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## 56th BCT soldiers break down cultural barriers, build friendship while in Iraq

By Master Sgt. Lek Mateo  
56th Brigade Combat Team  
Public Affairs Office  
Texas Army National Guard

AN NASARIYAH, Iraq (Oct. 15, 2005) — Soldiers are highly trained and prepared to engage the enemy on the battlefield with lethal fire power, but civil affairs (CA) team members of the Texas Army National Guard's 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, are learning another rewarding method of engagement — diplomacy — and the weapon they rely on is understanding.

The CA Soldiers regularly meet with local civic leaders and tribal sheiks to discuss issues and help them nominate various public works projects to their government that will benefit the people living in their area.

Capt. Jason C. Beatty, of Albuquerque, N.M., and a civil affairs officer of the 2nd/142nd Infantry Battalion, based in Lubbock, Texas, got a rare insight into the Iraqi culture when he and his men were invited to lunch with Sheik Tayser Mohammed Al Manshad, of the Al Ghizzie tribe in southern Iraq.

The informal luncheon meeting was held in the village guest house where Soldiers and tribal leaders sat on the floor together to share a traditional Iraqi meal of lamb and beef kabobs, which in Iraqi custom are made especially for honored guests, and afterwards drink "Chai," a popular very sweet hot tea.

Captain Beatty stressed that it is very important to listen to all of their issues, no matter how minor some may seem. He said they can be anything from trying to find out about a few lost sheep that may have wandered onto a nearby coalition base to proposing construction of a new roadway or school in their village.

"We take every issue that they bring to us very seriously," Captain Beatty said. "It is important that we maintain a positive working relationship with the village leaders because they have a lot of influence in the community."

The captain said he appreciates being able to experience the rich Iraqi culture first hand and thinks that it is very important for every Soldier to have a chance to interact with the Iraqi people whenever they can because it will give them a better appreciation and understanding of their lifestyle and culture.

"It gives you a better respect for their culture and puts you at eye level with the people when you are invited into their homes and experience their hospitality," Captain Beatty said.

First Lt. David P. Alderman, of Austin, Texas, and a fire support officer



Iraqi tribal leaders and Texas Army National Guard Soldiers sit down to a luncheon made in the Soldiers' honor during a visit to a local village in southern Iraq. The Guardsmen belong to the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division. (Army photo by Master Sgt. Lek Mateo, 56th Brigade Public Affairs Office)

of the 3rd Battalion, 133rd Field Artillery Regiment, based in El Paso, Texas, explained that he is trained as a field artillery officer to direct lethal fire from howitzers and rockets to destroy tactical targets miles away.

Now he is working with the CA team and using non-lethal methods like building schools and distributing donated school supplies to make a big impact on the lives of the Iraqi people ... especially the children.

"Our Soldiers enjoy helping the Iraqi government build schools the most because we all know that it is for the children and they are going to be the future of a new Iraq," Lieutenant Alderman said.

Sgt. Edward I. Freeman, of Lubbock, Texas, said he thinks it would be a good thing for Soldiers to get out and meet the Iraqi people because it will give everyone a chance to know one another better and dispel some of the stereotypes that they have about each other's culture.

"If everyone had a chance to get out and visit some of the villages like I have, it would definitely open their eyes so they can see that the Iraqis are really good people," the sergeant said. Sergeant Freeman also said he was honored to be invited to the home of the sheik to have lunch and was humbled to be allowed to eat the



A Texas National Guardsman stirs a class of hot "Chai," a traditional sweet tea as he listens to Iraqi tribal leaders discuss issues during a luncheon meeting at a local village in southern Iraq. Sergeant Freeman belongs to the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard. (Army photo by Master Sgt. Lek Mateo, 56th Brigade Public Affairs Office)



Sgt. Edward I. Freeman, of Lubbock, listens as Iraqi tribal leaders discuss issues during a luncheon meeting at a local village in southern Iraq. Sergeant Freeman belongs to the 2nd Battalion, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard. (Army photo by Master Sgt. Lek Mateo, 56th Brigade Public Affairs Office)

The 24-year-old resident of Crosbyton, Texas, noted that this was the first time that he has traveled outside of the United States and was very privileged to see first hand, how

the Iraqi people live.

"I'll always take back the memory of having lunch with a sheik that I will tell my children about when I return home," Specialist Cruz said.

## Lubbock's bond rating improves to "positive" with new report

(Opinion issued by Moody's Investors Service)

NEW YORK, Nov. 22, 2005 - Moody's Investors Service has revised the outlook to positive from stable for the City of Lubbock's A1 general obligation bond rating affecting \$391 million in parity debt. The positive outlook reflects Moody's belief that the City has made a substantial effort to improve financial operations which could lead to a rating upgrade if recent positive trends continue over the medium term. (General obligation bonds are indebtedness for capital improvements, i.e., parks, facilities, etc., approved by voters through a bond election.)

As noted in prior analysis, questions arose in the past regarding previous financial management, however, recent changes in management and prudent fiscal decisions have supported improved financial operations. Fiscal 2003 general fund operations weakened resulting in the general fund balance decreasing from \$18.6 million, or 21.5% of General Fund revenues in fiscal 2002 to \$9.4

million, or 11.6% of General Fund revenues in fiscal 2003. However, in fiscal 2004, City officials eliminated staff and made significant budget cuts which resulted in an increase in the General Fund balance to \$12.7 million, or 13% of General Fund revenues. In fiscal 2005, the unaudited result indicates the fund balance will subsequently increase to \$15.2 million due to ongoing expenditure controls and conservative budgeting for revenues and expenditures. The fund balance will be further bolstered by a one-time transfer from the risk management fund which will increase the total reserve to \$19 million, or 20% of revenues. City officials report that they intend to maintain the fund balance at a level equal to at least 20% going forward. The 2006 budget is balanced but conservative estimates could result in an additional surplus.

For the first time, the 2006 budget includes a five-year financial forecast. The forecast is an example of the long-term planning Moody's has requested and reflects positively on the new management. As new management is able to establish a trend of stabilized financial opera-

tions in the General Fund and demonstrate a commitment to maintain healthy General Fund reserves, upward pressure on the rating could result. "As a result of fiscal restraint and good financial management, the City has overcome the tough financial challenges it has faced over the last several years. The positive outlook on our bond rating acknowledges our improved financial standing brought about by this council and our management team. Better bond ratings ultimately impact each citizen in the form of lower taxes," Mayor Pro Tem Tom Martin said.

**Outlook**  
The positive outlook reflects Moody's belief that over the next two years, we will see continued significant improvement in General Fund fiscal management which will support a rating upgrade for the City's general obligation rating. Over this timeframe, the City will have final 2005 audited results, 2006 audited results and projections for fiscal 2007. City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld noted, "A top priority of the City Council is to ensure that the

City is financially sound and fiscally responsible. The Council's leadership in establishing long-range financial plans and policies has gained the attention of Moody's Investor's Service, resulting in this improved outlook on our bond rating."

**KEY STATISTICS:**  
2005 Population: 209,120  
Direct debt burden excluding self-supporting debt: 2.7%

Overall debt burden excluding self-supporting debt: 4.3%  
Payoff, 10 years: 54.1%  
2006 Full Valuation: \$9.3 billion  
Full Value per Capita: \$43,269  
2004 General Fund balance: \$12.7 million (13.0% of General Fund revenues)  
2004 Undesignated General Fund balance: \$12.1 million (12.4% of General Fund revenues)

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The Southwest Digest

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.

### 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, 5:00 pm, TTU Merkel Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm, 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

If you have decorated your home for the Christmas Holidays, and you want to compete for the best decorated in the neighborhood, you can do just that. You may enter into the 40th Annual Lights in Lubbock, if you are a resident of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association, your association will be determining who the winners will be by December 12th. If your home is declared a winner, you will be able to compete for the City Wide effort. For more information, call Carey Don Childers, Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association president, at 762-0464. The City Wide judging will take place December 16th, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

So, let's get involved and show off some of our talents in the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association.

For our young children, let them know that Santa Land will open at 6:00 p.m. on December 10th, just inside the East Broadway entrance to MacKenzie Park. This Lubbock holiday tradition has been done for the past 49 years for the young people of Lubbock with Santa Claus and there is nightly entertainment and a 60 foot artificial Christmas tree. It will be open from December 10th thru December 23rd.

There is no admission charge, and visitors are encour-

aged to bring still and video cameras for pictures with Santa Claus or purchase pictures with Santa Claus for \$5 a piece.

Minister Dimple Walker will preach her initial sermon Sunday afternoon, December 4, 2005, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2007 Birch Avenue. After her presentation, baptism and communion will follow. To God be the glory!

Two pews on the south side of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church were filled with members of the Cage Family last Sunday morning, November 27, 2005, as they were present in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lester (Buleah) Winters as they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, November 26th. A piece of the couple, Sister Jean Franklin, sang a solo entitled "Amazing Grace." What a blessing it was for all present. As the Winters were acknowledged by Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr., they were given applause by the congregation. As Pastor Everline uttered, "This is a milestone, and we should say 'Praise the Lord!'"

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of the community. God is able. Among them include Sister Coleman who is recuperating

nically at her residence, and is able to attend church services.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Those families include the David Crockett "Sonny" Fair, Family and George Scott, Jr. Family. Your prayers are so precious for these families.

Brother Fair's services were held Saturday, November 26th, at 12 noon at the New Hope Baptist Church. The funeral services for Brother Scott were held Tuesday morning, November 29th, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

Also, funeral services for Sister Bonnie Joyce Westbrook were held Tuesday afternoon, November 29th, at the Agape Temple COGIC.

Word was received that Sister Lee Etta Barnett, mother of Sister Alma Colquitt, was funeralized Wednesday, November 23rd.

The 26th Women's annual will be held at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, December 3rd and 4th. The theme will be "Spirit-Filled Women Making A Difference In The World." First Mother Myrna Haynes is conductor. Supt. W. David Haynes is pastor.

All ladies are asked to come and wear their beautiful hats on Sunday afternoon, December 4th, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

## In Remembrance

### David Crockett "Sonny" Fair, Jr.

A longtime Lubbock citizen, David Crockett, Jr., passed away here Friday, November 13, 2005, at Garrison Geriatric Education and Care Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 26, 2005, at the New Hope Baptist Church, beginning at 12 noon.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of McCarty Funeral Home in Littlefield with M. C. Brock directing.

He was born August 27, 1926, in Lubbock to D. C. and Corine Fair, Sr. He graduated from Dunbar High School, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Samuel Huston College and his master of Education degree from Texas Tech University.

Mr. Fair served his country in the United States Army. He taught in the Lubbock Independent School District for many years and was a visiting teacher. He was also an executive director of the Lubbock Housing Authority.

Mr. Fair is survived by a daughter, Sonya Fair (Cassie) of Houston; son, David B. (Marigie) Fair of El Dorado Hills, California; grandchildren, Tyrone (Carloine) Fair, Kristal Fair, Joshua Fair, and Jeremiah David Crockett Fair; sister-in-law, Freddie Garney and husband Pete, all of California; and many friends.

### George Scott, Jr.

Funeral services for a longtime citizen, George Scott, Jr., were held Tuesday morning, November 29, 2005, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. J. Burnes and Rev.

W. D. Davis. Interment was held in Peaceful

Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Calvin Davis, Merton Teague, Gregory Jackson, John Washington, Vernon Blake and Hank Jackson.

Honorary pallbearers were Leroy Moore, Marcus Haynes, Ray Johnson, Romeo Fowell, Paul Williams and Charles Garcia. Also, members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Greater St. Luke Baptist Church Board of Trustees and 100 Black Men.

Mr. Scott departed this life in his residence on Wednesday, November 23, 2005.

He was born September 7, 1926, in Sugar Creek Taft, Oklahoma. He was the eldest of four children born to Elizabeth Bremby Scott and George Scott, Sr.

He attended Taft Public School and Manual Training High school in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He attended Langston University for two years when World War II interrupted his college education. After serving two years in the United States Army, he was honorably discharged and returned to college. Mr. Scott earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1949 from Langston University.

His first teaching job was in Fredrick, Oklahoma where he was Head Coach and a Mathematics teacher. For two consecutive years, he coached the high school football team to the Oklahoma State finals.

During the 1952-53 school year, he taught in Guthrie, Oklahoma where he was Head Coach. In 1953, he became Head Coach of the Dunbar High School Panthers in Lubbock, Texas, and served in that capacity until 1959. During his tenure as Head Coach of the Panthers, he won the District Championship.

In 1960, he was named Assistant Principal to Professor E. C. Striggs at Dunbar after receiving his Master of Science degree from Prairie View A&M University. In 1964, he was named Principal at Dunbar and served in that capacity until 1969.

A driving force to integrate Texas Tech University, he became

the first African American administrator. From 1969 until 1991, he served as Associate Dean of Students and Associate to the Vice-President for Student Affairs at Texas Tech University.

Mr. Scott was actively involved in many local, state, and national organizations and served as a volunteer for tutoring, mentoring, and Parenting programs. He was a lifetime member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and the Langston University Alumni Association. He was strong member of the American Legion, Booker T. Washington, Post 808 for over 43 years. He served as Vice Commander for a majority of the time. He received many awards for his outstanding contributions to the community.

He was a member of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church for more than 50 years where he served in many capacities including chairperson of the Trustee Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Luelia Scott; son, George Scott, III; and daughter, Renee Scott.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two sisters, Jacqueline Tollett and Tommy Joyce Williams; son, Donald J. Scott, Sr., daughter, Carol Vinnette Wilson; grandchildren: Donall Carver, Christy Brookfield, Tara Renee Scott, Donald Avery Scott, II, Annie Jeaneele Battle, Eva Jennifer Scott, and Taylor Donaldson; seven great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

### Bonnie Joyce Westbrook

Funeral services for Bonnie Joyce Westbrook were held Tuesday afternoon, November 29th, at the Agape Temple COGIC.

Burial was held in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Funeral and Mortuary.

She passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2005.

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

### Fancy Pants



Ladies, these pants are great. Comfortable and easy to move around in, they will make your legs look longer, and we all know that you can't beat a pair of long legs. The width of the pant legs is 32 inches. In terms of movement and coverage, these pants are pretty practical you can walk, run and sit without worrying about anything flying up or falling out. But at the same time fancy pants will make you feel very sexy. Wear them anytime, anywhere. A short velvet jacket, the right sequin blouse or sweater and of course a pair of your favorite fancy pants, will definitely turn some heads for the holidays. Colors... black, teal, olive, orange and brown. AT YOUR FAVORITE DEPARTMENT STORES.

FASHION TIP: Always wear a smile! FASHION - It's for the fun of it!

## Carol of Lights festivities to occur Friday at Tech

More than 25,000 colored lights, illuminating 13 buildings around Texas Tech University's Memorial Circle, Engineering Key and the Broadway entrance, will be lit as the highlight of the annual Carol of Lights, Friday (Dec. 2).

The 47th annual event, with a theme of "A Season to Remember," will commence with a candlelight service at 7 p.m. in the Science Quadrangle. The university seal at the Broadway entrance and will follow the luminaria-lighted route around Memorial Circle to the Science Quadrangle.

The Texas Tech Trombone Choir, under the direction of Don Lucas, will accompany the Texas Tech University combined choirs, under the direction of John Dickson. Karl Dent of the School of Music will sing "O Holy Night" followed by comments from dignitaries and the lighting of the lights. Festivities will continue with a

carol concert at 8 p.m. in the Hemmle Recital Hall, featuring the University Singers and the University Choir. Tickets are available through Select-A-Seat and are \$13 for adults, \$10.50 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund of the Texas Tech University College of Visual and Performing Arts.

A team from the Texas Tech physical plant has been hanging lights since early October. Preparation for the Carol of Lights also includes the placing of 3,000 luminarias around Memorial Circle by Alpha Phi Omega and Chi Rho fraternities and the hanging of a 20-foot fresh pine wreath by members of the Women's Service Organization.

The Carol of Lights is sponsored by the Texas Tech University Residence Halls Association.

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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus

### Lord, If You Came Today, Would I Be Off Base?

Written by Evangelist Billy "BJ" Monks, III - You know other in Christ Jesus's ways.

Revelation 3:20 — Jesus said, behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him, and he with me.

What if the Lord came today, even now, at your front door this day? Would you say, come on in Lord, or would you have to say, "Lord, wait!"

Matthew 24:43 — Jesus said, know this, that if the Goodman of the house had known in what watch (hour) the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered (allowed) his house to be broken up.

\*\*\* Would A Preacher Rob God?? \*\*\*

Preachers, would you have to change your sermon from begging man's gold to the Easiness of the Kingdom of God, and that is the saving of lost souls???

Galatians 1:6-8 — I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel, which is not another, but there are some that trouble you and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed (bitterly cursed).

\*\*\* Will A Deacon Rob God??? \*\*\*

Deacons, when you know Jesus is at the door, will you frantically turn around to hide the porn books, and nudity from the VCR, would your Bible be found?

Luke 21:34 — Jesus said, take heed to yourselves, lest at anytime, your hearts be overcharged with suffering, drunk living, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unaware.

Sister Missionary, would you be setting and watching the all day soap shows, boosting of going overseas, but hospitals and lonely homes, you won't visit!

Revelations 2:4-5 — Jesus said, nevertheless, I have some what against you, because you have left your first love. Remember, there from when you have fallen, and repent, do the first works or I will come unto you quickly, and remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent.

\*\*\* Will A Missionary Rob God??? \*\*\*

xBrothers and Sisters, you shack! Will you move your things into another room? Or will you say, "We're trying one another now, and will get married soon!"

I Corinthians 7:8-10 — I say to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot con-

tain, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn. And unto the married, I command, ye abide as the Lord. Let not the husband depart from her husband, as if and she departs, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband. And let not the husband put away his wife.

\*\*\* Will The Church Members Rob God??? \*\*\*

I thank God that we're not X something, but thank God that we are what we are to be. By the grace of God, this is the day to get saved, and get right with God!! Many people don't know that the Lord comes each and everyday, and he is coming again tomorrow. Will my name be among the many obituary stories, or will yours be there? Will you be ready? Now is the time to get ready!!!

Luke 12:54-56 — Jesus said, when you see a cloud rise out of the West, straightway you say, (here comes a shower, and it is. And when you see the South wind blow, you say, there will be heat, and it comes to pass. Ye hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth. But how is it you do not discern the times?

\*\*\* I'm Just A Nobody, Trying To Tell Everybody About Jesus' Dying On The Cross, For The Sins of E-everybody \*\*\*

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, November 27, 2005, was a wonderful day at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

The morning services began with Sunday school, beginning at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris, and it

was reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject was "Saying Good-Bye!" It was another wonderful lesson. Have you ever had to say "Good-Bye?" As you recall the lesson, this is what Paul did!

The morning worship hour began at 11:30 a.m. The morning devotional services were led by Deacon Edward Williams. The Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. It is just god to

hear God's songs and hymns.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "God Demands Obedience, Rather Than Sacrifices." His scripture text was 1 Samuel 15:22. Praise God for the message and the messenger.

**Thought For The Week:** "The power of Christ within you is greater than the power of evil around you."

## LSO features native Lubbock musician Tom Braxton in annual Holiday Pops

Traditional holiday music is always a hit at the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops concerts, which will take place Saturday, December 3rd at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The concerts will be held at the First Baptist Church Lubbock and will feature special performances by saxophonist and Lubbock native Tom Braxton, the First Baptist Church Celebration Choir and Kids of the Kingdom Children's Choir. Maestro Constantine Katsopoulos will be the guest conductor. Atmos Energy, Covenant Health System, and Watson-SySCO are the proud sponsors of these concerts.



Braxton

Braxton is a 1979 graduate of Dunbar High School.

On Friday afternoon, December 2, Tom will perform for music students from Alderson, Pynbar, Estacado, and lies. The performance will take place in the Dunbar auditorium at 1:30 P.M.

Tom's music career started when he was in the 6th grade. He studied piano and the saxophone. He was also an outstanding athlete. He ran track and played basketball while continuing his studies in music. He graduated as Valedictorian of his class at Dunbar.

Tom continued his music studies at Texas Tech University. While attending Tech, he formed a jazz group named "No Compromise" and they traveled throughout the Southwest playing concerts. At Tech he was a member of the Marching and Stage Bands and continued to run varsity track. Tom graduated as Salutatorian of his class in 1983, receiving a Bachelor of Music Degree.

Presently, Tom is Director of Fine Arts at Covenant Church in Carrollton, Texas, where he teaches band and continues to travel with outstanding musi-

cians such as Wayman Tisdale and Kirk Whalum. He has four CD's on the market. His latest CD is "Bounce", and can be purchased throughout the U.S.

Tom has a wife, Sharon and two very talented sons. He is the son of proud parents J.T. & Bernice Braxton. Welcome home Tom.

Symphony patrons will enjoy a program of popular holiday classics to get in the holiday spirit. Tickets for the concerts are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, and \$10 for children 9 and under. All tickets are general admission and can be purchased online at [www.lubbocksymphony.org](http://www.lubbocksymphony.org), by calling (806) 762-1688 or by visiting the LSO office at 1313 Broadway, Suite 2 (the L&L Plaza Annex located on Broadway and Avenue M). Group rates are also available for a special outing with friends, family, or coworkers. For more information, please contact the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra at (806) 762-1688.

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Evening Worship - 8:00pm

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All Jews sinned - Romans 2:23  
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor. 5:21 Acts 2:38  
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Mark 7:21; Heb 9:14  
How do we obey him?  
Hear the gospel - Romans 10:17  
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16  
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3  
Confess - Romans 10:9  
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38  
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## From the Desk of Parson D. A. Smith

### A tribute to Richard Rollison

Over the past weeks, the Lubbock Black Community has lost three men that have contributed to its development. Each of the men contributed in a unique way that left marks on the young and old alike. Two of the men were educators and the other was a plumber. These three black men are the late David Crockett "Sonny" Fair, George Scott and Richard Rollison.

Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate, said, "Eulogies are for everyone. They are a reminder that each of us leads a life of special interest and value and that each of us is unique, with our own special gifts."

A eulogy is a commendatory oration or writing especially in honor of one deceased. Described another way, a eulogy applies to a prepared speech or writing extolling the virtues of a person.

The word virtue means (1) a conformity to a standard of right; a particular moral excellence (2) manly strength or courage; valor (3) a commendable quality or trait; merit (4) a capacity to act; potency.

As a former pastor of the late

Richard Rollison four meaning of the word "virtue" described above come to mind in describing this lowly and humble plumber.

Through the eyes of a former pastor, I saw a man who loved the Lord with heart, mind and soul. And in the vein of the Second Commandment, "his neighbor as himself." I knew a man who loved the Church and gave of his best in that he knew how for the growth and development of God's kingdom. I sat with him in board meeting where he commended what was right and condemned that what was contrary for the good of the church.

Through the eyes of a former pastor at quarterly and annual conferences of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, I seen and heard him tell quietly the "authorities" their actions were not good for the growth and development of the church and that they would regret their actions.

Richard Rollison was commendable in when the church fell on lean financial times or enhancing it physical structure in good times, he would put his name on the dotted line at a financial institution. The late Charles Terrell said of Richard Rollison, "He's a good old East Texas boy." He merited the saying through the way he helped others when they could not help themselves.

Richard Rollison had the capacity to act. He served on the Steward Board, the male chorus, treasurer and other capacities in the church. He was seldom late for any service that was held at his church.

I agree with his daughter Carolyn that her daddy was a plumber. However, her daddy was no ordinary plumber. He was God's relief layman for a stopped up sinful world that needs the acidity of the Holy Ghost to become vibrant again.

The Lubbock Black Community will miss Richard Rollison! I am sure he and Charles Terrell are having a good time across the threshold of life. Brothers Ardee Hunt, Roscoe Howard, E. J. Donaldson, and Revs. Edwin Scott and Charles Planks would attest to this heavenly thought.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### Funny, But A World Of Truth! Noah and the Ark

In the year 2005, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in the United States, and said, "Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying, "You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard, but no Ark. "Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah. "But things have changed. I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for sprinkler system. My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Development Appeal Board for a decision. Then the Department of Transportation demanded a bond be posted for future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I argued that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it."

"Getting the wood was another problem," said Noah. "There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Spotted Owl. I tried to convince the environmentalist that I needed the wood to save the owls. But no go! When I started gathering the animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. As well, they argued the accommodation was too restrictive and it was cruel and inhu-

mane to put so many animals in a confined space. Then the EAPA ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood.

I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. Also, the trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with Ark experience. To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. So forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least ten years for me to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean, you're not

going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord. "The government beat me to it." (Author Unknown)

**Thought:** "The word of God is the highway to prosperity. Money does not define prosperity by itself." Read III John 2:2.

We're hoping you had a blessed Thanksgiving. The Outreach Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday, December 5, 2005, beginning a 9:00 a. m. in the home of Sister Dotsie McBride, 2402 Walnut Avenue. Please make plans to attend this meeting. It's all about prayer. As you can see, we need to pray for the world.

To all of you who are sick and for families who have lost loved ones. Remember, we're praying for you. Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

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# Seven tips to slash soaring home heating bills



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**1. Have your duct system tested for air leaks.** Many assume that windows and doors are the major cause of a home's energy wasting air leaks. But according to recent research by the Department of Energy (DOE), gaps, joints and disconnections in the typical home's duct system are much more significant. The DOE states that the typical duct system loses 25 to 40 percent of the energy put out by the central furnace or heat pump. Authorities recommend having a heating contractor test for leaks and then seal them with a brushed-on fiber-reinforced sealant. Duct tape usually dries out and fails. It turns out duct tape is great for many things, but sealing ducts isn't one of them!

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tors offer an Infiltrameter test as part of a "Whole House Health & Comfort Checkup" that also checks insulation levels and overall duct performance. Ask if they also provide an infrared camera scan to pinpoint hidden heat leaks.

**3. Close your fire place damper.** Did you remember to close it last time you used the fireplace? Shut it now or waste precious warm air all winter long!

**4. Replace your furnace or heat pump air filter.** Most systems need this done every month to ensure safe and efficient operation. Keep forgetting to do it? Ask your contractor for information on an extended surface area whole house air filter that only needs to be replaced once a year. It also does a far better job of keeping your equipment and the air in your home clean.

**5. Have your heating system cleaned and tuned.** A pre-season tune up is a great investment. It reduces the chances of breakdowns on cold winter nights, improves safety, and more than pays for itself through more energy efficient operation. Ensure your contractor also performs a complete carbon monoxide safety check. For a free report: "How To Identify a Good Heating and

Cooling Contractor", go to [www.comfortinstitute.org](http://www.comfortinstitute.org).

**6. Install a programmable setback thermostat.** Turn down your thermostat 8 degrees for 8 hours a day and you'll save 8 percent on home heating costs. But you don't have to sacrifice comfort! Ask your heating contractor to install a "programmable thermostat" that will turn the heat back up before you wake up or before you come home. New models are much easier to program.

**7. Consider replacing your old furnace or heat pump.** Just like a car, heating and cooling equipment doesn't last forever. Is your system more than 12 years old? It probably wastes 35 cents out of every dollar you pay for fuel. Planning to stay in your home more than a few years? Many authorities recommend replacing it before it fails permanently. A new system is safer, improves comfort, is more dependable and creates less air pollution. New units pay for themselves over time as they only waste eight cents out of every dollar worth of gas. However, government and utility research has found that over 90% of newly installed high efficiency systems have energy wasting installation mistakes. Do some homework before talking to

contractors. For more information, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) and [www.comfortinstitute.org](http://www.comfortinstitute.org). Print out the free Comfort Institute report "Tips and Secrets To Plying A New Heating and Cooling System".

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For more information, visit their website at [www.comfortinstitute.org](http://www.comfortinstitute.org).

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita will hit homeowners everywhere in the wallet this winter. The storms have caused real damage and disruption to the natural gas industry, adding to strains already caused by rising demand. Natural gas prices are now at a record high, and the Department of Energy states they will keep going up as the cold weather

descends upon us. The "Energy Crisis" is back.

How high will natural gas prices rise? As much as a whopping 71% more this winter compared to last year. This will translate into a \$500 to \$800 jump in annual home and water heating bills for most homeowners and over \$1000 for many. While you can't control the price of fuel, you

## Buddy Holly Center announces December end of the Art Trail "SOFA Happening"

For December's First Friday Art Trail, the Buddy Holly Center is pleased to have the Supporters of the Fine Arts, or SOFA, sponsor an end of the Art Trail "SOFA Happening." Every month Lubbock's First Friday Art Trail provides the community an opportunity to enjoy fine art, entertainment and refreshments in venues that promote fine art and outreach such as the Underwood Center, the Buddy Holly Center and Stein's. For the December 2, 2005 Art Trail, the Buddy Holly Center will remain open for an extra hour, from 6:00 -

10:00 pm, so patrons may view a one night only installation by artists Ian F. Thomas and Shreepad Joglekar sponsored by Lubbock's Supporters of the Fine Arts. The unique installation is entitled: "Ology: after form, after material, and ultimately, after us."

Ian F. Thomas and Shreepad Joglekar have developed a reputation in Lubbock creating collaborative installations in a variety of locations over the past year. For numerous First Friday Art Trails in 2005, the artists have built "one night only" installations for the apprecia-

tion of Art Trailers lucky enough to happen upon their work.

As their reputation has grown, art appreciators throughout Lubbock make a point to attend Thomas and Joglekar's installations, as an interdisciplinary and interactive experience is sure to occur. The artists state, "With collaborative site-specific installations we have a dialogue with the viewer by initiating an intersection between the viewer and our artwork." The supporters of the Fine Arts are sponsoring Thomas and Joglekar's installation on December 2, 2005 in

the Fine Arts Gallery during an interval between exhibitions.

Supporters of the Fine Arts invite Art Trailers to return to the Buddy Holly Center after the Trail to enjoy a cash bar, refreshments and conversation with background jazz music in the Courtyard. Patrons are invited to partake in this unique "SOFA Happening," on December 2, 2005, from 6:00 - 10:00 pm with fellow art appreciators and show their support of Fine Arts in Lubbock.

The Buddy Holly Center is located at 1801 Avenue G in the

Depot District of Lubbock, Texas.

For more information on this or other events please call (806) 767-2686 or visit our website at [www.buddyhollycenter.org](http://www.buddyhollycenter.org).

## Community events

### Rawlins Hosts Holiday Crafts Bazaar

Holiday shoppers can avoid the crowds and look for unique gifts on Saturday, December 3, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Copper Rawlins Community Center hosts their 4th annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar. Participants from surrounding neighborhoods and the community will offer gifts and Christmas crafts for sale that include: wood crafts, ornaments, jewelry, candles, wall hangings, and center pieces. Shopper's can also enjoy refreshments from the Center's kitchen including hot dogs, chili dogs, Frito pie, pickles, and popcorn, as well as hot cocoa and soft drinks, all at very affordable prices. In addition, there will be opportunities to win door prizes.

Booth space is still available for area vendors and artisans that would like to rent a booth. Pricing is \$15 for a 6'x6' booth and one six foot table is provided for each booth.

The Copper-Rawlins Community Center is located at 213 40th Street (Avenue B and 40th

Street). Be sure to visit with City staff about ongoing activities for seniors, adults and youth, Kid's Cafe and facility rental opportunities.

### Community Centers To Host Open Houses

#### Maxey Community Center Open House - December 3

Maxey Community Center will be hosting their 1st Annual Open House on Saturday, December 3, 2005, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Open House provides the Center's staff an opportunity during this special time of year to thank its many patrons, and it allows newcomers a chance to get to know the staff and the many outstanding programs offered at Maxey Community Center. Refreshments will be provided as well as door prizes for those in attendance.

#### Hodges Community Center Open House - December 8

Hodges Community Center will be hosting its annual Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 8,

2005, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Hodges Center's staff uses this opportunity each holiday season to thank its many patrons and to feature instructors and upcoming classes offered at Hodges Community Center. This event has been held for over ten years, and refreshments will be provided as well as a chance to win door prizes.

Maxey and Hodges Community Centers offer a variety of classes for all age groups beginning with preschool age children through adults with the goal of providing quality programming that will enhance the lives of Lubbock citizens. Maxey is located at 30th Street and Oxford Avenue, and Hodges is located at 41st Street and University Avenue. They are open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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**Lubbock Fire Department honors muralist**

Artist Madaleno L. Hernandez was honored by the Lubbock Fire Department (LFD) on Tuesday, November 22 for a mural that he recently completed at the Lubbock Fire Complex. The mural depicts the history of the LFD from its creation in 1909 to the present and is located in the hallway that connects the auditorium and fire training classrooms and offices. The Lubbock Fire Complex is located at 1515 East Ursuline.

Madaleno L. Hernandez was born in Slaton, Texas and raised in Lubbock. At a young age, he dabbled in painting, but was more inclined to partake in various sorts of civic activities throughout his adult life.

After acquiring formal art training from numerous locales including Lubbock Christian and Texas Tech University, Mr. Hernandez, now retired, continues his public servitude through artistic means. Through countless hours of his personal time, he completed the mural that depicts the significant events that have made the Lubbock Fire Department what it is today.

**Tech player Taurean Henderson honored as Player of the Week**

Senior running back scored game-winning touchdown against Oklahoma as time expired.

Texas Tech RB Taurean Henderson (Gatesville, Texas) was named the SBC Big 12 Conference Offensive Player of the Week on Monday for his efforts in the Red Raiders' 23-21 win over Oklahoma on Saturday. Henderson is the fourth Tech player to earn player of the week honors this season.

With two seconds remaining on the game clock and Tech trailing 21-17, Henderson took the handoff from QB Cody Hodges, rushed left of center

and lunged for the winning score. The senior finished with a game-high 109 rushing yards.

The NCAA active leader in touchdowns, Henderson's score marked the 69th overall touchdown and 50th rushing touchdown of his career. Additionally, he is currently the NCAA's third all-time leading scorer among non-kickers (fifth overall) with 414 points. He is two rushing touchdowns shy of tying the school record of 52 set by James Gray from 1986-89.

Henderson and the Red Raiders completed the regular season with a 9-2 overall mark and 6-2 record in the Big 12. The nine wins are the most in a regular season since the 1976 campaign, when Tech registered 10 wins. The Red Raiders' six wins in league play mark a season high for Tech since joining the Big 12.

**Cotton Kings holding tryouts for dance team**

*Something to Cheer About*

After a year away, the Cotton Kings are bringing dancers back to the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. In the past, the dance team has helped entertain the crowd at the hockey games and provided an extra aspect to the hockey games.

Most of the teams in the Central Hockey League have dance teams to help accent their team's entertainment value.

This weekend the Kings will be looking for the best dance team members in the South Plains, and

are hosting tryouts this weekend on December 2nd and 3rd. On Sunday, December 4, there will be a special invitation tryout.

In the past, the dance team was known as the Royals. However, Cotton Kings Game Operations Manager, Dana Jones stated that there will be a name change along with the new squad of dancers. The new name has not been decided. Jones will be in charge of the girls and may enlist assistance in deciding who makes the final cut.

After final cut, the girls will be working hard to get ready for performances. The Kings expect the dancers to be ready by January.

Jones said, "I hope to make

this dance team the best the Kings have seen and to bring even more entertainment to the Kingdom during our games."

Anyone seeking to be a part of

the dance squad should contact Dana Jones at 747-7825. Tryout times are scheduled for 6PM on Friday, noon on Saturday and 2 PM on Sunday.

**Book discussion provided good food and entertainment**

An exciting "Book Discussion" took place at the Bobbie Gear & T. J. Paterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Saturday afternoon, November 19, 2005.

This was the 3rd Anniversary of discussion. There were twenty-four persons in attendance. Gifts were presented to all in attendance. Food was served and pictures were taken.

The food consisted of Fried Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, Red Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, and Vegetable Salad. Also, Rolls, White Bread, Wheat Bread and Cornbread. Drinks included Strawberry, Orange

and Red Soda. Those delicious desserts included Pound Cake, Anniversary Cake and Cold Oven Cake.

Congratulations are order for such an outstanding program. Everyone is looking forward to November 2006. Those members who were not present, we missed you!

The next meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, December 17, 2005, beginning at 2:00 p. m. The conductor of the meeting is Mrs. Helen Fitzgerald.

A special thanks to everyone who supported our group.

**Friend, can you spare a turkey?**

Workers at the South Plains Food Bank hope that many of its generous donors during the upcoming pre-holiday season will donate a frozen turkey in addition to the usual canned goods.

The holiday baskets to be prepared by the Food Bank will be more complete if they include a turkey, and the usual sources of the traditional menu item for the organization are not available so far this season.

"We hope that many people can purchase an extra turkey when they do holiday food shopping," explains David Weaver, Jr., executive director. "Also, some donors may not plan to serve turkey at their homes this year but could, instead,

donate a frozen one to the Food Bank."

Gifts of turkeys are welcome at the South Plains Food Bank building, 4612 Locust Ave., Lubbock, throughout the pre-holidays season. A refrigerated truck will be available for donated turkeys at the U Can Share location at the United Supermarket located at 8200 St. and Frankford Ave., Dec. 5-10.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**ANOTHER OUTSTANDING CITIZEN PASSES ON! THIS N THAT**, as well as many other citizens in the Lubbock Community, will truly miss an outstanding citizen - **GEORGE SCOTT, JR.** He was also known as "Professor Scott", and passed away here last week. His funeral was held Tuesday morning, November 29th, and many from different aspects of the community was present to pay their last respects. A native of Taft, Oklahoma, he stopped by Lubbock in 1953 and did an outstanding job for the total community. He served in many capacities, from a football coach and math teacher, to principal of Dunbar High School. He ended his career at Texas Tech University, where he served as Associate Dean of Students to the Vice President for Student Affairs at Texas Tech University from 1969 until 1991. He loved working for Texas Tech University, and was always excited about this institution moving to another level. **THIS N THAT** would hope that **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY** would do something for him in his memory. For example, a scholarship in his honor as **GOVERNOR RICK PERRY**. **THIS N THAT** was present when a meeting was held at the Mae Simmons Community Center when **JOHN T. MONTFORD** was in his early tenure as Chancellor of Texas Tech University, and he met with a group of local African Americans to discuss the hiring of an **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**. This is when our friend,

**GEORGE SCOTT**, stood tall for the hiring of **GERALD MEYERS** - and he was heard speaking of Gerald Meyers, he was in attendance at Mr. Scott's funeral. In a last conversation with **MR. SCOTT**, Saturday afternoon November 19th, **THIS N THAT** mentioned the Texas Tech Red Raider Basketball team who were defeated badly by Syracuse University. He was excited to make it known that **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY** is moving to a new level.

**BE CAREFUL, MICHAEL IRVIN!** **THIS N THAT** would like to remind former Dallas Cowboys receiver **MICHAEL IRVIN**, who was charged recently with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia in Dallas, Texas during a traffic stop last Sunday, November 27th. Immediately, he reported to police that this equipment didn't belong to him. **THIS N THAT** wants to remind him that when you are in the spotlight, people are always trying to bring you down. Surely he knows this! This is especially true when you are a sports analyst on national TV (ESPN). So when you see **BROTHER MICHAEL IRVIN**, advise him to beware.

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAID:** "YOUNG PEOPLE, prepare yourself today, because one day, **YOUR CHANCE** will come to grow."

**WHY NOT VISIT NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK!** **THIS N THAT** recently noted that our **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL** has taken to the road in West Texas, visiting our neighboring communities. This week, they

visited the **CITY OF PLAINVIEW**. Now, **THIS N THAT** believes it is a good idea, but recommends that the Lubbock City Council pay a visit to **NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK**, and even look at the possibility of conducting a **CITY COUNCIL MEETING** in one of our city's facilities.

**TWO OUTSTANDING LUBBOCK WOMEN!** **THIS N THAT** has two Lubbock women he always enjoys talking with and even seeing them at church services. These women are **SISTER LOTTIE BARROW** and **SISTER KATHERINE MCCORMICK**, who are both hardworking Church members. Sister Barrow is a member of the **NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**, and Sister McCormick is a member of **SMITH TEMPLE CHURCH**. **THIS N THAT** is glad to know these ladies, and always wishes them the **BEST!**

**US! THE OTHER CHURCH'S CHICKENS?** **THIS N THAT** has been apprised via telephone calls and visits of the recent closing of the **CHURCH'S CHICKEN**, located on the corner of East Broadway & MLK Blvd. According to one of our conversations, the windows are boarded up and there is a sign, which says, "USE ONE OF THE OTHER CHURCH'S CHICKENS!" Now what kind of public relations is this? Don't you think it is time for the troops to stand up to what is going on? Now, if this is not done, what will happen in the future? Shall we **STAND?**



## Think About It! Servants, Not Masters!

One thing some elected officials, especially some elected city officials, are having problems understanding. They have become masters, but servants. Public servants are to be used by the public. They need to understand used and not misused by their bosses, which is the voting citizenry.

The voter are the boss or the masters. If they feel you are not carrying out their wishes, they will take the seats they, so graciously, let you occupy. The writer's opinion and through observation, predicts a lot of seats will be taken back from the White House to the City House.

So many elected officials from the national, state, county and local

have developed the master posture that feel as though they are untouchable and will or won't be replaced. So look for a drastic change in elected officials this upcoming election year, especially the city. We have some on the city council who have totally developed the master syndrome. If you don't believe me, just look at some of our recent actions by a group of the present city council. As this sitting city council has transferred allocated funds with disregard of the voters' wishes on the 2003 bond election; not involved in the Texas Municipal League (TML) and the National League of Cities (NLC), which appears as though they have

isolated themselves from the state and nation.

One of the greatest shows of the master syndrome is the recent shut down of the citizens appearance which was high insulting to the voting citizens of Lubbock. You see when one puts him or herself in position to run for public office, you open up your side and the citizen's side. It's your obligation to hear the citizen's side. If you disagree or agree, that's your job and the citizen's right.

**Closing Thought:** "You can't teach what you do not know, and lead where you do not go."

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## Charlie Daniels Band to perform December 9

**MESCALERO, N.M.**- There is sure to be "Fire on the Mountain" when The Charlie Daniels Band performs live in concert on Friday December 9th at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino.

The concert will take place inside the Inn of the Mountain Gods Event Center. Doors will open at 7:15 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m.

The Charlie Daniels Band is known for their mixed-genre music that can be classified as country, rock, blues, jazz, folk, bluegrass, honky-tonk and gospel. Charlie Daniels, an icon of the American West, describes his music as "purely American music with something for everyone." With such hits as "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" and "The South's Gonna Do It!" and songs from their popular

album, "Fire on the Mountain", The Charlie Daniels Band was the 1998 recipient of the Academy of Country Music Pioneer Award.

Tickets are available now and prices range from \$10-\$75. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino at 1-800-545-9011.

## National Kidney Foundation recruiting athletes, volunteers for 2006 U.S. Transplant Games

A local group of unusual athletes are training for a sports competition all their own - the U.S. Transplant Games. Presented by the National Kidney Foundation and sponsored by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, the Games are an Olympic-style competition for recipients of life-saving transplants, including kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas and bone marrow. Team West Texas is currently scouting for athletes, volunteers and sponsors to participate in this very special event, to be held June 16-21 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Held biennially, the Games draw transplant athletes from across the country who compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in one or more of 12 sports, including cycling, golf, racquetball, swimming, tennis and track and field events. With an antici-

ated 2,000 athletes participating, the 2006 U.S. Transplant Games promise to be the largest-ever gathering of transplant recipients.

Transplant athletes from West Texas may register for the 2006 U.S. Transplant Games by joining Team West Texas. To become involved with Team West Texas as an athlete or by planning pre-Game events and activities, call Brooke Cherry at 806-799-7753.

More than 89,000 Americans are currently waiting for transplants of vital organs. Seventeen people die each day while waiting. In West Texas alone, nearly 200 people are awaiting organ transplants.

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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



It is beginning to appear that if one chooses to be President of the United States, one must have an outer covering of hard armor or be prepared to crumble under the pressure as scandal has plagued six of the last seven presidential administrations.

The Nixon administration awakened the nation with the Watergate scandal and it continued to plague the administration of the un-elected President Gerald Ford, the first president to be put into office by Congress. Though Ford received the Republican Party nomination for the next presidential election, he lost to a humble peanut farmer from Georgia, James Carter. Carter fought hard to work around and away from scandal, but lost the next election to movie star, Ronald Reagan.

of presidential office where scandal brewed, but was not thoroughly investigated or dealt with as citizens expected. The Iran-Contra Scandal, often referred to as 'Contra-gate,' drained on the American economy and helped to raise the national deficit to a figure out of sight, out of hand. Naturally, the President Reagan and Vice President Bush knew nothing about the funds being used to supply the Iranians with arms to fight the Sandinistas because Congress had refused funds for such a purpose. The blame finally fell on poor marine colonel Oliver North, leaving George Bush, I, unscathed and in a position to win the next presidential election, and he did.

The Bush administration ended the Cold War, engaged in several military offensives, but aggravated the social issues of the country, continued the Reagan budget deficit and eroded his political career making it easy for 'Tricky Willie' Clinton to be elected President.

The economy improved during the Clinton era, but he was plagued by a personal sexual

scandal. He had only hurt himself, not the country, and had a third term been legally possible, he probably could have won, hands down. The country was not ready to elect anyone else, so once again, Congress picked a president for the country, George Bush, II. The oil scandals plagued his first administration and the war in Iraq is taking its toll on the second administration. Some high profile people are calling for the impeachment of George Bush, II while he tours the world saying how he did not know that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and weigh how much scandal we will tolerate.

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## Organic products a healthy alternative to chemically treated products; organic cotton booming in Texas

On Wednesday, October 19, the Texas Organic Cotton Marketing Cooperative hosted an organic cotton tour in Lubbock. Texas is second only to the nation of Turkey in the international production of organic cotton, and provides the cotton to companies around the world. Three major companies that use organic cotton are Nike, Sam's Club and Patagonia. In addition, they provide the cotton for sister companies that make fabric and personal care items. Several companies, including Levi's and Fruit of the Loom, attended the tour to investigate using organic cotton in their products in the near future.

Tour speakers included cotton growers, doctors treating patients with pesticide-related illnesses

and experts from the apparel industry who have converted their operations to use organic cotton.

The organic cotton market is booming. Companies large and small are making fashionable and casual apparel. Whole Foods, a grocery store headquartered in Austin, has just integrated organic cotton apparel and home products into its new flagship store in Austin. They report excellent responses from their customers.

According to the Organic Trade Association, sales of organic fiber apparel grew 22 percent in 2003, and are conservatively estimated to grow more than 15 percent a year through 2008. Recent decisions by major retailers will likely double that more



This photo shows Terry Pepper, a West Texas farmer, describing the benefits and processes involved with organic cotton growth. The woman at his left, seen examining cotton seeds, is a representative from Nike, the largest user of organic cotton in the world.



Jimmy Wedel's organic cotton farm in Muleshoe.



Cotton flower and boll from an organic cotton farm.

### Poetry contest offers prizes

The Famous Poets Society announces that over \$75,000.00 in cash and prizes will be awarded this year to amateur poets. Poets from the Lubbock area, especially beginners, are encouraged to enter for their chance to win.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave # 126, Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter online at [www.famouspoets.com](http://www.famouspoets.com). A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. The deadline for entering is December 17, 2005.

"Any poet, whether published or not, can be a winner," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic talent can win cash prizes, as well as game and personal recognition." Famous Poets Society has awarded over \$400,000.00 in cash to amateur poets over the past 8 years, more than any other poetry society. We are helping Poetry, the Cinderella of the Arts, find her glass slipper.

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## Estacado High school to present *The Wiz*



By Estacado Publications Department

For the first time in recent history, Estacado will present a musical, *The Wiz*, as a real treat for the whole family to enjoy.

The *Wiz* will be presented Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Children under five get in free. Tickets can be bought from Choir members during lunch November 28-30 in the school cafeteria. They will also be available at the door.

The *Wiz* is an updated, "African-Americanized version of *The Wizard of Oz*. Dorothy gets whisked from her inner-city neighborhood to the mystical Land of Oz. All the characters from *The Wizard of Oz* are in this movie, but with an urban flavor," according to the Internet Movie Database. The Broadway cast included Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, N'fesy Russell, Lena Horne and Richard Pryor. It won seven Tony Awards.

This musical will feature students from Estacado's Choir Department and other Quadrant four schools. It is directed by Choir teacher Barbara Jackson who has wanted to produce this show for years. It is choreographed by Jackson and the EHS Cheerleader and Pom Squad sponsor, Meshone Dubose.

"It will be a night enjoyed by all. The talent displayed will be

outstanding," Jackson said.

The play has a lot of new faces looking to find the limelight. Tekkia (Ke'Ke) Sheppard is Dorothy. Melton Pruitt is the *Wiz*. Tanisha Durham plays Evilenne, the counterpart of the Wicked Witch of the West.

Royce Harris is the Tinman. Reshone Johnson is the Scarecrow and Bryson Zavala is the Gatekeeper. The flying monkeys will be played by Zavalla, LaLa Howard and Roderick Horton.

The Police Mice are Jasmyne Hughes and Shawnae Hudson. The Poppy Girls, dancers, will be the Estacado Cheerleaders and Pom Squad.

Some parts are double-cast with one person acting on the evening of December 1 and the other acting when they perform for elementary schools that afternoon. Cassandra Lopez is scheduled to play Dorothy for the elementary kids. Glenda the Good Witch will be played by Aysa Harris in the evening and Katie Rankin that afternoon. Elementary students from LISD Quadrant Four will play munchkins.

"The reason for me wanting to be in the play is because I want to show that Estacado has great talent. We'd like to thank Hutchinson Junior High's Ms. Kelly White for all of her help and time spent to pull this all together," R&B fan Sheppard said.

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