



Southwest Digest



Community Meetings

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 p. m. at the Dunbar Alumni Building

* The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave. at 11: a.m.

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

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 2nd Saturday at 10:00 am at the Mae Simmons Community Center located at 2004 Oak Avenue.

* West Texas Native American Association meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center

* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

* ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.

* ColorYour Stress Away Adult Coloring meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Patterson Library 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

* If you have an announcement or Ad about your organization, please advise us by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail: swdigest@sbcglobal.net

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Nadia Lewis - Upcoming Ms. America Pageant August 2019

Nadia Lewis of Lubbock, Texas, has been awarded the Ms. West Texas 2019 title by the Ms. America® Pageant.

The Mission of the pageant is to celebrate the accomplishments of women, encourage them to be involved in community service, as well as use the "Crown for a Purpose" to make a difference.

The pageant is open to women 26 years of age and up who are single, divorced or married. The selection process for receiving a title was done by submitting an application, photo and followed up by an interview over the phone. Finalists from across the United States will compete in Interview, Sportswear, Evening Gown and On-Stage Interview and 4 national titles will be awarded at this year's pageant including Ms. America®, Ms. America® International. Nadia really left a positive impression on our judges and we are thrilled to have her representing West Texas at the 2019 Ms. America Pageant finals this August," said Susan Jeske, Pageant CEO.

Nadia began her community service duties in high school after being elected as Student Body President of Estacado High School in 2004 where she served both the student body and her community with various activities to create a positive and fun environment for staff and



Nadia Lewis

students. Nadia also served as a cheerleader and head captain of her dance team at EHS. After receiving a cheerleading scholarship with Clarendon College.

Nadia later served her community by providing free cheerleading and dance lesson at her local community center to the youth, she has hosted annual community basketball games to raise awareness in

her community and has been an active member in the My Brothers and Sisters Keepers and Eastside Unity organizations

Nadia won her first pageant at age 9 and held the title of Little Miss East Lubbock Queen, 3rd runner up in the Miss Juneteenth pageant, and was the first African American female to hold the title of Miss Teen USA s

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Caprock Jazz Festival Makes Its Way Back to Lubbock

Article Written by/Photos Taken by
SWD Intern, Mikayla Holmes

The Roots Historical Arts Council brought its annual Jazz Festival back just in time for 4th of July weekend. The jazz festival is held in honor of the late East Lubbock trailblazer, Eric Strong.

The event took place at the Helen Devitt Auditorium on the Texas Tech University Campus. Attendees were able to enjoy a cash bar, food trucks, and a photo booth prior to the festivities.

This year's Caprock Jazz Festival was an amazing showcase of jazz music. The head-

liner for the festival included the internationally known saxophonist, Tom Braxton, California-based musician Blake Aaron, and Texas native Joe McBride. Other performers included Lubbock native Jazz Alley and the Joy Harris quartet. The event was hosted by George Love.

Tom Braxton is a critically acclaimed Jazz saxophonist who has been in the game for more than 20 years and traveled all over the world leaving crowds on their feet applauding. He is also a Lubbock native who gra-

uated from Dunbar High School in 1979 and later attended Texas Tech University. Mr. Braxton has recorded 9 albums which can be heard on radios all over the country. He has numerous hits on Billboard, Radio Wave, Smooth Jazz.com, Amazon, and numerous other music platforms. In 2017, Mr. Braxton along with his father Mr. James Braxton, was inducted into the West Texas Hall of Fame.

Below and to the right are photos that were captured at the Jazz Concert. More Story/Photos are continued on page 7.

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Guadalupe Parkway Sommerville Centers, Inc. - Etiquette Program



The students shown above are: Jadynd McDaniel-age 14, Jamyron Thomas-age 10, Braysia Osby-age 15, Preston Peoples-age 10, Lashay Edmonds-age 8, Zane Garcia-age 12, and Steven Diaz-12.

Each student appreciates the opportunity to participate in this program.

We are 1 of 23 United Way's partnering agencies. Our 10 week Summer Blast Camp is made possible thanks to a very generous partner.

We offer Educational, Enrichment and Basic Life Skill programming. Our Summer Blast programs include Art, Dance, Music, STEM, Reading, Swimming Lessons, and Etiquette. We pride ourselves in providing opportunities and experiences that our students may not otherwise have.

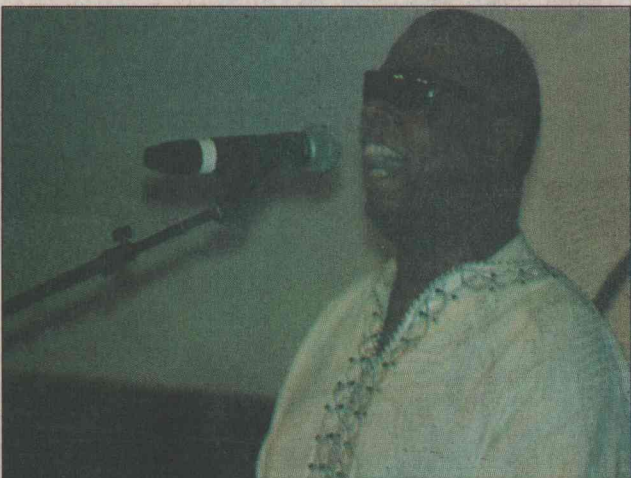
After completion of the etiquette program students should be able to start good conversations and maintain them, recognize formal and informal table settings, demonstrate knowledge of diverse table manners, articulate a speech when making a toast at a dinner party, have the skills necessary to be a good host at a dinner party, demonstrate proper handshake and eye contact, know how to tie a neck-

tie (Boys and Girls), know how to compliment wait staff and restaurant manager, proper dating etiquette and display personal responsibility.


Every student enrolled in the Guadalupe-Parkway Sommerville Centers take the Etiquette course. However only about half are hand selected based on their mastering of their Etiquette skills to go on weekly lunch outings.

This provides a opportunity for the students to demonstrate what they've learned in the course. Both the Etiquette Instructor and the Program Coordinator attend the lunches. The Guadalupe-Parkway Sommerville Centers supports local Business. This summer the Etiquette students have enjoyed dining at Abuelo's, Skyview's, Funky Door, One Guy, Triple J's, Orlando's, and the TTU Club. It never fails, the group is always

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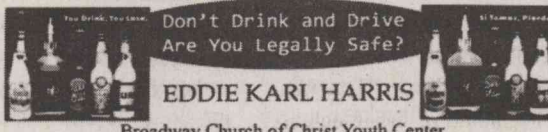
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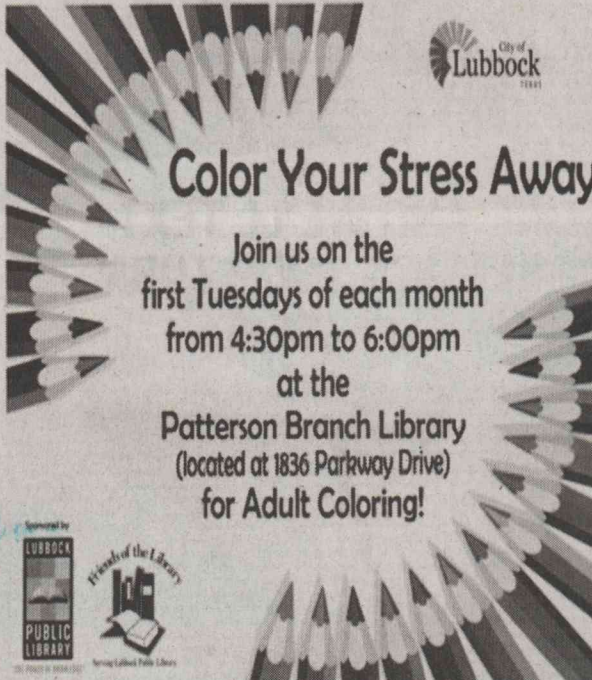


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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

NATIONAL INSANITY

In these days of social media, news, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other know areas, it appears that anything one does now is either tweeted, captured on a cell phone or body cam and quickly uploaded to some form of social media. We easily and quickly receive information about just about anything we are interested in or want to know about. Some of the things which we hear about, we would rather not hear about, and that is too often the case.

There are two things which bring to me heartbreak, and the first is the daily reporting of children who wandered off from home and end up dead somewhere because the parents were not aware that the child was not at home playing or in bed asleep. Ninety-nine and nine tenths of this is hogwash; a made-up alibi lie. Chances are, the child was dropped off in an unfamiliar place in the same way that some people take a dog that they no longer want and drop it off in an unfamiliar neighborhood to fend for itself or die trying. Dogs have instinct and many survive, but babies and small children do not have that kind of instinct. They need adult supervision at all times! This goes for daycares as well. There are too many casualties there as well.

Aside from the wandering off scenario, there are those parents who blatantly kill their children for one insane reason or another. The most recent was when a five year old child ran out to greet her father whom she was happy to see and he shot her in the head and killed himself right there on the street after exiting his vehicle. INSANITY is the only description for this type of action. If he was angry with her mother, why did he shoot the child? She was innocent. Why kill a child anyway? I believe I

have said in the past, if children are born to parents who do not want them, please give them to someone who DOES want them. Children should not have to pay for the mistakes of their parents. I am of the opinion now, that perhaps parents should be required to have a test for sanity before their children are born into this world as well as a vibrant means for taking care of the child. Children are our future and when we kill them we ruin our future.

The other thing that gripes me and makes me wonder about the food we eat is the fact that so many people lately have been caught opening perishable foods, taking a bite or a lick and putting the same item back on the shelf to be sold. The Tyol scare a couple of decades ago prompted the sealing of the counter medicines and the sealing of bottled and packaged items, but some items like ice cream and a few of frozen foods have not been sealed and thus violated. In action, some food workers have been found guilty of contaminating foods during the processing. It makes you wonder, what is on their minds. We must be cautious because this is a dangerous time of our lives in this country. We have no idea of what is fueling this national insanity. Get 'in cinque' and be cautious on a daily basis and PRAY!

Chir Day Set At Mt. Olive

Slaton, Texas -- Choir Day will be held at the First Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Slaton where the proud pastor is Rev. C. C. Peyles, on Sunday afternoon, August 18, 2019, at 3:00 p. m. Come and be blessed! Bring someone with you.

Beyond the Rhyme

By Harry C. Auld & Kay DeW

The Evolution of the National Black Chamber of Commerce - Part 5

Oh, when we is new it is so darn good. The key is to keep that euphoric continuing forever. It became apparent to me that Kay and I had made up our minds to make our newfound love something that will test the age, time. She could do no wrong and made it evident that she thought the same of me. My friends saw that something was going over me. They would be in disbelief when I told them of my Kay Kay.

She was anxious for me to meet her father. She obviously idolized him, and it was important to her that he would approve of me. Charles H. DeBow Jr. was one of the original four Tuskegee Airmen. A war hero by any standard. I was a little anxious when she set up the visit to our new apartment for her parents. Within a few hours of their arrival she set up a visit to the roof of our apartment building - The Parkstone. It had a beautiful view of the Detroit skyline and Belle Isle (a park in the middle of the Detroit River).

Kay took us up to the roof, pour a couple of shots of Jack Daniels for each of us, and then left us alone for a couple of hours. It became a very precious moment for me. I shared my background and he poured out his. It became very impressive when he talked of his times during World War II. He told me that he was flattered of my offer to put him and mom up at the Sheraton Cadillac hotel during their visit with us. He then explained why he declined. Upon returning from the War he went to the hotel to check in wearing his uniform with captain bars and aviation wings. The front desk turned him away saying Blacks were not allowed. The hurt was immense, and he was

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson, Sr.

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to see what your child is doing. It will mean so much for the student and the teacher in charge of the class will appreciate what is being done to help their young one.

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ready in place and if you are a **PARENT** and haven't been involved over the past years you can do so this upcoming school year. You see you can become a member of the **PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** and with your involvement our **PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL GROW MORE THAN THEY WERE LAST SCHOOL YEAR!!**

THIS N THAT is hoping that as a **PARENT OF A LUBBOCK STUDENT** you will get involved..... Remember all that you do will make many positive things happen in Lubbock, Texas and our **PUBLIC SCHOOLS** will grow!!! **WILL YOU HELP??**

still bitter about it. That was just one example of a Black veteran returning home to a Jim Crow nation. Still he remained proud of the service he gave to his country.

Pop and I hit it off superbly. Mom was all smiles too! Kay's two sisters were cool, but her brothers Chuck and Bill were very cautious and inquisitive. In the end "trust" was in the air and the introductory period was successful. Now it was time for me to take my Kay to California to meet the large posse known as the Alford and Browns - my relatives. Before that I took her down to Louisiana where my parents had retired. That trip was quite a success also. My California crew was quite particular about the possibility of new relatives and I was a little worried about how that might turn out.

My worrying was over-rated. My male cousins were excited

that I had chosen such a beautiful and fine woman. My female relatives slowly favored the one whole had stolen my heart. While out on the West Coast I decided to give Kay a big surprise. We rented a car from Avis - LAX and then drove to Las Vegas to spend a few days at the brand-new MGM Grand Hotel and Casino. It was a move that would have a profound effect on our future.

All things were going well until one morning we were awakened by fire engines continuously driving by. Suddenly we heard a lady screaming in hysteria: "Get out now!! We are all going to die!!!" I didn't know what was going on. I got out of bed and went to the window. Firemen were running up and down the street. I went to the restroom and noticed that the air conditioning vent was pushing out black smoke. This was the beginning of the infamous

MGM Fire.

Kay and I quickly got dressed and prepared to exit the building. There was just one big problem. The elevators were dead, and we were on the 5th floor. I went to the stairway and to my shock black smoke was billowing. The hallway was starting to fill up with smoke and my military training started to kick in. There was only one way to escape this situation. We had to go and jump out the window onto the garden area below. I told Kay we had no choice. We would get broken up but should probably live through it. I inform the people standing out in the hallway that they should do the same. They elected to wait instead.

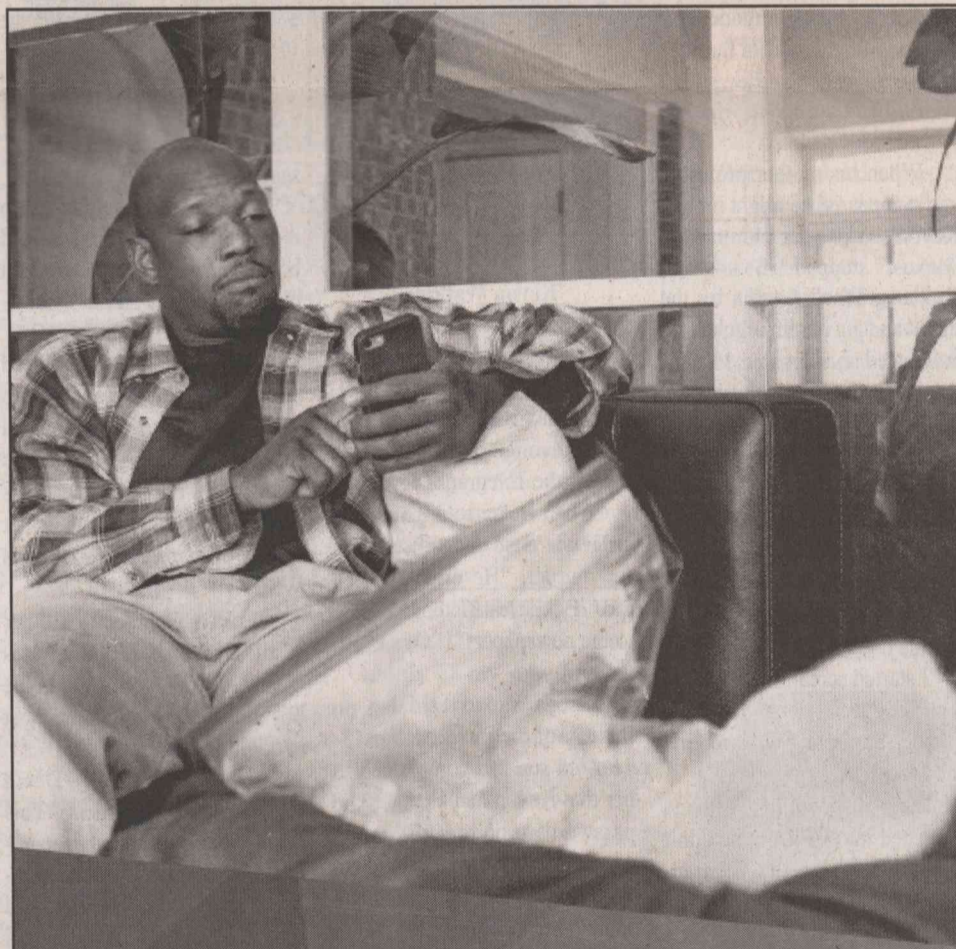
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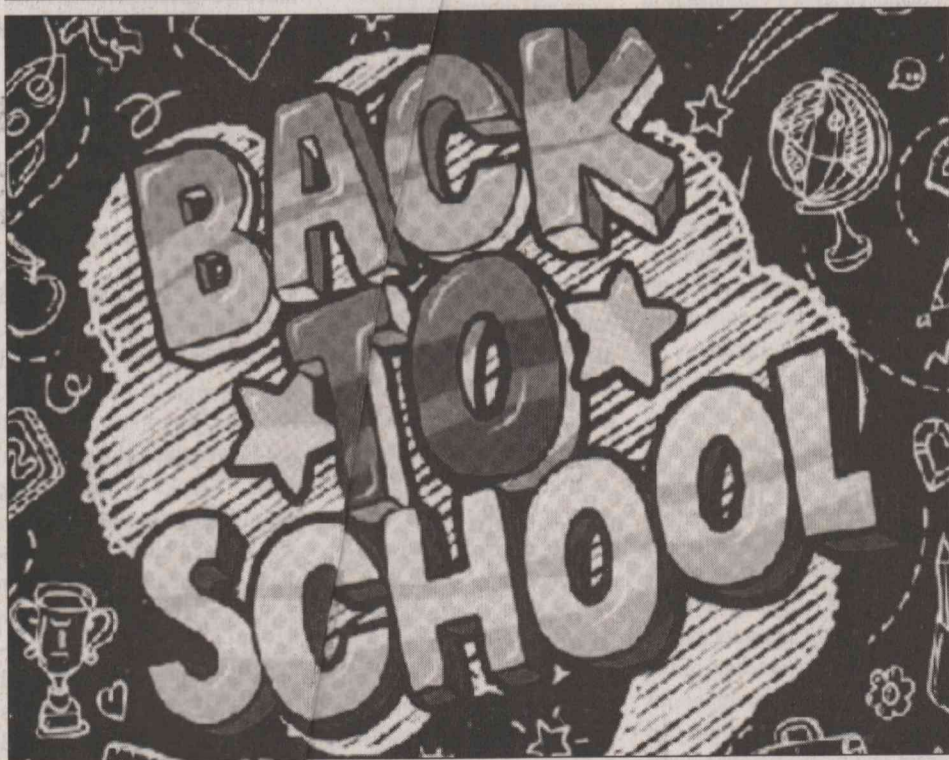
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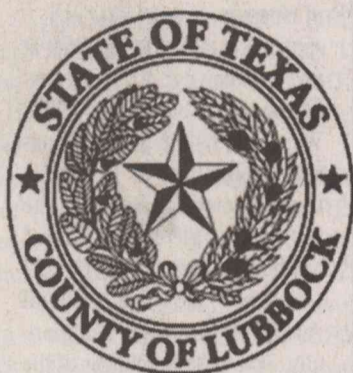


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**A Proposed Change to the Housing Choice Voucher
Administrative Plan to implement a Project Based Voucher Program**

DATE: August 15, 2019
TIME: 12:00 p. m.
PLACE: 1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401

The purpose of the proposed policy is to implement a Project Based Voucher Program for the Lubbock Housing Authority. All residents and other interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting. The Policy will be available for review beginning July 15, 2019 during regular business hours prior to the Board Meeting at the addresses below. Persons can also submit written comments prior to the meeting to:

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For further information please call Mike Chapman, Executive Director at (806)762-1191



Joseph Mitchell
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work at M & M Tire Service. Joe leaves to cherish his memory; special friend, Christine Howard and her family; daughter, Sherry Flakes; two sons, Willie Mitchell and Joey Mitchell; brother, Estra (Jean) Mitchell; sister, Nora Lee Brown; five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a host of other relatives, and friends.

**Guadalupe Parkway
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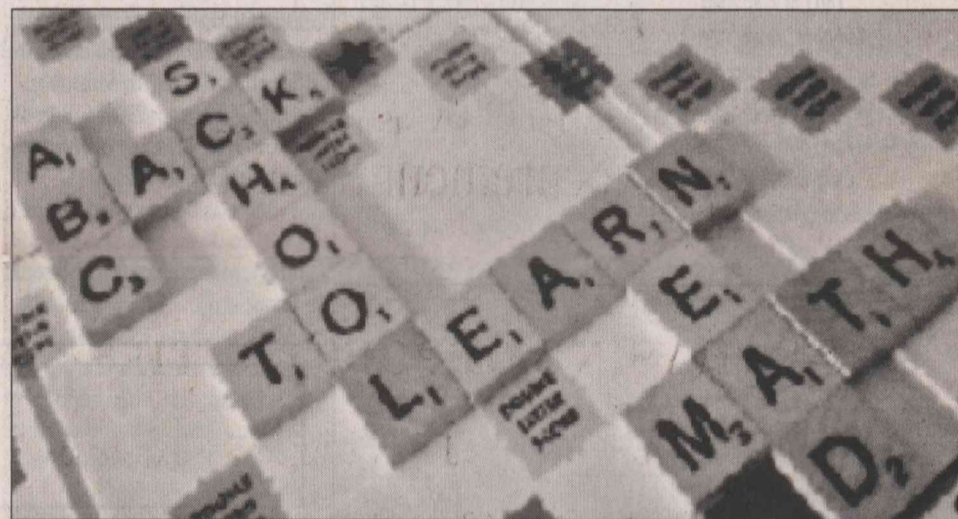
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2019 Caprock Jazz Festival

Article Written/Photos Taken by Mikayla Holmes (Continued from Page 1)

Blake Aaron is multi-talented guitarist, composer, and producer. He is also the host of the live radio show "Blake Aaron Live with Tina Anderson." He is currently working on his fourth studio album "Color and Passion." His music is a mixture of jazz, R&B, soul, rock and roll, blues, and Latin influences.

Lastly, Joe McBride was born and raised in Fulton, MO and began playing the piano at the young age of 4. His earliest in-

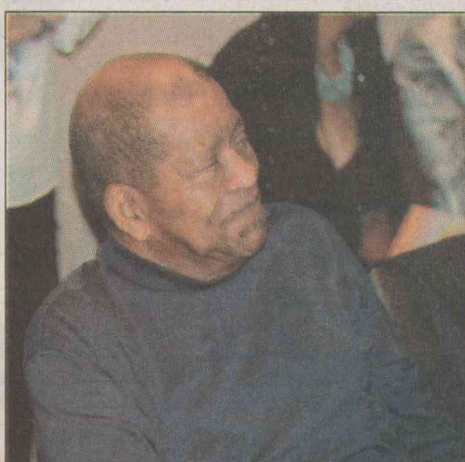
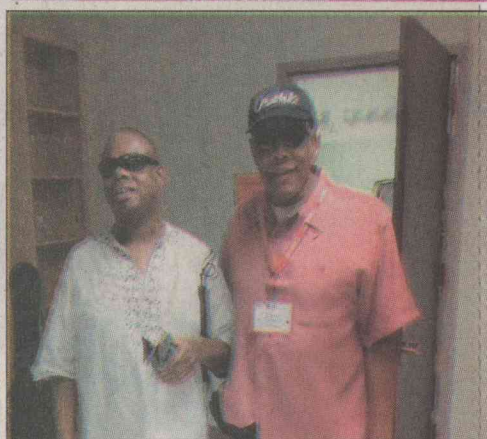
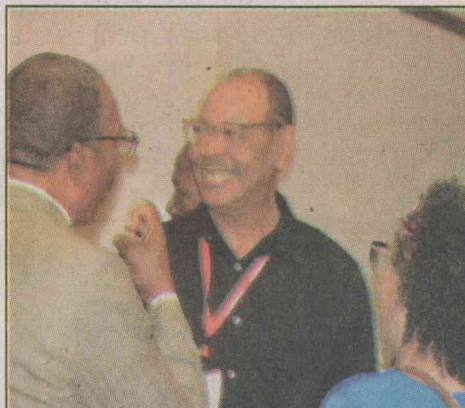
fluences were gospel, bebop, straight-head jazz, Motown, 70's funk and R&B.

Mr. McBride began his career as a teenager performing at local jazz clubs. Around this time, he was diagnosed with degenerative eye condition that claimed his eye sight but not his passion for music. His touring program "Brother Ray" pays tribute to music icon Ray Charles. Roots Historical Art Council Director, Mrs. Shirley

Green, says that all the proceeds from the jazz festival will go towards the Cavieil African American Museum.

The festival came to be when the Mrs. Green and the late Eric Strong decided that the city of Lubbock needed to have something in the way of jazz to have an influence in the community.

Pictured below are a few more photos of attendees at the Jazz Concert held on June 29, 2019.



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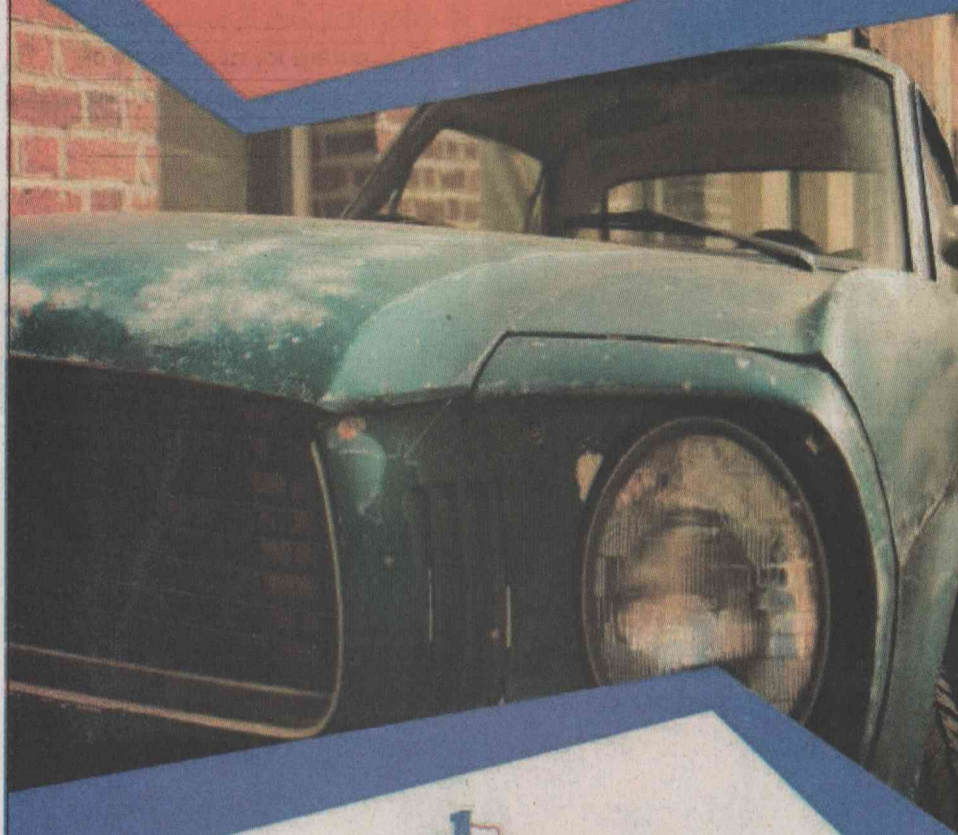


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Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites To Appear At Bethel AME Church On Saturday, August 24, 2019

Each One Reach One will sponsor another GOSPEL-FEST 2019 as a part of the 30th Anniversary which will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 24, 2019, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

Appearing on program will be the Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites, Deborah Barnes Moss &

Company, and The Golden Voices. "Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites were unable to appear on May 26th, but they will be here on August 24," said Faye Brown, director of the program.

"Deborah Barnes Moss has participated in past Gospel Concerts, and we are looking forward to hearing her and company," said Ms. Brown.

Doc McKenzie & The Hi-Lites are looking forward to performing in Lubbock on Saturday afternoon, August 24th.

Rev. Ada Bean, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, is looking forward to all who will be in attendance. "Come and help us praise the Lord!" says Pastor Bean.

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On Sunday, we went to Living With Purpose Church. After service we had the best BBQ ever, Lewis style. Our brother Curtis and his crew did a fantastic job. It was elegant and up scale. Our daddy is 93 years old and we truly thank God for him.

We went to the McPherson Winery on Monday and had a picnic. On Tuesday evening, our nephew cooked the best Menuo and his wife cooked egg rolls; it was great! While we were together, we got so many blessings. Thank God for His favor.

We want to encourage all families to love each other, show love, embrace, hug and kiss each other; live life to the fullest. Next year is our 30th year and we plan to go to Vegas. "Vegas here we come"!!! We are already excited.

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