So, what is being done on a national level to address the growing rates of prostate cancer? And what funding exists for a local organization focused on awareness and education for underserved populations? The CDC currently provides funding for activities targeting prostate cancers through thru the areas and/or programs; informed Decision making, comprehensive cancer control and the cancer registry. These programs provide educational materials on the pros and cons of prostate cancer screenings. This information contributes to ongoing research and treatment options. Unfortunately Congress has moved to reduce funding for these initiatives. According to the Appropriations bill from the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, funding has been cut from \$14,091,000 in 2007 to \$13,884,000 for 2008. The majority of CDC research has increased, including Tuberculosis grants, breast and cervical cancer, and sexually transmitted diseases.

School Board Trustees Receive Proposed Budget

The LISD Board of Trustees were presented the 2007-2008 budget proposed at their meeting Thursday morning, August 2, 2007. The proposed budget is \$181,331,633, an increase of less than one-half of one percent from last year. A public hearing will precede the August 16th board meeting when a new budget and tax rate are expected to be adopted. During the last legislative session, the Texas Legislature reduced local school property taxes by 33 cents by infusing additional funds from state coffers. Superintendent Wayne Havens expressed appreciation to the Legislature for the local property tax relief and the state funds provided in exchange.

Other actions included a board approval of an innovative course entitled Introduction to Manufacturing for the 2007-2008 school year. The course is coming as a result of a \$500,000.00 state grant designed to meet critical regional industry workforce needs.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mark Griffin, a trustee since 1994, announced his intention to resign his District 5 seat. Griffin cited his lengthy term of office and that his youngest child has graduated from LISD as contributing to his feeling that the time was right for him to move on and make room for a person with a new perspective to fill the office. During his tenure, Griffin served as president for six years and two years as vice president during the leadership of four school superintendents and three successful bond programs.

Noting the leadership provided by Griffin, Board President Gordon Wilkerson remarked, "Mark, you can be succeeded but you can't be replaced." Agreeing with Wilkerson, Trustee James Arnold quipped, "Now I know how the Dallas Cowboys felt the day Troy Aikman retired." Wilkerson stated that anyone interested in being appointed to the vacancy must live in District 5 and should submit a letter to the superintendent's office by 5 p.m. on August 13. Griffin represents the northwest section of Lubbock ISD with boundaries generally west of University Avenue and North of 34th Street.

Register & Vote!

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



"Team Dunbar" attends training at Johnson Spaceflight Center

Five educators from Dunbar Middle School returned Friday, July 21, 2007, from a week of training at the Johnson Spaceflight Center in Houston. Shown (left to right) in the photo are Dunbar Principal Jimmy Moore and teachers Sandy Davis, Mallie Travis, Vicki Bacon and Keri Pierce.

"Team Dunbar," as they refer to themselves, is shown in Mission Control at the Flight Director's console.

The week-long training session marked the official "launch" of the three-year partnership Dunbar will enjoy with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as a NASA Explorer School, one of only two schools in Texas and one of only 25 in the United States to receive such an honor.

North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation Will Make Major Announcement

The North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation will make an announcement of the receipt of funds from the Bank of America Foundation and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas beginning at 9:00 a. m. today, Thursday, August 9, 2007, at Hunt Elementary Cafeteria, 415 North Ivory Avenue.

Isaac G. Garnett, Executive Director, said "these funds are vital to continuation of the financial literacy and homebuyer education programs." The NELCDC has assisted hundreds of individuals with sound strategies for improving their FICO credit worthiness. The NELCDC utilizes the financial literacy workshops as a method to provide community service to Lubbock residents. Through these workshops, the NELCDC is able to pin-point those individuals who are interested in homeownership and develop a pipeline of prospective homebuyers that meet the NELCDC's mission, which involves increasing single family homes in North and East Lubbock.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Grants were made possible with matching dollars from the following organizations: American State Bank, American Bank of Commerce, Plains Capital Bank, and State National Bank.

The NELCDC was created in 2004 to facilitate and promote development in North and East Lubbock. The NELCDC has begun its first housing sub-division in over 50 years at the corner of North Martin Luther King, Blvd. and East Erskine Avenue.

The NELCDC staff and Board of Directors request the public to attend this important announcement and appreciation reception today. For more information, call 747-5937.

The North and East Lubbock residents are excited about this new development.

Lewis Sisters Celebrate 17th Reunion Here

The Lewis Sisters had glorious time in Lubbock on July 6, 2007 as they celebrated their 17th Reunion together. As it has been always, they had a blast! There were no husbands and no kids. Sisters only!

Some of the activities included a meal at McAlister's Sandwich Shop where the food was delicious. They did some shopping. It was their Christmas in July. Breakfast was eaten at the Golden Corral and they visited the Museum. All stayed at one Lubbock's finest, the Arbor Inn & Suites. They will tell you it was very nice and new. They will tell you they shopped until they dropped.

Saturday night, the Lewis Sisters had a delicious meal at the hotel and chilled out watching movies. Sunday morning, they worshiped at the Victory in Praise Church. They had a Holy Ghost time. During the evening, it was time for a meal at Cheddars Restaurant. Later that evening, the Lewis Sisters went swimming at the pool in the hotel. Who says big women shouldn't get in the pool? Not us!

While here, there was a sad note as they attended the funeral services of their sister, Debbie Flowers' husband, Elijah. We are praying for her and her three children. It was a pleasure for to visit our Dad and step-Mom, George and Rose Lewis. We just thank God for our Daddy as without him none of this would be possible. He's 81 years-of-age and is still kicking. We love you, Dad and Mama Rose.

One of the most important and exciting parts of the Reunion was when KLBK, Channel 13 News, came an interviewed the Lewis Sisters about the 17 years they have been together. They appeared on the exact same day our Mom died which was 20 years ago. If you are interested in seeing this interview, go to the internet: www.klbk.com. Everything Lubbock-Lubbock Media to what's your story. Go to July 12th, and find the Lewis Sisters Story.

The Lewis Sisters want to thank God for the love we have for each other. They are encouraging all Sisters and Families to get together as often as they can, but most of all, love each other and give flowers while you are still living. Remember, the Lewis Sisters believe "we can do all things through Christ that strengthen us."



The Lewis Sisters

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

For your information, a Family Fun Day will be held Wednesday afternoon, August 15, 2007, at the Patterson Branch Library, beginning at 2:00 p. m. There will be snacks and outdoor games for adults and kids. For more information, please call 767-3300.

If you want to know more about Diabetes, then attend an important meeting on Monday evening, August 13, 2007, at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Topic of discussion will be: "Is Type II Diabetes Really Reversible?" This should be a very interesting discussion.

For more information, call Bob Strong at 797-0344.

The members and pastor, Rev. Sonia J. Beaty, would like to invite the community to come and help celebrate Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church's "Friends and Family Days" which will be held Friday, August 10th, Saturday afternoon, August 11th, and Sunday afternoon, August 12th.

The Celebration will get underway with a "Back To School Style Show" at the Spirit Ranch, formerly

County Line, beginning at 7:00 p. m. on Friday evening. The young people of Bethel will be models.

There will be an afternoon of fun and activities at Bethel, 2202 Southeast Drive, on Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m.

The closure of the Celebration will be worship service on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:00 p. m. with Rev. John McCormick, former Bethel member and a Dunbar High School graduate, will be the keynote speaker. He is presently the pastor of Wesley Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgetown.

The public is invited to attend any or all of these services.

The New Hope Baptist Church is sponsoring a "What's Up Lubbock", which will be an honest discussion on Sexually Transmitted Diseases. It will discuss the causes and prevention. This event will take place at the church in the B. R. Moton Fellowship Hall, 2002 Birch Avenue, beginning at 11:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m.

Guest speaker will be Ronelle Burley, M.D., Covenant Health Systems.

There is no admission to attend. Rev. B. R. Moton is the pastor.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members of the community. As we always make known in this column, from time to time, today these are the ones on the sick list, but tomorrow it could be one of us.

Among those this week include: Mrs. Lillian Jefferson, who had surgery last week. At this report, she is resting nicely at her residence.

Her son and wife, Keith and Judy Anderson of Houston; and daughter, Angelia Taylor of Atlanta, Georgia are visiting with her.

Keith and Judy attended Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday morning.

As we always report, if you are unable to attend your church services, then tune in to KJAK, 97.10 and hear the Sunday Morning Broadcast of the New Hope Baptist Church, beginning at 11:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.

Remember God is the answer in all that we do, big or small!

In Remembrance

Rev. James E. Cavanaugh, funeral services for a longtime pastor, Rev. James E. Cavanaugh, were held last Saturday morning, August 4, 2007, at the New Light Baptist Church.

Rev. Cavanaugh was buried in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Rev. Cavanaugh passed away in his residence Sunday, July 29, 2007.

He was self-employed for several years at Plains Capital Bank.

He was the Pastor of the New Light Baptist Church for 29 years. Preceding him in death was his parents and two brothers.

Rev. Cavanaugh is survived by his wife, Stedell Cavanaugh; children: Margaret LeForbes and Cliff Humphrey, both of Gardena, California; Nathaniel Humphrey of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Gene Humphrey of Los Angeles, California; granddaughter, Shance Carroll of Long Beach, California; grandson, Melvin LeForbes of Gardena, California; grand-daughter, Ophelia Cavanaugh of Las Vegas, Nevada; step-sons, Anthony Wilson and Walter Brown, both of Phoenix, Arizona; Arvonda Brown and Terry Brown, both of Lubbock, Virginia and Bobby Brown of Washington, D. C.

Rev. Cavanaugh, in speaking to young preachers, would advise them to preach His birth and resurrection in all sermons.

Martha M. Rutherford
Funeral services were held for

Martha M. Rutherford Monday afternoon, August 6, 2007, at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ with Supt. W. Haynes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the Resthaven Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home. She passed away at Southwest

Regional Complex on Monday, July 30, 2007.

She was born December 17, 1918 to Sam and Mary Thomas. She was a very faithful member of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ for more than 60 years. She was a dedicated Usher and Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by twosons, Franklin and Harold Rutherford, both of Lubbock.

She is preceded in death by a daughter and twosons.

Memorial are suggested to The Diabetes Association.

Virgil L. Merriweather, Jr.
Houston -- Funeral services for

Virgil Lee Merriweather, August 8, 2007, at the Stafford Church of Christ with Jack McCall officiating.

Burial was held in the Houston National Cemetery. He passed away Thursday, August 2, 2007.

He was born April 17, 1949 in Lubbock to Gerlie and Virgil Merriweather, Sr.

He served in the United States Army during the South Vietnam war.

He is survived by a daughter, Megan Merriweather; a son, Kileal Craven; mother, Gerlie Waterford; sisters, Linda Kennard, Terryon Boyd, Sherryon Sterling, and Jeannie Fennell; brothers, Clarence Henry Dudley, Jr., Tony Merriweather, Tyrone Merriweather, and Bruce Merriweather; an aunt, Garvis Sterling; an uncle, Eugene Lawson, Sr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Fall Arts and Crafts Festival Booths Available

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center, located at 4215 University Avenue, is seeking talented artists, craftsmen and food vendors to participate in the 37th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival, a one-day arts and crafts fair to be held Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 9:00 a.

m. to 5:00 p. m. Booth rentals for vendors will continue to be available on a first-come, first serve basis throughout August.

The Fall Festival is a family-oriented event that includes over 100 vendors selling handmade craft items and fine art. The event features live entertainment, art demonstrations, concession booths and children's activities has traditionally attracted over 10,000 visitors annually.

The cost for a basic 5'7' outdoor booth, constructed of scaffolding and covered with tarps, is \$60. End Booths are also available, which extend 3' to the side, and are \$80. Tent spaces (10X10) are available for \$85; however, vendors must provide their own tents. Concession booths are available to rent for as low as \$75. Booth rental agreements may be picked up at the Garden and Arts Center, Monday-Friday, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. For more information on the Fall Arts & Crafts Festival or other programs, call the Garden & Arts Center at (806) 767-3724.

Is Type II Diabetes Reversible?

Come To An Important Meeting Monday Night, August 13, 2007 7:00 p. m. Patterson Library 1836 Parkway Drive Bring Someone! With You!

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FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson
CALL ON THE WILD!



Summer takes a sultry turn as tiger stripes, snakeskin and leopard spots display their animal magnetism. From dresses to accessories, shoes to lingerie, here's how to let yourself go just a little bit wild, and look wonderful. They say you can't change a leopard spots-but you can show them off! OK maybe nature didn't give giraffes pink stripes-but you can have them, with straps and trim. Think of your animal accessories as the way you think of collectible-as pieces of rare and distinct beauty, to be artfully displayed at the right time and place. Put some stripes in your step, with your chic ballet flats.

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

Toler & Darty Family Reunion Held In Lubbock

Family members of the Toler and Darty Families had their annual family reunion last weekend in Lubbock.

It all got underway last Friday evening, August 3, 1997, when family members gathered at the home of Ruth Robinson, 1502 East 2nd Street. There were fourteen family members present.

On Saturday, August 4, 2007, thirty-four family members were present at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.

Family members traveled to Lubbock from Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and Amarillo.

Everyone in attendance reported a wonderful time. According to a family member, Rena Duncan, next year reunion will held in Houston.

SPC Sets Fall 2007 Registration

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

The Levelland campus will offer registration for orientation students from 1:30 to 2 p. m. Normal registration will be from 2 to 5 p. m. New and returning students (excluding orientation students) can contact the Admission and Records Office to obtain a registration time permit. Contact 806-885-3048, ext. 2902.

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Morning Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Services
Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm

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

Friends and Family Day Celebration Set At Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

The word has gone out to members of the Greater Fort Worth District and the 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the upcoming Friends and Family Day Celebration set for August 10 thru 12, 2007 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive. The host pastor is Rev. Sonia J. Beaty.

The celebration will get underway with a "Back To School Style Show Extravaganza" and dinner at the Spirit Ranch (former County Line), 705 Regis Avenue on Friday evening, August 10th, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Tickets for this event is \$25.00 per person, and may be purchased by calling 744-7552.

Saturday afternoon, August 11th, from 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m., a "Fun Festival" for children of all ages to let their hair down and have some good old fashioned fun. Events will include a Moon Walk, water slide, dunking booth, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, pickles, assorted candies, hot dogs and hamburgers. Admission for this afternoon of fun is \$5.00 per person.

Sunday afternoon, August 12th, the celebration will conclude with a worship service beginning at 1:00 p. m. Guest speaker will be a former member of Bethel and Dunbar High School graduate, Rev. John McCormick, pastor of Wesley Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Georgetown, Texas.

This year's theme is "Dwelling Together in Unity." "We want our former members and friends to know that Bethel has been a very important element in helping develop the spiritual growth and maturation of many who have come by this Zion," says Rev. Beaty.

The Mission Statement of Bethel exists to expose the lost, un-churched, and the unbelievers to God's love, evangelism, and membership in His family by fellowship to develop them to Christ-like maturity and equip them for the ministry in the church and life mission in the world in order to magnify God's Holy name.

For more information about this celebration, call Pastor Beaty at (806) 744-7552.

Serving as Committed Chairpersons are Sister Ruby Donaldson and Brother T.J. Patterson.

"You know, it's just wonderful when God's people come together and celebrate what is meaningful in the eyes of God," says Sister Donaldson.

"We've been in contact with many who are former members and friends of Bethel, and we have been excited about what we have received. It has taken a lot of hard work, but, you know what, it has been worth it," continued Sister Donaldson.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Life Is Preparation For Eternity

I received an e-mail from a former parishioner at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Beaumont that was quite inspirational. The subject of the e-mail was "New Insights" from an interview with Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in California and the author of "Purpose Driven Life."

In the interview by Paul Bradshaw with Rick Warren whose wife now have cancer and him having great wealth from his book sales, Pastor Warren stated the following:

People ask me, what is the purpose of life? And I responded: In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were made to last forever and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven.

One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body -- but not the end of me. I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of earth in eternity. This is the warm-up act -- the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity.

We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life is not going to make sense. Life is a series of

problems: Either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another.

The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy. We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in character, in Christ likeness.

This past year has been the greatest year of my life but also the toughest, with my wife, Kay, getting cancer. I used to think that life was hills and valleys -- you go through a dark time, then you go to the mountain top, back and forth. I don't believe that anymore. Rather, than life being hills and valleys, I believe that it's kind of, like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in life.

No matter how good things are in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on. And no matter how bad things are in your life, there is always something good you can thank God for.

You can focus on your purposes, or you can focus on your

problem. If you focus on your problems, you're going into self-centeredness, "which is my problem, my issues, my pain." But one of the easiest ways to get rid of pain is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others.

We discovered quickly that in spite of the prayers of hundreds of thousands of people, God was not going to heal Kay or make it easy for her. It has been difficult for her, and yet God has strengthened her character, given her a ministry of helping other people, given her testimony, and drawn her closer to Him and to people.

You have tolerance to deal with others the good and the bad of life. Actually, sometimes learning to deal with the good is harder. For instance, this past year, all of a sudden, when the book sold 15 million copies, it made me instantly very wealthy.

It also brought a lot of notoriety that I had never had to deal with before. I don't think God gives you money or notoriety for your own ego or for you to live a life of ease. So, I began to ask God what He wanted me to do with this

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We Thank God for Jesus "Weeping For Your Children"

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

Luke 23:28 -- Jesus said, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

The Lord told us in His words about the last and evil days. The churches were suppose about His business, souls being saved.

Isaiah 58:1 -- The Lord said, cry aloud and spare not. Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression.

It was in the 60's when the Devil gave out Rights, and it was wrong. He deceived the Churches then, and it is yet going on.

Romans 1:19-22 -- Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them (The Churches). For God had showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made. Even His eternal power and Godhead. So that they (The Churches) are without excuse. Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God. Neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves (The Churches) to be wise. They

became fools.

That disobedient march against the law, calling it progress. Now it's in the Churches, Homes, Schools. America is now in a big mess!!!

***** Yes, The Churches Did Rob God!!! *****

Children now have Rights to steal, deal, and kill. Now they're in jails. In jails, they are like slaves and many are on their way to hell.

Deuteronomy 28:41 -- The Lord said, thou shalt begot sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them for they shall go into captivity.

Churches love money so and she keeps on playing the Devil's game. Children are dying all around us, and the Churches have no shame!!!

Luke 16:8b -- Jesus said, for the children of this world (The Devil's Children) are in their generation wiser than the children of light (God's Children).

The Churches are going around saying, Prayer is out of schools. Put the Prayer in the children first, and then send them to school!!!

And now the Preachers are trying to run for the President's seat. Jesus said, go into all the world and preach. Not to want

that seat.

Luke 9:62 -- Jesus said, no man, having put his hand to (The Gospel) plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

(In Matthew 4:8, the Devil offered Jesus that seat, but Jesus knew what God had told him to do. And he didn't want to be a star. He knows who is the owner of that seat. You must be a good liar. Sometimes you must say: Read my lips. No new taxes. That seat gave out. Legalize alcohol, legalize abortion. Legalizing Children's Rights over their parents came out of that seat.)

And Americans love money too, and use the children. Many will die. We are war on America's Streets, and all the parents can do is cry!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 -- Be not deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth. That shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that soweth.

This article is written by Evangelist Billy "B. J." Morrison, III, Your Brother In Christ Jesus!

It is the concern of this column to reach as many as can for the Lord!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services again were well attended last Sunday morning, August 2, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with

Sunday School with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. It was another wonderful lesson which was taught by Sister Harris and was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject was "Maintaining Hope."

The scripture text was Lamentations 3:25-33, 55-58.

The morning worship services began with devotions at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Williams in

charge. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang out of their hearts and souls to the congregation. These dedicated choir members are always larger to sing for Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful message. His subject was "Why Ask If You're Not Willing To Do?"

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come by and visit with the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our doors are always open, so come by and visit with all of us.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in. As we always make known, today they are the ones and tomorrow it could be you or I. Always, remember God is able! Just a little kindness to someone on the sick and shut-in list will go a mighty long ways. Let's not forget that!

Thought of the Week: "If we

have God's word in my mind, he can put the right words in our mouth."

Remember, God is pleased when we cherish our family ties, but He also wants all of us to love all who have entered our spiritual family by being born again. This is the family Jesus referred to when He responded to a message that His mother and brothers desired to speak with Him. He looked at the audience before Him and said, "Here are my mother

and My brothers! For whosoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister, and mother." Mark 3:34-35.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

We're being called to Righteousness. The Lord will give us what we need to bring in the Harvest. Every pitfall, He will be with us through to victor all things which work together for good. No matter how many fiery darts Satan hurls our way.

We're not in this for the beauty, Saints. Put on your war clothes, get dressed now. The time is too far spent. We must fight to save our children, Faith cometh by hearing. Be careful what you hear. You might be praying words which sound good to your listeners, but your mind me be at the Mall. You see, this is not a fervent prayer, Saints. Faith is not seen but believed. Have Faith in God and ask what you will. Believe these children will throw down your will. Believe these children will throw down their drug needles. The dealers will cease to operate. The prisons will lose our children. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the Law Officers, Jailers, and Prison Guards will give their lives to Christ. We will have to put action to our believeth. You see, we're Eagles and we're not Twenty Birds.

Many will call the Pastor when we have a hang nail or toe problem to come and pray over it. You see, every week we have a measure of Faith, use it!

When you're at Church, some will find fault about everything such as the Senior choir is not singing your song. The Ushers are trying to sit you in the wrong seat. Some are even angry because the Mission President haven't recognized how smart you are, and you don't show up for the program.

Also, the Pastor didn't come when you had to sneeze. So you're holding that against him.

The morning music is too loud, and it offends you. So you laid out of church the next Sunday. You have become angry because visitors are still in your special seat and this really upsets you

ego. Saints, you might have reasons to feel like you do, but you don't have the power to righten all you feel is wrong. Your obligations and my obligations are to pray for all, and be sure to pray for ourselves. There is none among us who are perfect.

So let's get some Christ like signs following us. If you are hurting, here are some scriptures for your reading: Mark 11:22-26; II Chronicles 7:14. Thanks, Brother Patterson and staff. Also thanks to you, Saints, for reading us each week and publication.

With the help of God, we will continue to bring the word to each of you.

Here a few more thoughts for your considering:

- Gracious and Almighty Savior;
 - Source of all that shall endure,
 - Quench my thirst with living water,
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**Give It Up!
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by
Gordon Jackson
Texas Publishers Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

756 Bonds passes Aaron as all-time homer king

SAN FRANCISCO - Barry Bonds hit No. 756 to the deepest part of the ballpark Tuesday night, and hammered home the point. Like him or not, legitimate or not, he is baseball's new home run king.

Bonds broke Hank Aaron's storied record in the fifth inning, hitting a 3-2 pitch from Washington's Mike Bacsik 435 feet to right-center field. The pitcher who will always be connected with the feat has a Lubbock connection; he signed with Texas Tech out of high school but turned professional instead of coming to Tech.

Three days earlier, Bonds tied the Hammer with a shot to left-center in San Diego.

"Thank you very much. I got to thank all of you, all the fans here in San Francisco. It's been fantastic," he said shortly after crossing home plate, his godfather, Willie Mays, at his side.

Conspicuous by their absence were the commissioner and Aaron himself.

Though he was on hand for the tying homer, deciding to put baseball history ahead of the steroid

allegations that have plagued the Giants slugger, Bud Selig wasn't there for the record-breaker.

Instead, he sent an emissary, Major League Baseball executive vice president Jimmie Lee Solomon.

As for Aaron, he said all along he had no interest in being there whenever and wherever his 33-year-old mark was broken. He was true to his word, but he did offer a taped message of congratulations that played on stadium's video board.

"It is a great accomplishment which required skill, longevity and determination," he said.

"Throughout the past century, the home run has held a special place in baseball and I have been privileged to hold this record for 33 of those years. I move over now and offer my best wishes to Barry and his family on this historic achievement.

"My hope today, as it was on that April evening in 1974, is that the achievement of this record will inspire others to chase their own dreams," he said.

Absent, too, were the fans who held up asterisk signs, sure that

Bonds wasn't the real deal and that his power came from steroids.

Bonds didn't face such suspicions at AT&T Park, in front of a loyal, home crowd. Bonds has always denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs.

Yet even with Bonds at the top of the chart, fans will surely keep debating which slugger they consider the true home run champion. Some will continue to cling to Aaron while other, older rooters will always say it's Babe Ruth.

"It's all about history. Pretty soon, someone will come along and pass him," Mays said before the game.

A seven-time NL MVP, the 33-year-old Bonds hit his 22nd home run of the year. Bonds broke Mark McGwire's single-season record by hitting 73 in 2001 and while he's no longer such a force,

opposing pitchers remain wary.

Bonds and Giants management bickered in the offseason over contract issues. This big night was the main reason owner Peter Magowan brought back the star left fielder for a 15th season in San Francisco, signing him to a \$15.8 million, one-year contract.

Bonds' once-rapid quest for the record had slowed in recent years as his age and bulky knees diminished his pace. He hit 258 home runs from 2000-04, but has only 53 since then.

While steroids have tinged Bonds' pursuit, it was race that was the predominant issue when Aaron broke Ruth's mark in 1974. Aaron dealt with hate mail and death threats from racist fans who thought a black man was not worthy of breaking the record set by a white hero, the beloved Babe.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, BETTER DO IT! THIS N THAT is advising all of you who are not a **QUALIFIED VOTER** to do so as soon as you can..... You see in Lubbock there is a possibility of a **\$300 MILLION BOND ELECTION** to take place in November that is if the Lubbock City Council calls it..... **THIS N THAT** would believe this election would be called and if it is and you are not a registered voter then there is nothing you can say about the outcome..... You're just standing there with nothing to really say..... So if you want to be a **PLAYER** then get registered to vote..... For those of you who are registered voters and you do not utilize your privilege to **VOTE** then you may as well be a non-registered voter because you did not vote your precious vote..... To many people in past years fought for all citizens to vote..... Just think about that!

WHAT'S HAPPEN TO OUR BLACK FAMILY? THIS N THAT heard some frightening figures on a national program last week about the Black family..... It was reported that in 1920 there were more

than **90% OF BLACK FAMILIES** with a mother and father but today **ONLY 35% OF BLACK FAMILIES** has a mother and father..... Now those numbers explain why there are so many problems in the **BLACK FAMILY**..... So young Black People take note to this and don't get hung up on shaking or what have you..... The Black Family is vedry important and each needs a **MOTHER & FATHER!**

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "WISE is the person who knows what to **SAY** and when to **SAY IT!"**

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Think About It!

"If I"

by Eddie P. Richardson

If I could wave a magic wand and make all parts of Lubbock equal to South and Southwest Lubbock, I would.

If I could make all parts of Lubbock a competitive self-sustaining market place, I would, but I can't. I wish I could. If I could utilize land in the eastern one-third of the city which is the underutilized land, I would also develop the under-developed areas of the eastern one-third of the city. I would also do the same for downtown Lubbock and the Overton area as well as North and Northeast Lubbock, and see the differences in the appearances, development at different points of Lubbock and try to figure out why the differences. One area where land is running out and other areas with vast amounts of vacant land. It makes one wonder why the potential is not being fulfilled equitably across the city. The eastern shores of Lubbock have the prettiest natural terrain and natural beauty. What a shame to go to waste. But life is like that! These are the changes we must go through, and if you do not understand, my friends, I am sorry for you. It is really a shame when the total city cannot participate equitably on a tax-paying basis and not be able to compete at the marketplace with its goods and services. For Lubbock to totally be Lubbock for all of its citizens, it has to be Lubbock for all of its citizens across the board with access to all of its resources for all of its citizens. We cannot play racial games for Lubbock to truly move ahead. It will have to move into the future collectively working together for the good of all of us.

The city as a whole is a body and when one part of the body is not well, the total body is not well. The depressed areas need help from the non-depressed. Help, not leadership; help such as any necessary resource, guidance, advice, support, in general. Hands not handouts. That's the problem now. We need to stop addressing the symptoms and get to the causes and start rectifying them together. We can make it happen. Rich, poor, Black, Brown, White and others working together for the betterment of the total city, not part or parts, but the total City of Lubbock.

If I could have a magic wand, I would wave it over Lubbock and create a perfect total city, but I can't do so. With the help of God and concerned citizens of Lubbock, much can be accomplished. But, most of all, if I could wave a magic wand, I would wipeout all illegal drugs which are hurting our youth, and want-to-be, think-I-am, would like-to-be gang bangers.

Really, I would put them on the super highway and internet and take them off the corner trying to claim turf that they never paid taxes on. Wouldn't it be grand to refocus their minds in the right direction and re-channel their actions in a positive way.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

It is amazing to watch the daily activities in Washington, D. C., the capital of the United States of America. It appears that the current administration of the appointed President of 2000, George W. Bush, should have been predictable as his first Executive Order was to seal the files of his father's, the first George Bush, while he was President. It was also amazing that this action was not countered by Congress even if it were a Republican dominated group, in view of the fact that current history was being put in an inaccessible status.

Based on the original Executive Order, it appears that President Bush is closely following in the footsteps of Richard Nixon who attempted to steal the government and set himself up as king. There has been no rumor to date that has been heard, of such a plan, but it is evident that our President has some feeling that he is an "absolute head of state." Somehow the feeling comes about that if he had any other name, there would be impeachment proceedings taking place right now because of the number of important governmental

issues which our Congress and the President have clashed; most where the President has been intent on getting his program carried out, often against the will of the people of the United States and their representatives in the House and the Senate.

It is a well known fact that the entry into the war in Iraq was based on untruths, manufactured misrepresentations of the truth and just plain lies, to get the United States, not just involved, but to attack Iraq and eventually execute its leaders. Once the truth came to the forefront, the President has continued to request and urge Congress to continue to support his efforts and intentions fiercely and seemingly with a vengeance.

In addition to continuing to keep American troops in Iraq, dying everyday, for naught, the President has continuously blocked the judicial process of checks and balances in an effort of Congress to investigate the seemingly political dismissal of eight U. S. Attorneys which has brought the Justice Department under fire and resulting in a 'no confidence' vote from the Senate for the Attorney General, Mr. Gonzales, based on his 'Executive Orders.'

Executive Orders should not take precedence over the United States Constitution. Our government has three distinct parts with attributes which provide for the checks and balances in the

operation of the government. It was especially set up to make it impossible to have a king or a person as head of state with absolute power. It appears that President Bush is either not fully aware of his constitutional rights and obligations to the people of this country or he is somehow trying to change it. We must get



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SCHIP: Paternal Reauthorization Concerns

The State Children's Health Insurance Plan or SCHIP is up for authorization by Congress. Initially, SCHIP was a block grant program to provide health coverage to uninsured children from low-income households that do not qualify for Medicaid. Shortly after authorization, SCHIP expanded to include childless adults, which left out many fathers.

The program began in 1997 with a 10 year 40 billion dollar budget that has since been allocated to the States in three-year

blocks. The States have implemented their own guidelines and regulations to skew the original intent of the program. Many States expanded SCHIP to include adults such as residential parents and even childless adults.

According to the Government Accountability Office, there are 639,000 adults in 11 State participating in SCHIP, over half of these States use the SCHIP to cover childless adults including Arizona and Illinois. Yet, there are still 794,000 eligible children not covered by SCHIP. States should use

SCHIP's available funds to cover children first, and then with any additional funds expand the program to both of their parents.

The reauthorization of SCHIP by Congress is imminent as well as a possible budget expansion. The fiscal increase could be due to a planned incorporation of more parents and children into SCHIP. The concept behind "parents" usually indicates that there is a mother and a father. Nevertheless, currently childless adults are being covered by SCHIP while the States neglect non-resident or non-traditional fathers. The health of the father should be just important as the health of the mother regardless of who has the status of primary care

giver. In many cases, the father is an important factor in a family's stability regardless of his residential status.

The reality of the situation is that any person within a family, traditional or non-traditional, lacks health coverage not only hurts the individual but the family as a whole. If SCHIP is to expand, every member of the family must be covered including the fathers. Although the reauthorization legislation is still unclear, it is apparent that children must be the first to receive the benefits of SCHIP, secondly all parents should be considered for its benefits, and lastly childless adults have no place within SCHIP.

Back To School Funfest Set Here August 23rd & 24th

With the theme of "I Can Do Anything", a Back To School Funfest has been set for Thursday, August 23rd and Friday, August 24th. It will be held at the Parkway Neighborhood Center, 502 North Martin Luther King Blvd, beginning at 6:30 p. m.

The program will include Food, Educational Activities, Motivational Speakers, and Lots of Fun. It will be held in the Gym for Middle School Students and Gym as well for Elementary Students. The Senior High School Students will meet in the Main Room.

Schedule For August 23rd

Senior High Dinner
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City of Lubbock

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Department of Education
Daniel Grayson
Covenant Health System Radiology
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Public Library Events This Week

Family Fun Day will be held at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Wednesday afternoon, August 15, starting at 2:00 p. m. There will be snacks and outdoor games for adult and kids. For more information, please call 767-3300

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, invites children to a movie marathon on Thursday, August 16, starting at 10:00 a. m. Three PG-rated movies will be shown to audience.

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, will show a movie about a marksman who is framed for an attempted assassination, starring Mark Wahlberg, at 6:30 p. m. on Tuesday, August 14. It is rated R. For more information, call 799-6566.

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Parson Smith

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money, notoriety and influence. He gave me two different passages that helped me decide what to do, II Corinthians 9 and Psalm 72...

We need to ask ourselves: Am I going to live for possession? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes (for my life)?

When I get up in the morning, I sit on the side of my bed and say, God if I don't get anything else done today, I want to know You more and more You better. God didn't put me on earth just to fulfill a to-do list. He's more interested in what I am than what I do.

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Back-to-School Checklist

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The Airport will accept comments on the DBE goals for 45 days beginning July 16th and ending August 30th. Comments can be sent to either of the following:

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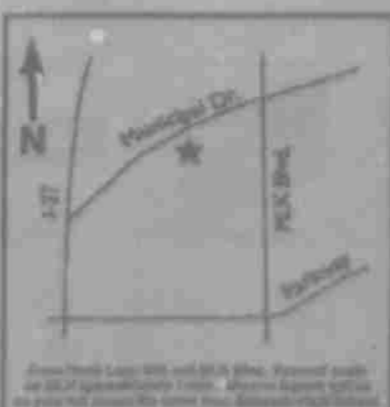
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