Scripture of the Week
PSALMS 133: 1
...Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

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A Hempstead Soldier laid to rest .....

Decorated soldier Jeffery Lee Hartley, 25, of Hempstead, was laid to rest on Saturday, April 19, 2008 during a full military funeral, including a 3-volley gun salute and a Taps bugle interlude, both by an Army Honor Guard from San Antionio, Texas. Staff Sgt. Hartley, a 2001 graduate of Hempstead High School, was killed in Kharguliah, Iraq on April 8, 2008 when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was on his 5th tour of duty for the Army and was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom when he was killed.

During the moving funeral, held at Canon Funeral Home in Waller, SSgt. Hartley's service to the Army was remembered as one of dedication, bravery and unselfishness. According to a military chaplain, who spoke at the services, SSgt. Hartley fought bravely for his team and made ultimate decisions during combat that undoubtedly saved many lives.

Hartley was awarded over 20 awards, including the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation with Valor Device, the Combat Action Badge, and a Purple Heart.

Members of the Patriot Guard, law enforcement community, family, friends and community gathered around SSgt. Hartley's family during the service and then followed in a mile-long procession to the gravesite. The procession was escorted by the Patriot Guard, a group of veterans who dedicate themselves to honoring the family of fallen military for respect and for protection. Approximately 220 Patriot Guard motorcycles, about 50 of them equipped to carry flags in the motorcade, escorted the family and the deceased to the burial site where the remainder of the Patriot Guard members had formed a flag line of respect and honor to the family.

In addition to the Patriot Guard, a full Honor Guard from San Antonio, Texas was in attendance to present the military gun salute and a bugle rendition of Taps at the gravesite. The use of Taps is unique with the United States military, and is sounded at funerals, wreath-laying and memorial services. Taps began as a revision to the signal for Extin-

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Staff Sergeant Hartley's casket being carried in by an Army Honor Guard as American veterans, Patriot Guard Riders, family, friends and others stand at attention in honor of the fallen soldier.

Patriot Guard Riders escort the body of Staff Sergeant Jeffery Hartley to Canon Funeral Home in Waller on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

A poster on display at Hempstead Gazebo Park in honor of Staff Sergeant Jeffery Hartley was also on display at Canon Funeral Home. The poster was made by Dustin Standley of 'More Than Signs' of Hempstead. Family and friends filed by in honor of SSgt. Hartley.

Patriot Guard stands outside Canon Funeral Home in Waller in flag line honoring Staff Sgt. Jeffery hartley, who was killed in Iraq.

Reading Intervention Teacher Jan Canales at Royal Early Childhood Center gets ready for retirement

Mike Moore announces candidacy

For Alderman, Position #2 for the City of Hempstead

Mike Moore announces his candidacy for Alderman, Position #2 for the City of Hempstead. He has been a resident of Hempstead for 10 years.

Moore and his wife Julie of 23 years, grew up on the west side of Houston, graduated from Spring Branch High School and attended Sam Houston State University, each having received a Business degree.

Moore started his career in Real Estate sales and service. He has owned his own contracting business that specialized in home remodeling. He is currently employed as general manager of the Houston branch for a company that provides service to the restaurant industry. His location services over four hundred clientele in and around the greater Houston area with annual sales in excess of 2.5 million dollars.

Mike Moore

Moore and his family are members of First Baptist Church in Hempstead where he is involved in the van ministry, where his daughter works in the children's area and his son is an active young leader in the Royal Ambassadors.

He believes that Hempstead is on the verge of having to make many key decisions that will shape the community for years to come. As the city of Houston keeps pushing west, Hempstead will explode with growth, Moore believes. He says he will be a leader that will look forward to paving the path in anticipation of that growth. He believes that city services need to be expanded in order to stay ahead of the growth and the city tax base needs to be increased to pay for this expansion.

To do this he feels the city needs to become more attractive to new businesses moving in. There should be more progress made in the revival of the down

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Royal ISD Teacher Retires

Jan Canales, a reading intervention teacher at Royal Early Childhood Center, retired April 14, 2008. Canles graduated from Texas Tech University and completed her 20th year of teaching, 18 of those years at Royal ISD. She was a pre-kindergarten teacher, kindergarten teacher, ESL teacher, and reading specialist for Royal Early Childhood Center.

Over the past 18 years at Royal, Canales touched many lives. As a kindergarten teacher, she worked hard to improve the reading and math skills of all her students, according to Susan Hopkins reported that before Canales became a reading intervention teacher, she was one of the most requested teachers on the staff.

Canales worked closely with Texas A&M University's Dr. Deb Simmons during the 2006-2007 school year when Royal ECC was a part of an extensive research

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Early Voting Information

May 10, 2008 Waller ISD Trustee Election

WALLER ISD – Early voting for the May 10, 2008 Waller ISD Trustee Election will be held April 28-May 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 5-6 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Waller ISD Administration Building located at 2214 Waller Street, Waller, TX 77484.

Early voting will also be held for one day only at each of the following locations:

The Waller County Community Center; located at 21274 Fm 1098 Loop West, Prairie View, TX 77446; on Tuesday, April 29 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. At Roberts Road Elementary School; located at 24920 Zube Road, Hockley, TX

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