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NATIONAL SCENE

More than \$7 million for black church burnings

The National Council of Churches recently announced it has collected more than \$7.7 million in cash and kind gifts and pledges for its Burned Churches Fund, which will help congregations rebuild their arsoned or desecrated houses of worship and work to address the racism underlying the burnings. The Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, the group's general secretary, has estimated that the restoration of burned and desecrated African-American churches and other houses of worship will take approximately \$12 million. NCC officials said the cost of action against perpetrators and promoting community dialogue about racism. The NCC has been in the forefront of investigating the more than 45 church burnings happening during the past two years, the vast majority of which are happening at black churches. Meanwhile, Arkansas authorities at NNPA deadline were investigating a black church burning there. CBC hosts S.A. deputy president

All-white groups forming to battle racism

Remember when Malcolm X said that the best way for whites to battle racism was to start with themselves, in their own communities? Well, check this out from The Austin American-Statesman, a major white paper in the Lone Star State, about a new activist trend among whites: "They are peace movement veterans, upwardly mobile professionals, struggling filmmakers, Generation Xers with a cause, parents and single folks. But they have two things in common: They are white, and they are committed to fighting racism by banding together to work on the problem...The new wrinkle is that white people are forming groups that either ban members of minority groups from participation or that have few minority members so they can concentrate on soul-searching on the issues of race...The groups (have) names like White Allies: Healing the Wounds of Racism and Men Against Racism and Sexism."

Shaq! Shaq! Shaq!

"I...am...Kazaam!" basketball player/rapper/actor/one-man-corporation Shaquille O'Neal says in his latest movie about a black hip-hop genie (O'Neal, of course) who befriends a young white boy. However, some people might say other exclamations which rhyme with O'Neal's role when they hear of the money the 24-year-old has gotten to move from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers. The amount: \$120 million over the next seven years. Reports the Associated Press: "Before the 7-foot-1 center plays for the Los Angeles Laker this fall, O'Neal will go before cameras in the action-adventure movie 'Steel' (about a black superhero), release his third rap album and oversee the debut of S.H.U.B., a young hip-hop trio O'Neal helped discover." Talk about "This is my planet!"

Scott Murderer Still at Large

(Editor's Note: It has been 13 years, as of Aug. 18, since the body of Mrs. Luella Mildred Sparks was found in her home. This issue is in memory of her death. Maybe, just maybe, the person or persons responsible for this crime will be caught one day. We pray to God for this to happen.)

The following is a reprint of the story which appeared in the Southwest Digest Thursday, Aug. 23, 1983, and Thursday, Aug. 15, 1985)

In less than fifteen years, a tragedy has struck the Scott family three times. This time it was Mrs. Luella Mildred Sparks Scott, age 57, of 1801 East 26th Street. In 1969, her nine-year-old daughter, Renee, was killed from a home accident when fallen glass struck her. Later, her son, George Jr., was killed in an automobile accident in Houston in 1978, a few days before his 26th birthday.

The former wife of George Scott, II, Mrs. Scott's body was found in a bedroom of her residence about 10:30 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 18th) by two friends and a co-worker.

This trio, according to the police report, met Lubbock police at the Scott residence. Police learned, after talking to the witnesses, that Mrs. Scott did not turn up at her work Wednesday at the Lubbock State School.

One of the witnesses told police that Mrs. Scott did not show up for work Wednesday and on Thursday she became worried about her. At that time, the witness said she called her house all during the day, but did not get an answer. She told police this is when she notified the other two witnesses and had them to meet her at the east Lubbock residence.

The witness went on to say when they arrived at the Scott residence, it appeared that all the lights were on in the house. They knocked on the door in an attempt to locate Mrs. Scott, but to

no avail. They could not locate Mrs. Scott. They went to the back door which was located in a fenced-in area, and knocked. The witness said, "There was still no answer."

At this time, all three opened the glass door, which was unlocked. All said they entered the house and found Mrs. Scott lying in the southeast bedroom nude.

They summoned the other witness and she came in. All knew Mrs. Scott was dead. This is when they phoned the Lubbock police.

Justice of the Peace L.J. Blalock ruled the death a homicide, the city's 23rd of the year and the third in less than a week.

Although two witnesses told police they had seen Mrs. Scott on Wednesday morning at about 10 a.m., police believe it is possible for her to have been killed as early as Tuesday evening upon her arrival from the Lubbock State School.

As of this time, police have no motive for the brutal slaying of the Lubbock woman. Her billfold and some keys still remain missing, however.

Hundreds of Lubbockites and out-of-town friends and associates attended the funeral service Tuesday afternoon (Aug. 23, 1983) at the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. J.H. Ford, officiating. Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of the Jamison & Son Funeral Home.

An autopsy revealed that Mrs. Scott had five stab wounds on her body, and had been beaten. A native of Corsicana, TX, she taught school in Frederick, OK. In the public school. In 1953, she moved to Lubbock, where she taught school for several years.

Mrs. Scott was a member of the Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church, the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Lubbock Association for Retarded Children, the



Lubbock Branch of the NAACP, the International Women's Club, and the Dorcas Missionary Society.

At one time, she served as board member of the Lubbock Opportunities Industrialization Center (LOIC) and other local efforts.

She is survived by her former husband, George Scott, II, of Lubbock, mother, Mrs. Geneva Jackson of Los Angeles, CA., step mother, Mrs. Adelle Sparks of Oklahoma City, OK, sister, Mrs. Inez Alex of Los Angeles, stepson, Donald J. Scott of Monterey, CA; two granddaughters, Tara of Lubbock and Jeanette of Monterey, CA; one uncle, Willie Houston of Wichita Falls, TX., and many other relatives and friends.

Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of delta Sigma Theta Sorority held an Omega Memorial Monday evening in Mrs. Scott's honor.

The family suggests memorials to the Renee, George Scott, III, and Luella Scott Memorial Fund for retarded Children at First Federal Savings and Loan Bank.

Tsepo Williams jumps well in Dallas!



Tsepo Williams, a 1996 graduate of Estacado High School, recently attended the USA Junior Track Regional held in Dallas where he qualified for Nationals with a jump of 22'10". The National USA Jr. Olympics were held July 23-28 in Houston, TX. Tsepo had jumps of 23'5", 23'7", 24'1/2" and 24'11/2" to earn him a bronze medal finish in a field of 42 competitors from 22 states. Tsepo will be attending Texas Tech this fall where he plans to try out for the track team. We all wish you good luck with your future plans.

Co-Medical Directors for Hospices family Care, Inc. Named



Dwight D. Hood, M.D.

Hospice Family Care, Inc. is pleased to announce the association of Dwight D. Hood, M.D., and Craig Bradley, M.D. as Co-Medical Directors for the organization. As co-medical directors for Hospice Family Care, Inc., Dr. Hood and Dr. Bradley will certify, along with the attending physician, a

patient's eligibility for hospice care and benefits, with a probable prognosis of six months or less of life.

They will also participate as members of the hospice interdisciplinary group, and provide consultation to team members regarding patient care. Other members of the group may include: a registered nurse, social worker, pastor, volunteer, and/or counselor.

Dr. Hood and Dr. Bradley will also serve as professional liaisons with the patient's attending physician to support the hospice philosophy, assuring that admissions, physicians orders, and treatments are appropriate and palliative.

Dr. Dwight Hood is currently the physician at Chatman Community Health Center, a neighborhood primary care clinic operated by University Medical

Center. He is board certified in family medicine. Dr. Hood received his medical degree from TTUHSC School of Medicine, where he also completed his residency in family medicine. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology at Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

Dr. Hood is a member of American Association of Family Practitioners, American College of Sports Medicine, Texas Medical Association, and New Mexico Medical Society.

Dr. Craig Bradley is currently a family practice physician, including obstetrics, at the Levelland Clinic. He is board certified in family medicine. Dr. Bradley received his medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He completed his residency in family medicine at TTUHSC. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

Dr. Bradley is a member of the American Academy of Family Practitioners, Texas Association of Family Practitioners, American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, and the Hockley County Medical Society.



Craig Bradley, M.D.

Promoting American Renewal



NAACP. Joining them are, from left, Dennis Hayos, General Counsel, NAACP; Arthur Mallory, Manager, Community Relations, Philip Morris Companies Inc. and Keith W. Watters, Presidents, National Bar Association. Gantt lost the 1990 election for the Senate by a 53 to 47 percent margin to Jesse Helms. Pollsters say the race in November will be even closer. Gantt's speech concentrated on the renewal of American values.

Mrs. Myrlie Evers-Williams, second from right, Chairperson of the Board of the NAACP, welcomes Harvey Gantt, center, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate from North Carolina to the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., Memorial Luncheon in Charlotte, N.C., during the 87th Annual Convention of the

Weeds! Weeds! Weeds!

The timing of the rain and hot weather has caused a severe weed problem this summer.

Inspections are being made by the City inspectors and most properties with 50% of their lot with weeds taller than 12" have been cited. If these properties are not mowed within a period of time specified on the notice sent to the property owners, the city will send mowers to the property and bill the owner for the work.

The City of Lubbock is also mowing properties it owns, which include Urban Renewal lots, Lubbock County Appraisal District lots and private property where the owner cannot be located. These should be completed by next week, weather permitting.

All citizens are encouraged to keep the weeds on their properties mowed to Keep Lubbock Beautiful.

Combust says Agriculture Chairmanship will be Decided with Fairness

WASHINGTON, D.C.-While speculation may continue over the selection of the next chairman of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee, U.S. Representative Larry Combust (R-Texas) expressed confidence that the chairmanship will be determined with fairness. On Friday, a letter of support from House Speaker Newt Gingrich on behalf of a former Oregon congressman declared that if he returned to Congress now after his retirement two years ago, the House Agriculture Committee chairmanship would be his, based on seniority. Both Combust and the former member, Bob Smith, began service on the House Agriculture Committee in 1985, but Smith's term in Congress began in 1983, two years ahead of Combust and a step ahead of Combust in seniority. In the absence next year of the Agriculture Committee's three more senior members, Combust as fourth-senior, would be next in line among those currently in Congress. However, Combust also noted that as of late Friday, Bob Smith had not yet decided whether to seek office again, depending on whether Oregon's current representative plans to leave Congress.

"Bob Smith and his family understandably would want to know how his seniority would be affected if he returned after a two-year absence," said Combust. "My distress for which the Speaker, the Majority Leader and others apologized for was in not informing me of the support letter to Bob Smith before it was released publicly. There is much support in Congress for Bob to return, none stronger than mine. Should Oregon's Bob Smith make a return to Congress, he and I would be evenly matched in seniority on the Ag Committee, but the tie-breaker is Bob's position ahead of me on the House Agriculture Committee. The selection of chairman, I believe, will be made fairly. If Bob Smith returns to Congress next year, his one step in seniority will make him chairman, and if that is the case, I look forward to serving with him as the Committee's Vice Chairman."

In Sudan, AIDS puts dent in early marriages

Because of the rising tide of AIDS in Sudan, the practice of older men marrying younger women, an average of eight years younger, is on the decline. This fear of AIDS has created the belief among the Sudanese people who are thin may have the disease. Reports the IPS wire service: "The director of the National AIDS committee in the Ministry of Health has urged communities in the South (region of the African nation) to form local groups to prevent the spread of HIV which causes AIDS, and to better educate each other on the disease. Bahr El Jebel, Western Equatoria and Eastern Equatoria are southern states where the prevalence of AIDS is reported to be high. The disease has become strong competition for the once attractive lure of early marriages-the dowry (bride price)."



Ruby Jay's Corner

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Ave., is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and rev. Billy R. Motoni is the proud pastor.

Services were wonderful last Sunday morning with everything beginning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. It was Youth Sunday and they were in charge of the services all day. The youth did another wonderful job. Brother Isaiah Skief served as the presiding superintendent.

After 30 minutes of instruction, the classes reassembled to the auditorium singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus." The high points of the lesson were given by the Senior class with Sister Margaret Moton as teacher. The students gave a wonderful review.

Secretary's Report-Youth Department-Senior Class received both banners. Adult Department-Class No. 4 received both banners.

There was one visitor in Sunday School. She was a cousin to Sister Lena Sheffield, who has come to live with Sister Sheffield. She comes from Austin, TX. She was just overjoyed with the services.

The 10:45 a.m. devotional period was conducted by the Youth Department of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Following the processional by the choir, altar prayer was offered by rev. Jeff Brown. A song, "I'm Pressing My Way," was sung. The scripture and prayer were given and the singing of "We Worship Your Holy Name." Responsive reading was done with the congregation standing.

The morning hymn was "I'll Fly Away," and was sung by the congregation. Pastoral observations were given by pastor Moton. Pastor Moton brought greetings from the Association which was held in Mineral Wells, TX last week. Little Miss Kendra Williams won the title of "Little Miss West Texas for 1996." Congratulations are in order for young Sister Williams.

Another song, "What Friend," was sung. The hymn of preparation was "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "An Exhortation to Prayer-If You Don't Know How." His scripture lesson 100th Psalms. Sunday was a good time to learn. It was a soul stirring sermon.

An invitation discipleship was extended and no one came forward. Sister Deandrea Wilburn welcomed visitors which included Lisa Skief.

Sister Dotsey McBride thanked everyone for their precious prayers as she reports Larry has come home from the hospital. She was present at church last Sunday morning with smiling colors. She also sells bar-b-que dinners at her home for only \$5.25 per plate.

She sells them from 1 p.m. until they are gone each Saturday.

Brother Hardin Barrow and Brother Edison Jarmon are home from the hospital. At this report, both are doing much better. Thank God!

Brother Prentis Dyer has been moved to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, TX.

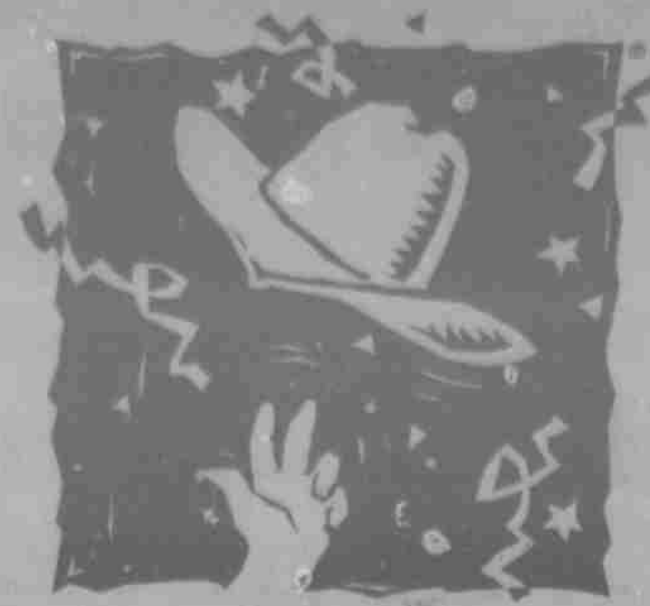
Let us keep praying for all of those who are ill this week. Keep in mind that God is able.

To the members of the Emma Steven's family: Look up and think how long God let you be with her. God is still on the throne.

Remember Sister Igie Scott and Sister G.H. Davis who is a resident in a nursing home.

Annual Men's Day is getting closer and closer every day. Greet the men with a smile, your hand and your pocket book. So don't forget Sunday, Sept. 15. Please don't miss it! If you do forget, then Brother Cork and Brother Stokley will be very unhappy.

Cedie and Casey Jay got a weekend visit in Amarillo, TX with some nursery children. Their mother, Chantell Jay, also enjoyed it. As Mother Chantell was a little lonesome.



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Obituary

Mr. Vivian Louise Johnson
Funeral services were held for Mrs. Vivian Louise Johnson at the 28th and Birch Church of Christ with Minister Dennis B. T. officiating and Brother Roderick Davis officiating Wednesday, July 31, 1996.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Palbearers were Gordon Harris, Leon Hardaway, David L. Hardaway, Jonathan Tubbs, Patrick Todd, Rick Fodd and Jeffrey Brown.

Honorary pallbearers were her sons, David Johnson, Wesley Johnson, Willie B. Johnson, James Johnson, Elsie Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, Benjamin Johnson and Elright Johnson.

February 19, 1922, a daughter was born to the late Willie B. and Eva Ross. Vivian was the oldest of seven children. She was born and raised in Madisonville, Texas. She attended public school in Madisonville, Texas. Her grandparents also preceded her in death.

She obeyed the Gospel and became a Christian at an early age. She was a homemaker. Vivian was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, auntie and a friend to many. She was also loved by many.

She leaves to celebrate her homegoing: three daughters: Margaret Allen, Louise Coleman and Patricia Johnson, all of Lubbock, Texas; five daughters preceded her in death: Eva Johnson,

Sandra Gibbs, Verla Hardaway, Mary Ann Johnson and Betty Johnson; eight sons: Benjamin, U.S. Army, New York, N.Y., Willie B., Moses Lake, Washington, Jimmy, DeWitt, Oklahoma, Elsie and Elright, Houston, Texas, David, Wesley, and James, all of Lubbock, Texas. Three sons preceded her in death: Johnny, Willie D. and Otis Johnson.

Her sisters: Eva Mack, Dorothy McDowell, Ester Cleveland, all of Lubbock, Texas, and Marie Goodwin of Houston, Texas; brothers: Willie Ross, Jr., Johnny Ross, James Ross, and Wesley Ross, all of Lubbock, Texas, and Kenneth G. Ross of Las Vegas, Nevada. One brother, Leslie Ross, preceded her in death. A loving aunt, Cassie, Texas, of Lubbock, Texas; thirty-four grandchildren, fifty great-grandchildren, eleven great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Chester Jordan
Final rites were held for Chester Jordan last month at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J.H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Palbearers were E.J. Johnson, Vernon Maden, Dennis Saunders, Van Ray McCuen, Lee Edward Maden, and Eddie Maden.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the St. Luke Deacon and Trustees.

Mr. Jordan was born Aug. 11, 1923 to the parents of Mr. Chester and Mrs. Samie Jordan in Joplin, Missouri.

He spent his early life in Kansas City, Missouri where he attended school and was baptized in the St. Stephen Church in Kansas City, Mo. He drove the church bus to the district, state and national meetings for many years. Mr. Jordan was visible in the workings of his church home.

In 1969, Mr. Jordan moved to Los Angeles, California where he continued to be a faithful church attendant.

In 1977, he married Mrs. Betty McCuen and the couple moved to Lubbock, TX in 1989. He united with the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church where he remained until his death.

Mr. Jordan served in World War II where he received a Victory Medal and American Campaign Medal. After three years, he was honorably discharged.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Mrs. Betty Jordan of Lubbock, TX; two sons, Jason Hughes Jordan of Kansas City, Missouri and William Nichols of Lubbock, TX; one sister, Mrs. Wanda Green of Kansas City, Missouri; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Regina Nichols of Lubbock and Mrs. Joselyn Hughes of Kansas City, MO; six grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends.

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1996-97 Income Eligibility Guidelines Free and Reduced-Price Meals

LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Lubbock Independent School District offers free or reduced-price meals for children from families whose income is at or below guideline levels. Eligible families may apply at each campus at the beginning of the school year. Foster children are also eligible for the benefits.

A letter from Superintendent Curtis Culwell, containing information on the free or reduced-price meals, will be distributed to students to take home to parents. In the operation of the child-feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Under provisions of the free or reduced-price meal policy, all applications will be reviewed by the local Director of Food Services at 3501 Avenue G. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. The request should be directed to Darwin Hilliard, Executive Director of Purchasing and Contract Services, 1628 19th Street, telephone 766-1098. The school district's policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

The following income guidelines will be used to determine the eligibility for free or reduced-price meals:

1996-97 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Family Size	Annually		Monthly		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price
1	\$10,062	\$14,319	\$839	\$1,194	\$194	\$276
2	\$13,408	\$19,166	\$1,123	\$1,598	\$259	\$369
3	\$16,874	\$24,013	\$1,407	\$2,002	\$325	\$462
4	\$20,280	\$28,860	\$1,690	\$2,406	\$390	\$555
5	\$23,686	\$33,707	\$1,974	\$2,809	\$456	\$649
6	\$27,092	\$38,554	\$2,258	\$3,213	\$521	\$742
7	\$30,498	\$43,401	\$2,542	\$3,617	\$587	\$835
8	\$33,904	\$48,248	\$2,826	\$4,021	\$652	\$928
9	\$37,310	\$53,095	\$3,110	\$4,425	\$718	\$1,022
10	\$40,716	\$57,942	\$3,394	\$4,829	\$784	\$1,116
11	\$44,122	\$62,789	\$3,678	\$5,233	\$850	\$1,210
12	\$47,528	\$67,636	\$3,962	\$5,637	\$916	\$1,304
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IN CINQUE

by Renetta W. Howard

Chasing soccer balls, basketballs, T-balls, softball, hockey pucks and other balls as well as just chasing, running track, high jumping, long jumping and every imaginable sport activity which could possibly lead to college scholarship or an opportunity to participate in the Olympics, is being pursued by children of all ages who are able to crawl, toddle, walk or run. Some of the children whom are involved in these ball activities are really glad to be involved and enjoy the various activities. That is good. These are the same children whom should pursue serious involvement in sports activities and careers in their favorite sports.

On the other hand, there are children involved in ball activities because their parents have some kind of notion that the involvement will keep them off the streets and out of trouble. So they push their children into the activities and drag them around town, the region and the state to participate in these sports activities. Large sums of money are spent on some of these sports. In addition to the fees connected with being involved in the sports, many parents hire 'personal trainers' for their children for some sports, paying at an hourly rate for their expertise.

Aside from being dragged around town on an almo.; daily basis, these children are fed 'fast food' which give them plenty of energy but no nutrition and ultimately shows itself in less-than-best school achievements.

To burst the bubble about sports activities keeping children out of mischief, our children who can read, as well as parents, need only to look at the daily headlines and news items on the sports pages of the newspapers or listen to the television news to realize that professional sports participants are being indicted and sent to jail every week. Some of them are our children's heroes. It is time to get 'in cinque' and jump those zeroes and find out who the real heroes are and take our children off that ball-chasing merry-go-round!

Buy Own Build!!!

By Eddie P. Richardson



If there ever was a time for us to stop concentrating on moaning and groaning, whining about what they won't do for me or us and redirect our thinking to what can I do for self? And how?

East Lubbock's tone has been set for building and rebuilding itself after over 40 years of standing still and decline. Could you believe after years of hard work by David Sawell and others that dedicated to economic development some low lived or negative minded person or persons broke a window at the Canyon Lakes credit Union its hard to imagine, could it be an insider or outsider?

We think and appreciate the merchants and businesses that remained in East Lubbock and are grateful to the new United Supermarket and others who will follow, East Lubbock is on the move.

Citizens first and then the law enforcement agencies will not stand by and let dope, gangs and stupid violence stop or slow down this long over due positive progress and growth. The negative must go, the positive must grow. The most important thing to

remember for our long denied communities to become self sustaining and competitive at the Market Place the leadership must come from within, no one can or will do for us what we must do for ourselves.

For us to be compliant at the market place with our goods and services the citizens must take charge of our communities, the tax payer property owners, not the bangers claiming turf, not paying tax, owning property and claiming turf makes no sense should not be, must not be. As far as claiming and reclaiming our communities the neighborhood must stand up and be counted and say and mean it enough is enough.

The mood is right, the atmosphere is right, and the time is now the tone has been set, we have more house tops in East Lubbock in the past year than we have had in the last 40+ years. To truly become a part of the American dream economically. We must buy, own and build to be truly a part. To collectively strive and not just survive. We have to tie our ropes together and pull together in the same direction for the good of all of us and take as our personal creed "If it is to be it is up to me" and live by it.

THIS N THAT

It was a very good vigil!! This N That...and about...seventy-five other citizens...including Mayor David Langston...City Commissioner Gilbert Flores...Criminal District Attorney Bill Sowder...Lubbock County Sheriff Sonny Keese...Lubbock Police Chief Kenneth Walker...all came together at the...corner of East Zenith Ave. and East Colgate Ave. to Thank God...for what has happened over the past year...and to reflect where we must go...to keep control of our community...with nearly 85 percent...of those who are incarcerated in some prison...they have not graduated from high school...and unless we find a way to keep these kids in school...then twenty years from this day...we'll still be holding some vigil...! Anyway...it was a very good effort last Friday evening...and much was accomplished...The members of Reach One Teach One...brought this program together...and hopefully their goal of...one hundred marches...against drugs and gangs...will be a reality...At present time...there have been forty marches...just sixty marches from home...with no deadline to reach this goal...No doubt about it...it was a very good vigil!! Look for the beginning of marches in September!!

How many will remain!! This N That...has been counting exactly who will remain on the...Lubbock City Council...after...Senator John T. Manford...our present senator in Austin...accepts the position as...The first Chancellor of Texas Tech University...Of course...there will be several who seek his position...but the impact will be two other races...could be three if State Rep. Robert Duncan...runs for the position...but...This N That...don't believe St. Rep. Duncan will see this position...but could be wrong...Sure...State Rep. Delwin Jones...will seek the position...and since it will be less than 90 days before the general election in November...then the special election will probably be held in January, 1997...thus making it possible for...State Rep. Jones...and State Rep. Duncan (if he runs)...to hold their seats...and not worry about the outcome...But it looks different on the...Lubbock City Council side of the House...No doubt about it...Mayor David Langston...will seek the senatorial position...thus vacating his position...At this time...from what we've learned...City Councilwoman Wendy Sitton...is campaigning to become mayor...while we believe...City Councilman Randy Neugabauer...is eying the mayoral post...This N That...can't leave out...City Councilman Max Ince...who we believe would like to become mayor...This leaves...Mayor Protem Alex "Tye" Cooke...and City Councilman T.J. Patterson...who appear to be just waiting for the...Musical chairs...to start turning...Anyway...let's just wait and see...and should be very interesting...

If you're selling crack in Chatman Hill, better quit! This N That...has received info about some people...allegedly selling crack...in Chatman Hill...and we hope this is not true...If so...we will tell that story...D.C. Kinner the Barber says: "If you are...registered to vote...you'd better so now...because...November,

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No doubt many parents and students are getting ready for college this time of the year. College is one of the most expensive investments that a total family makes. Your Better Business Bureau suggests that you be wary of those companies that offer to give your student a grant or loan but you have to send in money in order to find out what it is. These companies are only selling information, they do not loan money and the likelihood of them having grants is pretty remote. One of your best resources is the financial aid office at the college your student decides to attend. The college itself has many sources of funds for aiding college-bound students. Your high school counselor is also a good resource of information. They receive information every day about grants, scholarships and loans from which students can tap into. For further help, your BBB has a pamphlet called "Tips on Financial Aid for College" that is available free by calling 763-0459 or (800)687-7890.

Are Blacks Soft on Crime?

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson, Ph.D.

There is an old myth that blacks are softer on crime than whites. But a recent survey by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington-based black-oriented think tank, tells a different story. The Center found an overwhelming majority of blacks favor stiffer laws and sentences for drug use and violent crime. More than 70 percent of blacks surveyed support three strikes laws and nearly 50 percent backed the death penalty.

But old myths die hard. The Joint Center survey probably won't be enough to convince many whites that blacks don't allow racial sympathies to blur their judgement and objectivity when it comes to dealing with black criminals.

For instance, I remember when during the O.J. Simpson trial many media commentators and legal analysts were certain that the predominantly African-American jury was impeached, 70 percent predicted that the jury would deadlock or vote to acquit Simpson based solely on race.

Some experts openly said an acquittal would be payback for the failure of a jury with no blacks to convict the four LAPD officers that beat Rodney King. Others assured that a Simpson acquittal would be revenge for centuries of racial mistreatment of blacks. The jurors protested that they acquitted Simpson because of lack of evidence, not his color. Even if race was a factor which it most certainly was—there is no hard evidence, that blacks reflexively vote to acquit black defendants. Black jurors, in fact, regularly vote to send black defendants to prison.

A defense attorney I know found this out the hard way. He told me that he would do anything to get as many blacks on the jury in a murder case involving his black client. He reasoned that they were more likely to vote for acquittal. He partly got his wish when a predominately black jury was seated. The

jury, however, convicted his client and recommended the death penalty.

Some blacks use the same false logic as this attorney when they call on black jurors to "nullify" evidence and acquit black drug users to pre-test "racially biased" drug prosecutions. The chances of this happening are slim. Blacks are acutely aware that once in the jury box they are under great public scrutiny to make sure they don't tilt toward black defendants. Black jurors often put more emphasis on the evidence presented by prosecutors and are particularly sensitive to the testimony of the defendants.

This shouldn't be a surprise. The victims of black crime are almost always other blacks, and that includes many who serve on juries. According to the Joint Center, 26 percent of blacks had a friend or a relative victimized by violent crime—nearly double the percentage for whites. Fifty percent of blacks considered their neighborhoods unsafe, a figure nearly double that of whites.

The high incidence of murder, gang activity and drug dealing in some black neighborhoods contribute to the heightened fear of violent crime by blacks. They are tired of sweeping at funerals and gravesides for loved ones lost to violent crime. The hardened attitudes of blacks toward the death penalty, drug laws and three strikes laws reflect this fear. Despite evidence that blacks are more likely to be arrested, prosecuted, receive harsher sentences and the death penalty than whites, many blacks still support these measures.

This is missed by much of the public because the media presents a distorted picture of black opinion. It often tailors stories as if there is a monolithic "black community" that thinks and acts in lock-step on all issues. This reinforces the belief that blacks are inherently more liberal or even radical than

whites on social issues. While blacks overwhelmingly vote Democratic and tend to be more liberal politically than whites, the majority of blacks have always embraced conservative personal values and goals. Black churches, social organizations, political and economic associations and many black leaders advocate mostly conservative programs of self-help, business development, family values and get-tough measures on crime.

Blacks have also adopted a harder-line attitude toward crime not only because they fear for their personal safety but because they feel they have more to lose. Since the 1970s, there has been a 52 percent increase in the number of black managers, technicians, professionals and government officials. Nearly one-third of blacks have incomes in excess of \$35,000 annually and more than 10 percent of blacks earn more than \$50,000 yearly. Thirty-two percent attend college and 64 percent of blacks own their own homes. In 1995, the top 100 black businesses had gross sales of nearly \$12 billion.

Crime and punishment are no longer issues that only black conservatives talk about. Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, Kweisi Mfume and many black liberal Democrat politicians pay almost as much attention to the fight against crime as the fight for civil rights, affirmative action and social programs. They call for moral crusades against violence, more personal and family responsibility by blacks, more police, more gang sweeps, more drug arrests, and evictions of lawbreakers from public housing. Eddie Williams, president of the Joint Center, predicts crime is a permanent issue that will force black leaders "to listen more closely to their constituents. Let's hope that more whites listen closely to blacks who also say enough is enough on crime."

An Open Letter to Our Young People: Blessed are the Peacemakers

By Bernice Powell Jackson

the essence of the person and realized that every human being has a spirit and has worth and can be reclaimed.

You have taught us the lesson of connection—the relationship between the lack of economic development in our communities and the sense of hopelessness many young people feel. You realized that to tell a young person they must give up the lucrative job of selling dope, you have to have an alternative for them. So you have started developing your own silk-screen businesses, your own residential rehabilitation and security businesses. You realized that battling for territory which someone else owns is useless, so you try to encourage youth to invest in businesses rather than guns.

You have taught us the lesson of commitment. Even as state after state has responded to violence by criminalizing youth, you have stayed the course of providing relationships and alternatives to young people caught up in the violence of the streets. You have understood that the answer is not more prisons, but more caring.

You have taught us the lesson of the power of love. You have heard the greatest commandment and then you have lived it. Even with few resources, you have reached out to each other in

love and changed the lives of hundreds of young people in Kansas City, in Boston, in Santa Cruz, in Chicago.

You have taught us adults not to be afraid. Not to be afraid of our own young people. Not to be afraid of the streets. Not to be afraid of the cycle of violence. Not to be afraid of fear itself.

And, if we're really honest, you have taught us what it really means to be the church. For you have understood that the key to ending the violence is reaching the spirit. Our youth, like adults, are in a spiritual crisis. We in the church have failed to reach to you, to help you know that you are all children of God and created in the image of God.

You have challenged the church to accept its real role of providing sanctuary for you—a place of safety, caring and love. A sanctuary of safety from the gun, fire and drugs and violence inside your homes. A sanctuary of caring for your well-being and your future. A sanctuary of love which is the only way you can be saved.

May God give us the courage to work with you, the endurance to stay with you, the power to change you—and ourselves.

Dear Beautiful and Strong and Patient and Committed Young Brothers and Sisters, Just meeting with some of you who participated in the 1993 Kansas City Gang Summit was an inspiration and a humbling experience. For after the rest of the world gave you fifteen minutes of fame and then turned its back on you, you have not turned your back on the difficult and on-going task of working for peace among our youth. After the cameras went away, you continued to walk the streets, to talk with young people, to reach out your hands and open your hearts to them.

You have taught us adults some lessons if we choose to learn. You have taught us the lesson of patience. You have refused to give up on peace and refused to give up on young people. Even when our brief attention span turned to other issues, you knew that you have to be in this for the long haul if you're really going to make a difference in our communities. It took years for this level of violence to build up and it will take years to defuse it.

You have taught us the lesson of respect. The word respect comes from its Latin root which means to see again, to look back at, and you have looked back at young people that second time. You have looked beyond the sometimes hardened exterior to

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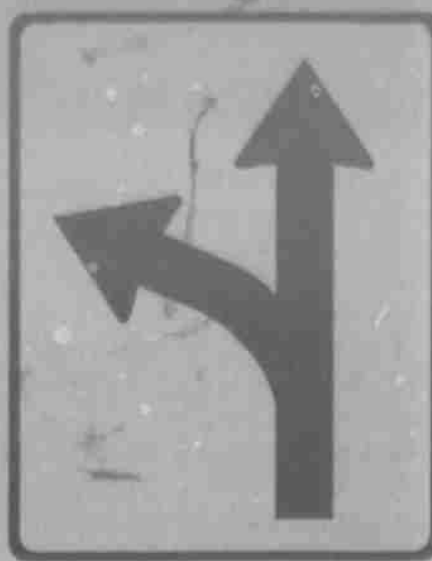
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Broadway, an outdoor concert located directly across from Mackenzie Park, (behind KXTQ Radio). This is the original festival which started 11 years ago in Houston, TX and the only one endorsed by the Bob Marley Foundation and the Marley Family, in honor of the legendary reggae singer, the late Robert Nesta (Bob) Marley of Jamaica.

Produced in association with Global Media Exchange Inc., a non-profit, 501(c) (3) Texas Corporation, the event's proceeds will benefit the Lubbock Food Bank, and the Lubbock Reach One Teach One Organization. Admission is free. However, we are asking for non-perishable food donations to feed the city's hungry, through the Food Bank, in the loving spirit of Bob Marley. This year's theme will be "One Love."

The Bob Marley Festival has seen tremendous growth over its eleven years of existence from its home base, Houston, TX. From cities across the nation and beyond the United States, the BMF brings together hundreds of thousands of music lovers wherever it is organized. First we are celebrating the eleventh anniversary of the National BMF. Second, and more importantly, this year marks the 51st birthday of Bob Marley who died in 1981.

As usual, the Bob Marley family will be represented, and there will be a great assortment of local, and regional well known reggae acts. Confirmed artists include: Wazobia (Houston, TX; Nigeria), One Destiny (San Antonio, TX), Zion (San Marcos, TX), Dogon Sirius (Austin, TX) and more.

It is very obvious that Reggae music has gained phenomenal popularity in this new era, much thanks to the universal One Love message of the pioneering work of Bob Marley in bringing this captivating and positive vibe music form to the forefront. The universal One Love message without regard to race, religion or creed is the most contributing factor to the growing popularity of reggae music.

This Lubbock First Official Bob Marley Festival will carry the seed of the positive message of the King of Reggae, the One and Only Bob Marley; a sense of Oneness simply expressed in these simple two words: One Love.

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St. Mary Hospital Cancer Program Receives Approval from American College of Surgeons

LUBBOCK, TX-The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons has granted three-year approval to the Cancer program at St. Mary Hospital, which includes programs at Joe Arrington Cancer Research and Treatment Center and St. Mary Family Healthcare Centers. This achievement culminates six years of staff dedication to providing high-quality care to patients who have cancer.

Slightly more than one-fifth of the country's hospitals have approved cancer programs, and more than 80 percent who were newly diagnosed with cancer are treated in these hospitals.

Established by the American College of Surgeons in 1932, the Approvals Program encourages participants to equip and staff themselves so that they are able to provide the best in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Recognizing that cancer is a complex group of diseases, the program promotes consultation among surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary cooperation results in improved patient care.

"The three year approval awarded to St. Mary Hospital by the Committee on Approvals of the Commission on Cancer is indeed an indicator of the quality oncology management provided by that institution," said General Surgeon David E. Mangold, M.D., F.A.C.S., who serves as Cancer Liaison Physician between the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and the St. Mary Hospital Cancer Registry.

"The approval demonstrates to the community the commitment St. Mary has made to provide the highest level of multidisciplinary oncology care to cancer patients," Mangold added.

An integral part of a cancer program is the cancer registry.

All patients who are diagnosed or treated for cancer are listed in the registry so that the institution can maintain contact with them and make sure that they receive continuing care and assistance with rehabilitation.

Information collected through the registry allows St. Mary Hospital entities to participate in national studies that are designed to improve patient care. These studies focus on diagnostic patterns, surgery, other treatment and patient outcome.

Using annual cancer registry data from more than 1,000 U.S. cancer treatment organizations, approved hospitals are able to comparatively assess their patterns of care using survey data from the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB). NCDB benchmark studies completed during 1995 included cancers of the breast, endometrium, larynx, ovary, pancreas, prostate, stomach and thyroid.

The NCDB also provides an annual yardstick of how many patients were diagnosed at each hospital using the most appropriate staging or classification system of disease severity. To further assist in comparative assessment of cancer treatment at the hospital, two studies of special populations have been performed that focus on Hispanic patients and elderly patients.

In addition, several Patient Care Evaluation studies were designed and completed that used supplementary medical information gathered for evaluating special issues of cancer management concern for cancers of the cervix, colon and prostate. Thus, the Patient Care Evaluation Studies and the National Cancer Data Base have collectively provided a useful benchmark that individual approved cancer programs can use for continuous improvement of the quality of patient care.



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Matthew 25:10-12, Jesus said, While they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying Lord, Open to us. But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Lord, someone knocking on your door, and ring your bell, will you let them in Heaven, or will you tell them to go to Hell.

There's a preacher out there, in his long flowing robe, He says he's preached to the people and collected their gold.

Luke 20:46,47, Jesus said, Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

Lord, someone knocking on your door, and ringing your bell, will you let them in Heaven, or will you tell them to go to Hell.

There's a Missionary out there, with her bible in hand, she said she fed your word, to those in foreign lands.

(Charity begins at home: then it spreads! America is one of the sickest countries under the sun; and she wanted to go to other countries: to train its people. In China where the whipping cane is a tool used to keep down crime; it changes the minds of the people who commit them. They have 80% less crimes than America; and we want to say they're cruel people; but we need to look at ourselves; we're the cruelest nation under the sun. In rapes, robbery, drugs, child molestation, murders and many, many more.)

Matthew 23:15, Jesus said, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

*****Will America Rob God?*****

Lord, someone's knocking on your door, and ringing your bell, will you let them into Heaven, or will you tell them to go to Hell?

There's a deacon out there, standing tall and proud, says he's been waiting tables in church, 20 years and didn't take a penny out.

Matthew 23:27, 28, Jesus said, Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead man's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

God is not through with us yet. So let's pray for one another, always.



from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

On Finding God...

In order to gain and maintain proper relationship with God, there is something we humans must do and something God must do, just as in any stable relationship between two individuals. We begin with the assumption that God has done everything. He can and will do to make salvation available to humankind. The event at Calvary bears testimony to that. Our common observation and personal experiences show us clearly that every human being is a sinner, standing in violation of divine law. Divine wisdom has decreed that sin cannot be remitted apart from the shedding of blood, and that animal blood is inadequate to remove the guilt we share. Divine mercy sent the perfect Lamb of God to die in our behalf, giving His blood for our cleansing. That briefly summarizes God's portion.

Our responsibility is clear and simple: we seek God in the manner He has prescribed. The first step may be called the step of faith. Throughout the Scriptures, faith in God is shown to be required of man. This faith is illustrated and summarized in the great "faith chapter" of the Bible, Hebrews 11. No person may please God who does not manifest a genuine faith in Him.

But the second step, obedience, is equally significant. Noah's faith cannot be demonstrated apart from the construction of the ark; Abraham when required to leave his home and relatives obeyed, and he went out not knowing where he went; and so it goes throughout this faith chapter.

Faith and obedience are inseparably coupled throughout.

Does this mean, that a person then, redeems themselves by works? Not at all. Simply doing what God asks or requires cannot be considered meritorious works, but activated faith. The believing, repentant sinner turns to God through Jesus Christ in the manner He himself has prescribed. Then the grace of God is manifested as He honors His own word and faith of the individual by remitting that one's sins and bestowing His Holy Spirit upon the opened heart.

Diligently seeking God through His Word will rule out diversionary, confusing voices from other sources. The air is filled with confusing and contradictory voices claiming to possess the way to God. Self-appointed prophets, deluded philosophers, pride-glutted religionists tell us that they and they alone proclaim truth. They appeal to human reason, pseudo-science, paganistic superstition, inflated egos, and mystical visions. These are all mutually exclusive and they rule out the Word of God as the single source of divine, infallible truth. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). He or she who looks to any other source is doomed to live and die in error. When a person professes to point the way to God, his or her instruction must be harmonious with those of revealed Scripture.

God surely can be found today, at all other times in the past. But He will be found and followed according to His own divine disclosure.

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When Moses met God in the desert, Moses possessed very little in material goods, about the only thing he had were the clothes on his back and a common shepherd staff. However, the staff was really all God needed. In the days that followed, Moses saw God energize his staff to defy a king and divide a sea. This reminds us that if we are willing to submit to God's leadership, God can use the most common things in our lives as a means of expressing His divine power. In John 6:11, the beloved apostle tells that on one occasion with a few loaves and two fishes, Jesus fed over five thousand people as the dinner hour approached, Jesus suggested to the disciples that the time had come to feed the hungry crowd. The disciples could not see how that could be done fearing that incident might make Jesus look bad. They suggested that the crowd be sent away, Matthew 14:15. When it was obvious that Jesus was not going to leave, a small boy offered his lunch which consisted of five barley loaves and two fish. Although the boy did not have much, it was all that Jesus needed to feed the multitude a miracle took place that day, and when all had been fed, they gathered up twelve filled baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten" John 6:13. Yes God is able to take what we have and use it for much good. There are times that we feel that we have nothing to offer that could

make a difference in the lives of others.

What about a smile, a friendly hello to a neighbor, or someone you don't know, an elderly person who is confined to home or hospital, a child or teenager on the street corner, say a prayer for them as you go on your morning walk. Pray for each home as you go by. You don't have to look for opportunities to do this. It's already around you and in you, to love your neighbor as yourself.

What have you done lately to cheer someone or help someone in need? While local and international agreements are necessary and while means of enforcement of law are imperative to local society and to the world, the great problem of human relations will never be solved by rules, resolutions, regulations, or any other purely human device. They will be solved when the people of the world love God and love each other with that love which redeems intelligence and gives direction to all of human life. So as you prepare for life, be sure, be very sure, that you include these two commandments: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. If you do this, Jesus says, Thou shalt live.

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Homecoming Services

The Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church of Lubbock, TX, located at 306 East 26th Street will observe our Annual Homecoming Celebration Aug. 17 and 18, 1996.

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Former members of Lubbock will also celebrate with us. One the 17th from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. we will have a "Come and Go" fellowship hour. On the 18th at 3 p.m. the finale will be held with Gospel Singing and Ole Time Preaching. New Hope Baptist Church Rev. R.B. Sweet and congregation of Snyder, TX will be our special guests. The theme for this weekend service is "Ordinary People Serving a True and Living God" Hebrews 10:25. Please come and help us celebrate.

17th Church Anniversary set Here

Members of the New Zion Baptist Church, 1601 Martin Luther King Blvd., will celebrate their 17th Church Anniversary Aug. 11 thru 18, 1996 with programs held nightly.

The Anniversary Hour will be held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18th beginning at 3 p.m.

Pastor Marshall Harris invites the entire community to come and be a part of this glorious occasion. "We would be delighted for all of you to come and take part in this great effort," said Pastor Harris.

Vision of Freedom: Ministries hold Meetings in East Lubbock

Lubbockite Adelia Hardrick has a heart for evangelism and unity among the races. Acting on a burning desire to see people of all races get along and to see many come to know who Jesus really is, she founded Vision of Freedom Ministries and is knocking on doors in East, North and Central Lubbock.

"I'm meeting with individual families to pray with them," she said. "I hope to see less anger and more cooperation among people. It would be wonderful to see more love of Jesus Christ demonstrated through compassion and acceptance."

This neighborhood effort, which she calls a "prayer revival," will continue until August, when she will help conduct revival meetings in the parks in Lubbock.

She organized revivals in six Lubbock parks in 1994 and 1995. She has also worked with Freedom in Jesus Ministries since 1995, visiting inmates in Texas prisons to deliver a message of hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

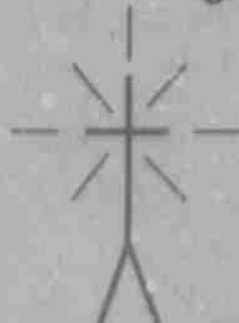
She is asking for members of local churches to pray for the prayer revival and the summer revivals in the parks. She is also encouraging churches to be prepared for the new members they will gain as a result of this effort.

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Because of the excitement of what has happened over the years concerning Juneteenth in Lubbock, Texas, here are some photos submitted by Sister Gloria Onoh, office manager of Parkway Health Clinic, a program of University Medical Center.



The Southwest Digest appreciates this contribution submitted by Sister Onoh.



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