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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 Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Mannhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Mannhattan 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 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 Hunt Elementary.
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hill Elementary Cafeteria.
- Estacado High School Alumni & Faculty Class Reunion meetings are held the second and third Sundays at the Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Estacado Alumni & Faculty are invited for the 40th All Class Reunion.

Former Principal pays a visit to Wheatley

Grover C. Colvin, the first Phillis Wheatley Elementary School principal, returned home on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, to share his U. S. Navy experiences with kindergarten students. Mr. Colvin, who lives across the street from the school, served his country during World War II as a chief cook in the U. S. Navy on board an aircraft carrier.

Mr. Colvin shared with the children many ways schools are different now from how they were fifty years ago. He also discussed how the cost of living is so much higher now compared to the cost of living fifty years ago. Mr. Colvin encouraged the students to stay in school and to start planning now so that they will be prepared to go to college once they graduate from high school.

Principal Colvin closed by telling the students he watches the campus each morning and each evening to make sure the students are being good citizens. He relayed to the children just how proud he is of them and of Wheatley Elementary School.



New Pastor of Bethel AME Church

History was made at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church when a female minister was named as its Pastor. She is Rev. Sonja J. Beaty. She was appointed by Rt. Rev. Gregory Ingram, Presiding Bishop of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Church.

Pastor Beaty is a 1974 graduate of Dunbar High School in Lubbock. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Paul Quinn College in 1978 in Waco. Also, she has received a Masters of Divinity Degree from Harlin-Simmons University in 2005.

Prior to coming to Bethel, Pastor Beaty has been the pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Abilene; Greater St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in San Angelo, and Wesley Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in San Marcus.

Speaking to the congregation, she said, "I am so glad to have as you The Chicago Crusader pastor, and I come ready to work for the Lord and the community. Let's get busy!"

Magic Johnson continues his campaign against HIV/AIDS

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Fifteen years after disclosing he was HIV-positive, wide-smiling former basketball star Ervin "Magic" Johnson marked World AIDS day Friday by unveiling a campaign to end the disease within the black community.

"I Stand with Magic: Campaign to End Black AIDS" is a joint effort between the Magic Johnson Foundation and Illinois-based HIV research leader Abbott Laboratories, Inc. that aims to help reduce new HIV infections in the black community by 50 percent over five years.

"I have seen the numbers of HIV infections continue to rise in the minority community and the time is now to take action in helping to lower those numbers," Johnson, 47, said in a news release.

The program "encourages African-Americans of all ages to stand with me and fight HIV/AIDS by getting tested, getting test results and encouraging at least four friends or family members to do the same," Johnson said.

Abbott developed the first licensed test to detect HIV antibodies in the blood and is investing \$100 million (euro75.51 million) in

developing countries to advance HIV testing, treatment and support services, according to the press release.

"HIV is now having a disproportionate effect on the African-American community, which accounts for more than half of all new HIV infections," said Abbott CEO Miles D. White. "Getting people tested is the first line of defense."

Johnson, who led the Los Angeles Lakers to five National Basketball Association championships in the 1980s, sent ripples through the sports world when he

announced his retirement in 1991 at age 32 because he was HIV-positive.

He has made two unsuccessful basketball comebacks - one in 1992 and one during the 1995-96 season. Johnson then turned to raising HIV awareness and building a business empire that includes movie theaters, shopping centers, restaurants and a bank.

"He's doing wonderful. He's been blessed. The key is that he takes his meds and exercises regularly," Towalame Austin, president of the Magic Johnson Foundation, told The Associated Press.

He played a basketball game at a high school on Thursday and was still sore, she said.

"The virus is undetectable in his system, meaning that it's just asleep. He takes three medications, including Kaletra. He has been on Kaletra since 1991," she said.

Fortune magazine named Johnson one of its 50 "Most Powerful Black Executives" in 2002.

Johnson established his foundation in 1991 to raise money for community-based organizations dealing with HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs.

New book shares wife's experience as husband dies of AIDS

Since it reared its ugly head nearly two decades ago, AIDS has continued to make headlines around the globe as one of the fastest-growing epidemics in history. Yet even as millions of lives continue to be touched by this disease, a cure remains hopeful while we strive for true awareness and more understanding to be achieved, says Evangelist Mary Webb. She offers both in her new book, "I Cried" (now available through AuthorHouse) and/or any other bookstore.

"My book tells the true experience that I suffered, a tragic experience in my life," says Webb. "It was an experience that I did not ask for or expect, yet I suffered the after-effects from the entire ordeal."

In "I Cried" she shares the heart-breaking story of watching her husband suffer and eventually succumb to AIDS. She recounts

events, painful and personal, surrounding the devastating reality of losing a loved one has been handed this life-stealing sentence. Fear, confusion, isolation and many questions with no answers in sight became the essence of her world during those months. It is Webb's hope that her book can help ease the suffering for those who can relate to her experiences, as well as help those who lives have not been altered by AIDS to see things from a new and enlightened perspective. It is imperative she writes, that people

understand that this disease is truly a death sentence and that it does not discriminate.

"Some will realize, if they don't already have (AIDS ... how important it is to exercise prevention and means of protection. Some will not. Some won't even care, and others will not believe," says Webb. She hopes that her words, permed with grief as her constant companion, will serve as a warning to the latter. "Have you ever watched as a person, dies from AIDS?" she asks. "I have, and it was not a pretty sight. Its very devastating and something you are not likely to forget."

She spares readers no details in recounting the entire ordeal of her

husband's illness and death. So in death are many pages in "I Cried", in fact, that readers cannot help but feel as if they are living through Webb's ordeal themselves.

"You may cry, you might be afraid you may be angry after reading it or you may not feel anything, but whatever the case may be please be informed if nothing else," she writes. Please don't let AIDS be a touchy subject. Always leave it open for discussion in your life. You never know who you may help.

Webb comes from a family of 10 children. The greatest thing to ever happen to her, she says, is when she came to know the Lord and understand his goodness and mercy. "I Cried" is her first book.

Santa Land celebrates 50th year beginning Sunday

For the 50th consecutive year, Santa Land will light up the Lubbock night with Christmas trees, children singing, twinkling lights and Santa and Mrs. Claus ready to hear the Christmas dreams of area children. In a special 50th anniversary opening ceremony, Master of Ceremony Coach Kristy Curry along with Lubbock City Council members will welcome the Clauses, light the 60-foot Christmas tree, and officially open Santa Land on Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. Joining them will be members from the Texas Tech University Band who will play "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" as Santa and Mrs. Claus enter Santa Land in a horse-drawn carriage. During the ceremony, the City of Lubbock will honor Don and Evelyn Copehaver for their 32-year commitment to Santa Land as they listened to thousands of children's wishes from 1963 through 1995. The Cactus Kids from Don Caldwell Productions/Studio will

perform holiday songs beginning at 5:30 p.m. and will continue to entertain the crowds after the opening ceremony until 9:00 p.m. Children from Lubbock and surrounding communities are invited to be a part of this special evening, and as always, Santa Land is free to the public.

More than 30,000 people visit Santa Land each year to see the festive holiday village with its 60-foot lighted Christmas tree, animated displays, bonfires, traditional holiday scenes, and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa Land is open December 10-23, 2006 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. nightly. For visits with Santa, parents are encouraged to bring their children early in the evening as the line is stopped on busy nights at approximately 9:00 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment most evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m., and hot chocolate and other refreshments are available for sale at the concession stand. Parents are welcome to bring cameras and video cameras

to take photos of their children with Santa at no charge. For those who forget their cameras, keep-sake digital photos may be purchased for \$5.00 each. The entrance to Santa Land is from the East Broadway entrance into Mackenzie Park just east of Avenue A and the South Plains Fairgrounds.

Special additions have been made to Santa Land for its 50th season including new reindeer for the Reindeer Barn, approximately 30 new cartoon character cut-outs made by Parks staff bringing the total to approximately 60 characters, digital pictures with Santa, and a new scene, "Christmas in the Country" featuring Moonlight Musicals "Oklahoma" farm house and outbuildings dressed up in Christmas lights and greenery. In addition, five flat-screen televisions have been added to the waiting line area where children and parents will enjoy watching holiday movies as they wait in line to visit Santa.

27th Women's Annual Conference

The 27th Annual Women's Annual Conference will be held at the Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, 2411 Fir Avenue, Saturday, December 9th, and Sunday, December 10th. Supt. W. David Haynes is pastor.

Evangelist Ruby Holland of Jackson, Mississippi, will be the guest speaker. First Mother Myrta Haynes will be the Conductor. She will be joined by Mother Gertrude Holmes and Mother Wilma James, Co-Conductors. Sister Shirley Davis,

First Lady of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, will serve as the Facilitator of Fashions.

The Saturday morning activities will include a Continental Breakfast, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Vendors with Showcase of Fashion with Hats and Jewelry will begin at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday afternoon, the Official Service will begin at 3:30 p.m. All ladies are asked to wear their hats. Also, hats will be given away on Sunday afternoon.

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



Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This coming Saturday, December 9, 2006, Boy Scouts from the South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America will be in our neighborhood collecting food items for the hungry. Everyone is asked to place canned goods only in a grocery bag and set it on your front porch by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. No glass items. If your items are not picked up by Monday, December 11th, then call (806) 747-2631. Food collected will help the South Plains Food bank as well as many local pantries.

Let us not forget the Women In Red Banquet will be held Friday evening, December 8, 2006, at the KoKo Palace, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church. Tickets are \$20.00 each. For more information, call 744-3352. Sister Joan Y. Ervin is president. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

It was a great success last year, and more expected again this year. It is "Sister Act 2" which will be presented tonight, Thursday, December 7th, at the Estacado High School auditorium, 1504 East Itasca Avenue, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The play is being sponsored by Quadrant IV schools and the Estacado High School Choral Department. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students with chil-

dren younger than 5 are free. Partial proceeds will benefit the South Plains Food Bank.

This writer is always happy to see programs designed to help our young people. One of those programs, which is sponsored by the City of Lubbock, is the Junior Ambassador Program. Applications have been extended to Friday, January 5, 2007.

This program is for students who will participate in an eight-day trip to Musashino City, Japan and experience Japanese customs and visit historical sites.

For more information, call Brooke Witcher at 775-3086.

Two of our young people did a splendid job participating in the "Hanging of the Green" at Second Baptist Church last Sunday evening, December 3, 2006. They were Robert Hollie, tenor, and Asya Harris, soprano, who sang The Gospel Magnificat. A very special thanks to LeGene Brooks for his work and inspiration on the Gospel Magnificat.

Those Estacado High School Lady Matadors defeated Dripping Springs High School in double overtime at the Concho River Classic last Saturday, December 2, 2006. They won 60-53. Congratulations to those Lady Matadors!

Let us continue to pray for those in our community who are sick and shut-in. Among them include Sister Mary Ella Tucker, Sister Dorothy Nash, and Brother Rudolph Belvin. May God continue to bless each of them as well as others who are ill at this report.

At the same time, let us not forget our families who have lost loved ones. Remember God is able. Continue to put your trust in Him!

The Young People of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will have their Annual Christmas program on Sunday morning, December 17, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Rev. Sonia J. Beaty is pastor. Sister Linda DeVaughn is Youth Director.

Remember the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday afternoon, December 17, 2006, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Rising Star Baptist Church, Rev. H. Culver is pastor.

The monthly meeting is held on the fourth Sunday of each month, but because of the Christmas Holidays, it was moved to the third Sunday in December.

Sister Bennie Sims is president of the Federation of Choirs.

Patricia Ann Rudd

Funeral services for Patricia Ann Rudd are pending at this time.

She passed away Saturday, December 2, 2006 after a lengthy illness in her home where she was under Hospice Care.

She was a born in Fort Stockton, Texas on April

27, 1941. She graduated from Lovington High School in Lovington, New Mexico. She pursued an undergraduate degree at Eastern New Mexico University.

She was married to Taylor Rudd in June 30, 1960. They moved to Lubbock in 1989, and worked with young people in the Lubbock Community. She was a strong supporter of the Teen Publication, an organization designed to help young people.

She was secretary on the Board of Directors of Teen Publications.

For fifteen years, Patricia was employed at the Country Inn Motel. She was also an associate of the Honey Child Catering.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband of 31 years, Taylor Rudd; children: Blane Dyess, Monica White and Latane Rudd-Forester; a brother, Max Bowden; eight grandchildren, and other relatives and many friends.

In Remembrance

Zelma Moore

Services for Zelma Moore will be held today, Thursday afternoon, at 1:00 p. m. at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ with Pastor Ron Guzman officiating.

Moore

Burial will be held at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2006.

She was born in Cameron on July 23, 1937 to Edward Johnson, Sr. and Mrs. Sarah Buntun Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Scottie L. Moore; two sisters, Bettie Flowers and Janie Ruth; and a brother, Elmo Johnson, Sr.

She leaves to mourn her passing: four sons: Dale Hunter and Lonnie Hunter, Jr., both of Lubbock, and Leonard Ray and Michael Hunter, both of Albuquerque, N. M.; two daughters, Loretta Cooper and Dashonda Hunter, both of Lubbock; four sisters: Maebell Myers, Jimmie Lee Johnson, Barbara Flowers, and Mary Helen Hamilton; three brothers: Edward Johnson, Jr., Jimmy "Jim" Johnson, and Walter B. Johnson, all of Lubbock. Last of all, she leaves behind a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Burial will be held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Reed passed away Friday, November 24, 2006, at the University Medical Center.

Funeral services were held last Saturday morning, December 2, 2006, for Goldie Taylor at the Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Chapel.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Mr. Taylor passed away in Covenant Medical Center on Wednesday, November 22, 2006.

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

Lubbock.

Funeral Services for Rev. Herman Phillips were held last Friday afternoon, December 1, 2006, at the Rising Star Baptist Church with Rev. H. Culver, pastor, officiating.

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

Lubbock.

Funeral Services for James A. Williams were held Wednesday afternoon,

December 6, 2006, at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ with Supt. W. David Haynes, pastor, officiating.

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Mr. Williams died in his residence in Hayward, California on Saturday, November 25, 2006.

Lubbock

Rev. Phillips passed away Friday, November 24, 2006, in his residence.

He was the proud pastor of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Crosby, Tex since 1987. He served two terms as the Moderator of the New Zion Baptist District.

He was preceded in death by two children, Herman Phillips, III and Michelle Phillips.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elsie Lee Phillips, and five children: Herman Phillips, Jr., Joyce Battle, Jesse Phillips, Annetta Phillips and Sherrie Phillips.

Willie Lee Reed

Services for Willie Lee Reed were held last Saturday afternoon, December 2, 2006, at Hope Deliverance Temple Church with Elder Charles Tanner, pastor, officiating.

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FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

Diego Dolcini SHIMMERING BOOTS

Who doesn't like to show off a bit? Everyone should have a little fun for the last of the year. He brave and go big, bold and flashy. It's good for the soul. This boot is flaring but it will add fire to a chilly night and warm the soul of others.

They are just that powerful! Silver embroidery and Austrian crystals covers the entire boot. NOW YOU TELL ME LADIES HOW GREAT IS THAT!

Colors are red and black only. Diego Dolcini designed this boot to stop traffic, and it does just that. Sexy pencil thin 3-inch heel and glamorous pierced toe, enhances its charm and personality. Fair warning ladies, if you are shy, this boot is not for you.

Stepping into this boot is like stepping into a chandelier, feet first. It will light up your world.

Find these trendy boots at the South Plains Mall or at any fine department store.

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

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"Food for Fines" at Lubbock libraries

Lubbock Public Library will be accepting donations of canned food for payment of overdue fines December 4 through December 10. For every dollar of overdue fines that are owed, one item of nonperishable food will be accepted. Other fees may not be paid for with canned food. This is an annual event supporting the South Plains Food Bank's holiday food drive.

Locations of the Lubbock Public Library are Mabon, 1306 9th St., Godeke Branch, 6601 Quaker Groves Branch, 5520 19th St., and Patterson Branch, 1836 Parkway Drive. For more information, please call 775-2834.

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27th Women's Annual

Theme: Women of Excellence (Proverbs 31)



Guest Speaker - Evangelist Ruby Holland
Jackson, Mississippi
Friday, 2:00 p.m. - December 8, 2006
Sunday 3:30 p.m. - December 10, 2006



Mother Myra Hayes
Conductor



Mother Gertrude Holmer
Co-Conductor



Mother Wilma James
Co-Conductor



Sister Shirley Davis
1st Lady Lynn Chapel
Facilitator of Fashion

Saturday, December 9, 2006 • 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:45 a.m. - Vendors with Showcase of Fashion and Hats Jewelry

Sunday, December 10, 2006 • 3:30 p.m. Official Service
Women, "Wear your hats!"
Hats will be given away on Sunday.

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Friday, December 15, 2006 7:00 p.m.
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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus

The Worldly Cares Of The Preachers

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

Mark 12:17 - Jesus said, render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.

I was at the home going of my friend, Rev. Herman Phillips, just the other day. He was the Pastor of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Crosbyton, Texas.

Matthew 25:21 - Jesus said, well done you good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord.

At the spirit of the Lord was on fire. It was packed love in that Holy place. Everything was going well as the Lord would have it. As if it was a heavenly space!!!

Luke 15:7a - Jesus said, I say unto you that like wise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repented.

***** God Was Looking For A Sinner That Day *****

Reading of scriptures, the Old and New Testament were done very well. That was A-Okay. Then praying for the Churches, the Family, and the People. The Lord was having His way!!!

Acts 2:2 - Suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

***** The Lord Sat That Place On Fire!!! *****

His favorite song: "I Don't Know What Jesus Is To You." Like the voice of an Angel it was

A-Okay. The family and the people were being blessed, and the spirit of God was having His way.

The Resolutions from other Churches were all read ever so sweet and so well. He was highly favorite of God and the people, and by the spirit, you could tell!!!

******* We Were Enjoying The Spirit Of God That Day!!! *******

Remarks from his son, Jessie Phillips, who told of a car which was so badly wrecked. It couldn't be repaired, I t was like God calling His saint home. There are repairs there!!!

II Corinthians 5:8 - We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body: and to be present with the Lord.

Then Rev. Battle was asked to have words, being a son-in-law in the Phillips family. This is when the Devil stepped in and messed up everything, even before the eulogy!!!

Luke 4:18b-19 - Jesus said, he has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind. Set a liberty them who are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

***** Where Is The Den Of Thieves??? *****

He started out begging for money. This was not the time or place that you could see. Then about 50 people walked out of the Church, and in that crowd includ-

ed me!!!

Psalm 1:1 - Blessed is the man that walk not in the counsel of the un-godly, nor standing in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

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

There is a time and a place which is given for everything that is under the sun, but to raise money at the Homegoing. The people don't know where that came from!!!

Matthew 16:23 - Jesus said, get thee behind me Satan. You are an offense unto me. For you savorest not the things that be of God, but that of men.

As I said, the Devil stepped in, and the spirit of God was robbed of all His Glory. Some ungodly. Maybe also, was Rev. Phillips' neighbor was there and didn't hear God's story!!!

John 12:31-32 - Jesus said, now is the judgment of this world. Now shall the Prince (The Devil) of this world be cast out, and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.

Now if Rev. Battle would have said, at the next convention, we will be asking for money to be raised and given to show love from us, and for the help of the Phillips Family!!!

Romans 8:18 - We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

Fishing In A Conservative Gator Hole

Are you acquainted with Kevin McCullough? Kevin is a Caucasian American who hosts a daily radio show, based in New York. Kevin's show is said to tackle news and current events through a dialogue of faith. Kevin is purported to be a gifted speaker, musician, and an interpreter of current events. To those of his persuasions, he is their voice of reason for their Christian generation.

Immediately, Kevin joined my poppycock list of Conservatives, November 2006. Kevin posted an article "Why is Obama's evil in Rick Warren's pulpit?"

The following expresses the inclination of this Christian beau monde: "Rick Warren, the best selling author of "The Purpose Driven Life" and senior teaching pastor at Saddleback Church in California, has invited Sen. Barack Obama to speak to the congregation of the faithful on Dec. 1, 2006. In doing so, he has joined himself with one of the smoothest politicians of our times, and also one whose wickedness in worldview contradicts nearly every tenet of the Christian faith that Warren professes. So the question is why? Why would Warren marry the moral equivalency of his pulpit - a sacred place of honor in evangelical tradition - to the inhu-

mane, sick and sinister evil that Obama has worked for as a legislator?"

According to press reports, it is because of a mutual respect that each feels toward the other over the HIV/AIDS pandemic on the African continent. That rationale, however, is not only dishonest, but is not even logical given the two distinct positions that the men come to on the matter. Because of this supposed shared concern, Warren is ready to turn over the spiritual mantle to a man who represents the views of Satan at worst of progressive anti-God liberals at best in most of his public positions on the greatest moral tests of our times."

Kevin continues to demonize Barack Obama by saying he "has a long history of defying the intended morality of Scripture. As a state legislator, he actively worked to preserve availability of abortion in a nine months of pregnancy. He opposed parental notification. He opposed any and all bans on partial-birth abortion (an act that includes delivery of the baby up to the head, the crushing of the baby's brain, the suctioning of the brain matter, and then completed delivery of the child's deflated cranium."

Among other things this church musician says is, "Sen. Obama does not share with

evangelicals a belief in moral absolutes. Right and wrong are terms of humor to Obama. All issues are shades of gray."

Barack Obama, Democratic Senator from Illinois, the child of a Black African father from Kenya and white mother from Kansas is a possible candidate for the President of the United States.

In 1988, Obama enrolled at Harvard Law School, graduating magna cum laude in 1991. While he was there, he became the first African American president of the Harvard Law Review.

The reason I would bring this up in my article is a great number of on there way to their beautiful white Heaven white male preachers did not want Rick Warren to let Obama speak from the pulpit because of his views on life which conflict with their supposing heaven going lifestyle. One would have to be a fool to believe what they are fussing about is not the issue that infuriates them or what they are angry or creating a deep divide is to preserve their moral stance. The real issue is his father is a black African from Kenya. I am calling it just as it is. The whole world sees the hypocrisy of these preachers. These people just prepared the soil for the continued growth of Islam in America.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning, December 2, 2006, in the home of our teacher, Sister Elnora Jones. The meeting got underway at 9:00 a.m. with the opening devotion which consisted by a song led by Sister Patricia. The morning scripture was read by Sister Carrie Wheeler, Matthew 2:1-4. Remarks were given by all in attendance. This meeting was the last one held for the year of 2006.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Jones. Her subject was "Walking In The Light". Her scripture text was I John 1:5-10.

This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you that God is the light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have Fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie,

and do not the truth, but if we walk in the light as He is in the light. We have Fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Gospel Message remains the same. Jesus is the light of the world. Without fellowship with God, we live in darkness. We're rushing and pushing as we enter the Christmas Season. We must seek God's face. Don't enter the New Year without God's forgiveness. Don't hold grudges in your heart. Love each other! Walk in the light as dear children, and let your little light shine. Thanks, Sister Jones for this

lesson! The Praise Dance by Sister Patricia was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Why not join us in the upcoming New Year. We're only about prayer. You have nothing to lose. You will only gain by doing so. Will you join us?

For all of you who have lost loved ones, and those who are hurting, we're praying for each of you. A special thanks to all our Saints for reading about us each week.

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are hoping each of you will have a Joy filled Celebration of Our Lord's Birthday!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher; and Sister Rosianna Henderson, secretary.

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were again well attended last Sunday morning, December 3, 2006, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:10 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Harris. The lesson was entitled "Seeking Reconciliation." The lesson passage was Colossians 1:15-

23.

The morning worship hour got underway at 11:15 a.m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Willie Flowers in charge of the morning devotion.

The St. Matthew Baptist Choir sung out of their hearts and souls! What a blessing it is to hear God's praises in songs.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was "Wasting The Whole Day Doing Nothing." His scripture text was

Matthew 20:1-6. What a word!

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members. Those members are Sister Ethel Williams, Sister Oredtha Moore, and Sister Nina Davis.

Thought of the Week: "Happiness is not a destination, but a day-by-day journey!"

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Notice is given that a public hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1625 13th Street, City of Lubbock, on the 19th day of December, 2006 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. The City Council of the City of Lubbock will, at that time, consider amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article XVIII, entitled "Electric Utility Board" as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XVIII OF CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, OUTLINING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF REVENUES OF THE CITY'S ELECTRIC UTILITY; FURTHER DEFINING CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Chapter 1, Article XII, Section 1 of the Lubbock City Charter establishes and outlines certain responsibilities and duties of the Electric Utility Board;

WHEREAS, Chapter 1, Article XII, Section 1 of the Lubbock City Charter required the City Council of the City of Lubbock to pass an ordinance further detailing and outlining the duties of the Electric Utility Board;

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2004, the City Council of the City of Lubbock passed Ordinance Number 2004-00140, amending Sections 2-479 through 2-485 of Chapter 2, Article XVIII of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas detailing the duties and responsibilities of the Electric Utility Board and detailing the procedure for disbursing net revenues of the City's municipally owned electric utility;

WHEREAS, the Electric Utility Board has requested that the City Council amend certain portions as of the above described ordinance as outlined herein;

WHEREAS, Section 2-485 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas outlines the procedures for amending said ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures outlined in Section 2-485 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, the City Council of the City of Lubbock deems that it would be in the best interest of the City of Lubbock and its municipally owned electric utility, Lubbock Power & Light, to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of Lubbock Power & Light by amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lubbock in the following manner; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK

SECTION 1: THAT Section 2-480 (a) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-480. Members, Qualifications.

- a) The number of Board members and their terms are governed by Chapter 1, Article XII, Section 1 of the Lubbock City Charter and shall be considered officers of the City of Lubbock. No Board member shall serve more than three terms. However, for each Board member appointed whose original term was for one year or less, such original term shall not apply towards the three term term-limitation outlined herein. The City Council shall consider extensive business and/or financial experience as a qualification for serving on the Board as well as whether or not the individual is a customer of the City's electric utility provided that service with the City's electric utility is available. The Mayor or the Mayor's appointee shall serve as an *ex officio*, non-voting member of the Board.

SECTION 2: THAT Section 2-482 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby amended by adding subsection (e) to read as follows:

- e). To the extent authorized by law and subject to the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances, the Board shall be responsible for nominating individuals to the City Council for their consideration in appointing individuals to the Board and for appointing individuals to the West Texas Municipal Power Agency.

SECTION 3: THAT Section 2-484 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-484. Disbursement of Net Revenues

Subject to Section 2-484(g), prior to paying any fee equivalent to a franchise fee, making any payment in lieu of taxes, and prior to disbursing any net operating revenues of the City's electric utility, the Board shall first fully meet all current bond reserve and fund obligations contained in any bond issuance and/or covenant for the City's electric utility.

Subject to Section 2-484(g), after providing for sufficient funds to meet the obligations contained in Section 2-484(a) above but prior to reimbursing any other fund of the City, paying any fee equivalent to a franchise fee, making any payment in lieu of taxes, and prior to disbursing any net operating revenues of the City's electric utility, the Board shall first fully fund the following items:

The Board shall maintain sufficient operating cash to satisfy all current accounts payable;

ii) A General Reserve equal to the greater of four months gross retail electric revenue as determined by taking the average monthly gross retail electric revenue from the previous fiscal year or fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00). This reserve fund shall be used for operational purposes, rate stabilization and for meeting the electric utility demand of any rapid or unforeseen increase in residential and/or commercial development.

- c) Following proper funding of the above described funds, the Board shall pay to the City a fee equivalent to a franchise fee and payment in lieu of taxes as required by the City. This fee shall be equal to the lesser of the following:

- i) Five percent (5%) of the gross revenue generated from all retail electric sales; or
ii) Fifty percent (50%) of net income from the most recent audited, unqualified annual financial statements.

- d) Subject to the approval of the Board, any net operating revenues remaining shall be refunded to the ratepayers of the City's electric utility within six months following the fiscal year in which the net revenues are realized. Nothing contained in Section 2-484(g) shall be construed as a cap or limit on the refund outlined in this Section 2-484(d).

- e) This section shall be included in and become a part of each annual budget ordinance of the City of Lubbock.

- f) Reserve amounts, franchise fees, payments in lieu of taxes and refunds to the ratepayers of the City's electric utility shall be based on audited, unqualified financial statements from the most recent completed fiscal year.

- g) Beginning with fiscal year 2006 - 2007 and subject to the approval of the Board, the City's electric utility may refund up to one million dollars and no/100 dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to the ratepayers of the City's electric utility for marketing and competitive purposes as solely determined by the Board.

SECTION 4: THAT Section 2-485 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Lubbock, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-485. Amendments.

To the extent authorized by law and subject to the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances, the Board shall be responsible for recommending any amendments to Chapter 2, Article XVIII of the Code of Ordinances of Lubbock, Texas.

The City Council shall not amend, alter, delete or change any provision contained in this ordinance without first conducting a public hearing following proper notice as described below.

Prior to conducting a public hearing as described above, the City Council shall provide notice of such hearing. The notice must state clearly the time and place of the hearing and must clearly state the proposed amendment, alteration or change. The notice must be published at least thirty days before the date for public hearing and at least once a week for three consecutive weeks. The last day of publication must not be less than one week or more than two weeks before the date of the hearing. The notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation and that is published at least six days a week in the city of Lubbock.

SECTION 5: THAT the City Council finds and declares that sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the Council was posted at a designated place convenient to the public at the City Hall for the time required by law preceding this meeting, that such place of posting was readily accessible at all times to the general public, and that all of the foregoing was done as required by law at all times during which this Ordinance and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

The City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents of posting thereof.

SECTION 6: THAT should any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7: THAT the City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to cause publication of the descriptive caption of this Ordinance as an alternative method of publication provided by law.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED

Passed by the City Council on the first reading on this ____ day of _____, 2006.

Passed by the City Council on the second reading on this ____ day of _____, 2006.

David A. Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Garza, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

W.R. Collier, Chairman
Electric Utility Board

Gary Zheng, Director of Electric Utilities

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew L. Wade, Natural Resources Attorney

Unhappy with your Medicare Plan?

By Bob Goldberg

While the overwhelming majority of senior citizens are happy with their prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D, some have realized that the plan they picked was not what they wanted or needed.

But seniors who fall into this category have good news: From now until Dec. 31, Medicare Part D will offer an "open-enrollment" period, meaning that recipients can change their prescription drug coverage to pick a new plan that better meets their needs.

Unhappy seniors should jump at this opportunity to switch. Many will discover that insurance providers listened to their complaints and are now offering even better plans than before. For example, several plans now cover the much talked about "doughnut hole," meaning that out-of-pocket costs have dropped significantly. Many others have lowered the co-pay for drugs. Finally, more plans have added many new medicines that were approved by the FDA as recently as last month.

All told, seniors will have more opportunity to lower their out of pocket drug costs and tailor their drug plans to their medical needs. So even seniors who are pleased with their drug coverage should examine their options.

Whether they want to sign up for the first time or change plans, seniors shouldn't delay. This open-enrollment period happens only once per year, from Nov. 15 through Dec. 31.

This enrollment period makes Part D different from traditional one-size-fits-all government health plans, where there are no options.

Just look at the prescription drug plan offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which lowers drug prices and reduces costs in three ways. First, by law, the VA can command below-market prices. Second, to reduce prices further, the VA limits the choice of drugs through a national formulary, which offers only 30 percent of the drugs available under Medicare. Finally, the VA delays and limits access to new medicines.

Every drug given "priority" status by the FDA since 1995 is available under Medicare Part D, but not on the VA formulary. For instance, there's a drug called Gleevec that is now first-line therapy against stomach cancer, one of the world's most painful diseases. But before the VA will dispense Gleevec to veterans, they first must try an older drug

known for its harsh side effects. Only if patients fail on that medication can they use Gleevec.

The VA also automatically delays access to new drugs for a year, regardless of whether affected veterans will even live that long. That's why those who are dependent on the VA system lead shorter lives and have access to few of the newest drugs.

The Medicare drug benefit takes the opposite approach. Rather than offering seniors a single price-controlled government plan, it leverages market forces to create competition, which leads to lower prices, better service and more choices. In fact, both Medicare and the Congressional Budget Office found that private competition offers the same savings as a government-run system with more choice and less bureaucracy.

Under Part D, private companies compete for the business of seniors. That's why three out of four seniors enrolled in the Medicare drug program are satisfied, and nearly three-fourths expect their drug costs to stay the same or decrease thanks to the plan. More than four in five seniors say they've had no problems getting their drugs. And because of the program, 20 million seniors who had no previous drug coverage are now insured.

In the coming weeks, seniors should take advantage of the open enrollment period and sign up, or switch to a new plan that better meets their needs. And they should pay attention to any effort Congress makes to take those choices away. Choice is what the new Medicare program - and better health - is all about.

Robert Goldberg is Vice President of The Center for Medicine in the Public Interest.

Last Week's Crossword Puzzle Answers-Mammals

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Jesus Christ died for our sins - 1 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:24
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Believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God - Mark 16:16
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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

GOOD THING TO DO FOR MR. COLVIN! THIS N THAT was glad to see the young people were able to visit with the first principal of the WHEATLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. He is GROVER COLVIN who came on campus to visit with kindergarten students. He talked about his experiences in the U.S. NAVY, serving during World War II and was on an aircraft carrier. It was good to see hear that he talked about how different school was 50 years ago. He also discussed the cost of lessons in those days. MR. COLVIN encouraged the young students to STAY IN SCHOOL and start making plans today to attend college. PRINCIPAL COLVIN told the students he watches over the campus each morning and each evening to make sure these young people would become good students. THIS N THAT wants the present principal, MARGARET RANDLE to know this was a very good gesture teaching young people to appreciate those who have made it possible for them. Thank you MR. GROVER COLVIN!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER ASKS, "Does your LIGHT make a difference in SOMEONE'S LIFE today?"

SUPPORT THE BOY SCOUTS SATURDAY! THIS N THAT is asking as many as can to support the BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA on Saturday morning, December 9, 2006. This is the day that they will come around in the neighborhood to pick up CANNED GOODS on the porches for the needy of our community. The

Scouts will be coming around 9:00 a.m. Don't have any GLASS ITEMS as only canned goods will be picked up. Let's support this worthwhile effort!

SUPPORT ALL WORTHWHILE PROGRAMS!! THIS N THAT is still asking that we SUPPORT all worthwhile programs in the community. If we do so, it will help all of us. Just think what would happen if we would just come together and SUPPORT what benefits us. What do you think we could do if we would just reach out and help someone? As THIS N THAT looks around the community, there are so many opportunities for us to come together and enhance our community and make it a much better place for all of us to live.

CONGRATS, LADY MATA-DORS! THIS N THAT wants to say, "CONGRATS" to the ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL LADY MATADORS for winning the CONCHO RIVER CLASSIC GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT last week in San Angelo by defeating DRIPPING SPRINGS. It is just good to see these young ladies doing such an outstanding job this year. Just keep on doing what you are doing, and you will reach many levels in life! THIS N THAT is hoping you will continue as a team and any goal is possible.

HAVE YOU VISITED A PUBLIC SCHOOL?? THIS N THAT is still asking all who will to go and visit our public schools, as our young people will be glad to see you on their campus. Some have

asked, why does THIS N THAT keep inviting as many as can attend. It is done because these young people are our valuable assets, and we want them to know we really appreciate EACH OF THEM. This can be a great opportunity for all of us, and if we can have enough time, then we can even eat during the lunch hour, if it meets with approval of the administration.

SPEAKING OF SUPPORT, SUPPORT MLK CELEBRATION! THIS N THAT is asking all of us who can to SUPPORT the upcoming MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION. If there ever was a time, this is a must for all of us to do so! The late DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. contributed so much to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. As Black people, let's do what we can to make this an outstanding holiday for all of us. Let the entire community know that as BLACK PEOPLE, we support the BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Hopefully, others will understand how we really feel about this holiday. Will you continue to SUPPORT DR. KING'S BIRTHDAY??

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHER ERVIN! THIS N THAT is sending a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to one of our long-time residents. He is BROTHER CLARENCE ERVIN who celebrates his 80TH BIRTHDAY on December 12, 2006. He was born December 12, 1926. THIS N THAT says, "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHER CLARENCE ERVIN!!"



Think About It!

Thanksgiving 2006

by Eddie P. Richardson

(Editor's Note: We are foregoing our column this week to run this editorial from our friend, Dorothy Levelle of The Chicago Crusader as editor and publisher in Chicago, Illinois, and Gary, Indiana. Even though it is a little late, it gives one a lot to think about especially if you are Black or African American. It is a little late, but it is very relevant.

Another Thanksgiving Day in America is upon us. This time, we cannot claim ignorance and/or innocence when it comes to the way that early Americans treated Native Americans in the beginning. It is now known that we cheated them out of food, and contributed to their demise in various and sundry ways. Because of this, there is the question of whether or no African Americans should celebrate Thanksgiving Day due to the brutal behavior of Americans during the nascent days of this nation's beginning. The answer is a resounding YES! Why?

The answer is simple - evolution is a fact, and even though the undeveloped precursors of white America misused and abused the Native Americans, today, a greater spiritual understanding of life mandates that we honor the bounty that we have been gifted with.

It has often been the case that unfortunate circumstances have resulted in unexpected positive benefits. This is certainly the case with the concept of Thanksgiving. This is a no-brainer! It is a wise and prudent to give thanks for the success that we have enjoyed as well as

for the gifts that we have been given.

African Americans, though undeniably the victims of discrimination, have been able to achieve at the highest levels of nature. Whether this is attributed to spiritual intercessors or to personal fortitude, the fact of the matter is that African Americans have reached the pinnacles of success in every area of endeavor visited. It is surprising, and alarming to some, that African Americans have influenced every aspect of American, and, indeed, the world's cultures. Though subjected to the most inhumane system of slavery recorded, African Americans have been able to rise to unprecedented heights! And this is in every field of endeavor.

Because of the foregoing, there is something to be said about the impact that adversity has on a people or on persons. Adversity can be the agent of positive change, and though we would prefer that this is not the case, the fact of the matter is that it is. African Americans have excelled in every area that has caught the fancy of the members of the dark populace. This should translate into a message to the populace at large - oppression cannot hold back those who have the resolve to overcome, to achieve.

This Thanksgiving season, if nothing else, we should give thanks for the knowledge that we cannot be held back if we have the resolve to succeed, no matter how strong the obstacle(s).

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by Renetta Howard

It has not been long ago that concerned Americans felt that the American troops in Iraq should be withdrawn. As a matter of fact, everyone now knows that they should never have gone over there in the first place. Once it was known that a gross mistake had been made, that was the time to withdraw the troops from Iraq.

The withdrawal of the troops from Iraq has played a major part in the mid-term elections, especially the loss of seats in Congress by Republicans from many states. Once again, our President is still set on keeping troops in Iraq against the good judgment of a panel organized to study the situation and request the withdrawal of the troops.

From the outset, things were calm in Iraq compared to how things are now since the troops from

the United States and its allies invaded and knocked down Saddam's Statue. About the only thing which has fallen since then has been military personnel from the United States. The differences between the ethnic groups in Iraq have escalated and the civil war which was a cold war before the American troops went in is now in full bloom. The government which was supposed to be in place is now crumbling and our troops are in the midst of this.

It appears that we did not learn much from the Korean or Vietnam conflicts. The countries were divided and in an attempt to spread democracy, American intervention was inevitable. We will have to learn the hard way that all people of the world do not want democracy. Some other forms of government are better for some other people. Just as we cannot make all people be Christians, we cannot make all people embrace democracy even if we are certain that it might be best for

everyone. Now that the Democrats have control of both houses of Congress, it is hoped by many that they will find a way to get the troops home. The President is the Commander-in-Chief of the armed services, but Congress holds the purse strings to troop support. The President and Congress need to get together and work out some beneficial strategy to get our troops home, soon! We need to get 'in cinque' and realize that there is no graceful exit from an episode which should never have taken place. We need to just leave!

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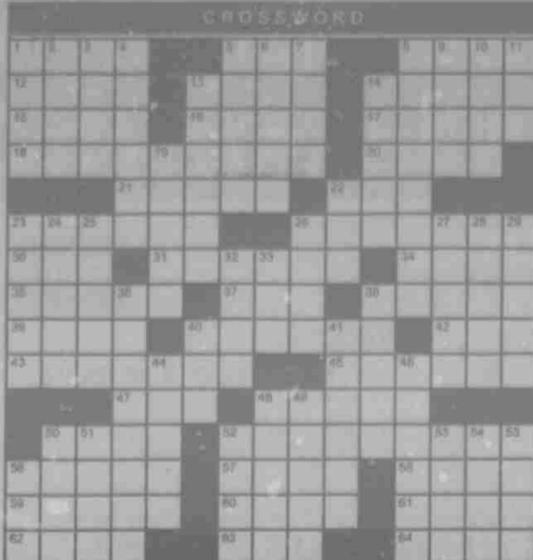
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 16. One who speaks Afrikaans
 17. S-shaped moldings
 18. He has a "Heart of Gold"
 20. Lynn's dad mined it
 21. Jumped
 22. ___ Goo Dolls
 23. 2000 groupie movie "___ Famous"
 26. Mozart's middle name
 30. Unit of length of yarn
 31. German clothing brand, especially popular in 80s
 34. Jazz vocalist Fitzgerald
 35. Site of famous Orwell book, pl.
 37. Portable trough for carrying loads on shoulder
 38. Common threat of the neck
 39. Song for solo voice
 40. Bowl hosting this year's national championship college football game
 42. Adherent of Taoism
 43. Usually used with goggles
 45. Fifth and highest element after air, earth, fire, water, pl.
 47. McCartney/Jackson hit "Say Say ___"
 48. Spanish Renaissance painter
 50. ___ face Capc. se
 52. He never wrote a tenth symphony
 56. Major taxonomic group of animals and plants
 57. 1/36th of a yard
 58. Basic monetary unit in the Philippines
 59. A student's typical stay around the holidays
 19. Many affirmatives
 60. First black female Secretary of State
 61. But not least
 62. Webber's feline musical
 63. Popular 1950s actress Sandra
 64. Toward the lee

DOWN

1. Tchaikovsky's lake
2. European sea eagle
3. Hindu princess
4. Houston had a problem with #13
5. Respiratory disease of children
6. Jerry Maguire, e.g.
7. Mountain in German
8. Mother Teresa was one
9. Chief solid of urine
10. Main longitudinal beam of ship hull
11. Suffix that turns prince into princess
13. Lusitania's offender, pl.
14. Cuckoo for these puffs!
22. Greenwich time
23. Original name of this Italian auto manufacturer, pl.
24. Gain knowledge
25. Nintendo mascot
26. A virus more prevalent in Africa than any other region in the world
27. High society
28. Relating to the ulna
29. Powdery starch from certain palms, pl.
32. Lil's Rugrat brother
33. Caviare
36. Prominent family of modern jazz
38. Evolved from pocket to wrist
40. Slightly insane
41. Grow teeth
44. Pure gold has 24, sing.
46. Ballyhoo
48. Can make your wishes come true
49. Reconnaissance
50. Branch of Islam
51. Often found as a lump in the body
52. Sax great and leader of bop style jazz
53. Meat often condemned by animal rights activists
54. German "Ich ___" for "I eat"
55. Represents duration and pitch in music
56. Type of plumbing pipe



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Lubbock's Best Dressed Black Men & Women

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