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## Local News

### Market Lubbock, WorkSource Announce Crucial Survey of Regional Labor Picture

More than 9,000 employers in a 29-county region—that's in a 90-mile radius of Lubbock—may expect a very important fax, followed by a phone call over the next three months.

Those communications will come from Texas Tech's Department of Political Science and the Lewis and Maxine Earl Survey Research Laboratory, which have been recruited by Market Lubbock Inc., and WorkSource of the South Plains to conduct a regional labor market survey.

The employers will be asked to answer questions designed to produce valuable up-to-date labor market information. The results, according to the survey sponsors, will provide employers with timely occupational data to respond to labor shortages, local hiring trends, training gaps, wage pressure, turnover patterns, and other critical labor issues. Sponsors say employer participation will be greatly appreciated.

The laboratory has been created to provide comprehensive, high-quality survey research services to Texas Tech and to public agencies and organizations. Housed in the Department of Political Science, the lab is equipped with some of the latest technologies in survey research.

### Community Meetings

• Lubbock Area Client Council, Second Saturday, 1:00 pm • MacMillan Community Center • Hub City Kiwanis, Every Tuesday Night, 7:00 pm, 1708 So. 4th • Lubbock Alumni Association, 2nd Saturday, 4 pm • Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 • Argott West Riders, First & Third Monday, 7:00 pm, T. J. Patterson Library • East Lubbock Chapter AARP, Every 1st Thursday, 11 am, Mae Simmons Community Center, Oak and 8th St. • Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, T.C. Minkler Center • Dallas-Metroplex League Neighborhood Association Meet Every Third Thursday, 6:00 pm, 1903 East 29th Street (meeting room party room) • State Texas Native American Association, 1711 E. Ferguson St. • West Texas College American Association meets 2nd Monday each month, at O'Brien Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 • West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 2nd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Hickman Neighborhood Center • The Pro Day Guild meets at Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

We would like to publish your monthly meetings. If you would like to see an announcement in this paper, please get it to us in writing by mailing it to: Community Meetings C/O: Southwest Digest P.O. Box 2553 Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street

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## Who Killed Ms. Mary E. Davis?

The question being asked in the Lubbock community these days is "Who killed Ms. Mary E. Davis?" She was well known in her neighborhood, and was a person who kept her yard looking good and she loved flowers. She was seen during the week in her yard or sitting on her front porch at 2626 Globe Avenue.

She was found dead in her home on Wednesday, January 7, 2004, by a neighbor. Funeral services were held Wednesday noon, January 14, 2004, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Moton, pastor, giving the eulogy, Rev. Wilbert Tanner, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, assisting.

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

Active pallbearers were Perry Minner, Gary Holland, Danay Dobbins, Perry Minner, Jr., Charles Henry and Anthony Lyons.

Honorary pallbearers were Noah Davis, Jr., Earl Davis,

Dannie R. Davis, Creshaun Jones. Several citizens and neighbors spoke in her behalf and characterized her as loving, kind, and considerate about others, especially children. Hearing all those positive comments, Pastor Moton's sermon was centered around what had been said. His subject was "Something To Live On In Times Like These." His scripture was Isaiah 40:6-8. Pastor Moton retained us that Ms. Davis is dead, and we must all travel in this same direction one day. In other words, Pastor Moton advised all present to get their house in order.

Ms. Davis was born July 4, 1925, to Ed and Martha Green in Bryan, Texas. She attended public school in Bryan,

A Baptist, she had two sisters, Hattie M. Green and Marie Green; two brothers, William Green and George

Green. They all preceded her in death. Her husband, Noah Davis, passed in 1972.

She is survived by her five children: Noah Davis, Hattie Collins, Danny Ray Davis and Earl Davis, all of Lubbock, Texas and Louise Campbell of Floydada, Texas; six grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

For information on her death, citizens are asked to call (806) 741-1000, and give this information to CRIMELINE. Callers can remain anonymous and may have reward coming.



## Lubbock Coalition Announces Sites for Free Help with Tax Returns

Free help with basic tax returns will be offered, beginning this Saturday (January 17) in Lubbock, Slaton, and Plainview by CCAV, the Coalition of Community Assistance Volunteers. Eligible are persons who have low and limited income, who have disabilities who are non-English-speaking and who are elderly.

The counseling will be provided at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th St. in Lubbock, from 9:30 am to 2 pm every Saturday through April 10;

At the Senior Citizens Center 230 W Lynn St in Slaton, from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday through April 10.

And at the Hale County Senior Citizens Center, 1107 Smythe in Plainview, from 9 am to noon every Saturday through April 10.

Appointments are required for Slaton and Plainview. The numbers to call are 828-3784 in Slaton and 296-5201 in Plainview.

Other locations will be:

The Patterson Library, 1836 Parkway in Lubbock, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, January 21 through April 14, 10 am to 3 pm; 5 pm to 8 pm Mondays only, beginning January 26;

Maggie Trejo Supercenters 3200 Amberst in Lubbock, Tuesdays and Thursdays,

January 30 through April 13; 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Lubbock Senior Center; 2001 19th St., Wednesdays and Thursdays, February 4 through April 15; 9 am to 1 pm

Persons seeking assistance must bring social security cards for each taxpayer and dependent; picture ID, for taxpayers, all forms, W-2 and 1099s; information for other income information for all deductions/credits, copy of 2002 tax return. For direct deposit of refund, they must bring voided check for checking and/or deposit slip for savings.

For more information, call CCAV at 766-7280.

## In Remembrance of Brother Willie Turner

A very kind gesture for all of us to do is attend the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs at the New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, January 25, 2004, beginning at 2:30 pm, in memory of Brother Willie Turner, who passed away here in November 2003.



Brother Turner served as vice president of the Federation of Choirs for several years, and was a faithful member of St. Matthew Baptist Church, where Rev. Edward Canady is pastor.

## EAST LUBBOCK EARLY SETTLERS WILL MEET JANUARY 27TH

There will be a very important meeting of the East Lubbock Early Settlers on Tuesday evening, January 27, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center.

Those interesting in participating are encouraged to get involved with this important effort. So new members and old members are asked to be in attendance for this meeting.

For more information, call 762-0981 or 767-2700.

## Estacado High School Senior Honored

Kendra L. Williams, a senior at Estacado High School, has been honored nationally by the United States Achievement Academy National Speech and Drams Award winner of 2004.

Ms. Williams is the daughter of LaVern Williams and Shelton Williams.

## "Master Follies" Tickets Now on Sale

LUBBOCK, TX—Ticket sales for the three performances of LCU's "Master Follies", which will be held the weekend of February 13-14, go on sale today. The theme for this year is LEGENDS. Tickets are on sale in the box office of the Moody Auditorium. The box office is open from 3-7 pm Monday-Fridays. For ticket information or for credit card order, call the Moody Box Office at (806)720-7735 Monday-Friday between the hours of 3 and 7 pm.

Show times and ticket prices are as follows:

- Friday February 13 at 8:00 pm—\$10
- Saturday, February 14 at 4:00 pm—\$10
- Saturday, February 14 at 8:30 pm—\$12.50

"Master Follies" is a musical variety show staged annually by the men's and women's social clubs of LCU and is a showcase of student talent. Club members spend long hours working on elaborate costumes and stage sets in preparation for the competition. In addition, many more hours are spent at musical and choreography rehearsals to polish the club performances. To win "Master Follies" is perhaps the most coveted prize on campus. Since its humble beginnings in 1958, the show has grown to become the largest student activity on campus involving over 300 students in the production each year. Five talented hosts and hostesses will emcee the show and entertain audiences between acts. The show is directed by Susan Cox and Krista Reeger.



**JOLLY GRADUATES** — The Automotive Training Center (ATC), a partnership between Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. (TMS) at 1 the Los Angeles Urban League, held its Winter graduation on December 11, 2003. The ATC provides automotive service and repair training to South Los Angeles and surrounding area residents at "no cost" to the student. The center continues to maintain a 70-percent job-placement rate and consists of a student body representing various nationalities and both genders. Pictured are graduates (l to r) Antonio A. Gonzalez, Roberto Chavez, Jr., Tyrone T. Burton, Samuel Cortez and Aaron Au.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

## Fashion Fun

by Shirley Roberson

### Blue Jean Baby!

What ever you do...  
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tions.....

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bag, with high polish  
trimmings... by Celine

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Fashion Tip... Always  
wear a smile

## African American Folk Art Exhibit

An exhibition of African American folk art paintings by Betty D. Jenkins opens at the Lubbock Regional Art Center, 511 Avenue K, on January 18, 2004, and runs thru February 21, 2004. The artist's recep-

## Mahon Library to Offer Computer Classes

Have you ever had one of those light bulbs go on over your head and you think: "What a great idea?"

That's what happened at the Mahon Library, and their great idea is to offer free classes that teach the very basic skills for using a computer.

The class material includes a look at how computers work, the file system and how to run the computer using that mouse thingy that slides all over the desk.

"Beginning Computers" classes are now scheduled for January and February. All classes are from 9:30 to

11 a.m., and class partici- pants will need to choose the day they want to attend from the following schedule:

- Thursday, January 22
- Tuesday, January 27
- Thursday, January 29
- Thursday, February 5
- Tuesday, February 17

Registration is required due to very limited space. Participants are selected on a first come, first served basis.

Register in person at the Bridwell Technology Center in the Mahon Public Library at 1306 9th Street, or by phone, 775-2840.

## CHATMAN HILLS CORNER

by Clarissa Jay

More than 200 Lubbock citizens were present at the Second Annual Trailblazer 2004 last Friday evening, January 16, 2004, at the McInturff Conference Center of the University Medical Center. Thirty-two honorees were inducted into the 2004 class, while five business, two churches and representatives from the Dunbar High School Class Reunion were all inducted.

This was a very inspiring program, and it was well received by all in attendance.

The Esther, Eunice and Rachel Circles' members met at Heritage Oaks Nursing Center, 5301 University's Avenue, yesterday, Wednesday, January 21, 2004, and visited with Sister Ann Watley.

Members of the Mary, Martha and Dorcus Circles are visiting the sick and shut in citizens this week.

These Circles are a part of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church where Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

The Gospel Chorus of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church is getting ready for its Annual Day on Sunday, February 15, 2004.

Members of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church will be special guest of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Wichita Falls,

Texas in February.

A Stewardess of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Sister Linda DeVaughn will be honored at the Tenth Episcopal District Founders Day 2004 Breakfast on Saturday morning, February 14, 2004, in Waco, Texas. She also serves as Youth Director of Bethel.

Congratulations are in order for Bernatta Joi Beaty-Cooper, who graduated from Wayland Baptist University last Saturday morning, January 17, 2004, at the First Baptist Church, 2001 Broadway Avenue. She received her Bachelor of Science and Occupational Degree in Education.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Mattie Beaty and the late Sammie Beaty. She is married to Napoleon Cooper, and they are members of the New Hope Baptist Church where Rev. Billy R. Moton is pastor.

The Christian Education Department of the New Hope Baptist Church will be having their first meeting for 2004 on Friday evening, January 23rd, beginning at 7:00 p. m. They are asking all presidents and vice-presidents of auxiliaries to be attendance. Co-Chairpersons are Minister McCutcheon and Minister Wilson.

Services for New Hope Baptist Church were well attended last Sunday morning. Meditation and Prayer was held from 10:50 a. m. to 11:10 a.m. The Praise Team began at 11:11 a.m. The morning scripture was read by Rev. C. Martin. Rev. M. Wilson offered the morning prayer.

After several selections by the New Hope Choir, Pastor Billy R. Moton delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "The Attitude That Brings True Deliverance." His scripture text was 1 Samuel 7:3-11.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Glenda Mooney. Brother Virgil Johnson welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in. Among those who are ill this week include Brother Harry Stokley, a patient at Covenant Health System, room 871-S, Sister Pearlean McDaniel, Sister Joan Y. Ervin, and Joecile Lewis. Your visits, telephone calls and other means of kindness will mean so much for these and others whom we do not know about at this report.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. God is able.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY



## WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS "COLD MOUNTAIN"

I JOHN 5:2, BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE LOVE THE CHILDREN OF GOD, WHEN WE LOVE GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. SEVEN PEOPLE WERE TRAPPED IN A MOUNTAIN CABIN, IN THE BITTER WINTER'S COLD. EACH HAD A LOG OF WOOD, AND THIS IS HOW THE STORY IS TOLD: THEIR FIRE WAS DYING OUT, FOR THE NEED OF ONE'S PRECIOUS WOOD, EACH HAD WHAT IT TOOK TO KEEP IT ALIVE, IF ONLY HE OR SHE ONLY WOULD!!!

ACTS 7:35B, REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, HOW HE SAID, IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

THERE WAS THIS PREACHER THERE, HE HELD ONTO TO HIS LOG OF BIRCH.

HE SAID, WHY SHOULD MY LOG BE USED? THESE ARE NOT MEMBER OF MY CHURCH!!!

MATTHEW 5:16, JESUS SAID, LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

THERE WAS THIS BLACK MAN SITTING THERE, HIS JAWS CLINCHED VERY TIGHT, HE SAID WITHIN HIMSELF, NOW IS A GOOD TIME, FOR ME TO GET EVEN WITH THE WHITES!!!

LUKE 6:27,28, JESUS SAID, I SAY UNTO YOU WHICH HEAR, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM WHICH HATE YOU, BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU, AND PRAY FOR THEM WHICH DESPITEFULLY USE YOU, AND THERE WAS THIS RICH MAN, HE LOG LIKE HIS RICHES HE DID ADORE, SAYING WITHIN HIMSELF, WHY SHOULD I WARM THE GOOD FOR NOTHING POOR???

TIMOTHY 6:10, FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL, WHICH WHILE SOME COVETED AFTER, THEY HAVE ERRED FROM THE FAITH, AND PIERCED THEMSELVES THROUGH WITH MANY SORROWS.

THERE WAS A POOR MAN SITTING THERE, OWNING NOTHING BUT THIS HICKORY STICK, HIS HEART HARDEN, SAYING, WHY SHOULD I WARM THE MIGHTY RICH???

MATTHEW 24:12, JESUS SAID, BECAUSE INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND, THE LOVE OF MANY SHALL WAX COLD.

THERE WAS THIS WHITE WOMAN, SHE HELD HER PRECIOUS LOG BACK, BECAUSE SHE LOOKED AT ONE OF THE FACES AROUND THE FIRE, AND IT WAS BLACK!!!

I JOHN 4:20, IF ANY MAN (OR WOMAN) SAY, I LOVE GOD, AND HATE HIS (OR HER) BROTHER, HE (OR SHE) IS A LIAR, FOR HE THAT LOVE NOT HIS BROTHER WHO HE HATH NOT SEEN, HOW CAN HE LOVE GOD WHO HE HATH NOT SEEN?

AND THERE WAS A SPANISH MAN THERE, AND TO HIS DEAR LOG, HE DID CLANG SAYING WITHIN HIMSELF, THESE ARE NOT MY PEOPLE, OUR LANGUAGE IS NOT THE SAME!!!

GALATIANS 6:10, AS WE THEREFORE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD UNTO ALL MEN, ESPECIALLY UNTO THEM WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.

AND THE ORIGINAL MAN SAID, I WILL NOT GIVE MINE UP FOR THE MAJORITY, I WILL HOLD MINE BACK, BE CAUSE THEY SHOULD GIVE TO ME, I'M THE MINORITY.

AND WHEN THE MORNING CAME, IT WAS PROOF OF HUMANITY'S HATEFUL SIN, THEY DIDN'T DIE FROM THE OUTSIDE COLD, BUT FROM THEIR COLD HEART FROM WITHIN!!!

COLD HEARTED AMERICA: HOW BLESS WE COULD ALL FOREVER BE, IF EACH WOULD SAY, HERE TAKE MY LOG, NO CHARGE, TAKE IT, IT FREE!!!

IT DON'T MATTER IF YOU ARE RED OR YELLOW, BROWN, BLACK OR WHITE, ALL OF US ARE GOD'S PRECIOUS CHILDREN, AND LOVED, IN HIS EYESIGHT!!!

SO GIVE OUT THAT HAND SHAKE, THAT HUG, THAT SMILE, THEY ARE ALL FREE, AND THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S LOVE, WILL GO ALL AROUND THE WORLD, AND BACK TO YOU AND ME.

JOHN 13:35, JESUS SAID, BY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER.

\*\*\*\*I'M JUST A NOBODY, TRYING TO TELL EVERYBODY, ABOUT JESUS' BODY, DIED FOR EVERYBODY\*\*\*\*

WRITTEN BY EVANGELIST BILLY B. J. MORRISON, III, YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS



## from the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Presaging Political Troubles for Black Americans"

There is an old Hindu parable that tells the story of an adopted tiger cub. The motherless cub was adopted by goats and brought up to speak their language, emulate their ways, eat their food. In fact the little tiger cub believed he was a goat.

However, there came a day when a King Bengal tiger weighing in at 550 pounds, ten feet long, thick yellow fur with dark stripes happened along and all the goats panic and absconded in terror. But the little cub lingered behind, afraid and yet somehow unafraid. The tiger cub brayed a bit and then nervously nibbled at the grass.

The King Bengal tiger laughed and asked the small tiger what he meant by this masquerade. He said, nothing, only bleating like a goat once again. So the King Bengal tiger took him to a

pool of still water and forced him to look at the two reflections' sides by side. But the little one failed to see any significance in it.

When this failed, the King Bengal tiger hunted down a young deer and brought some of the raw meat to the young tiger. He said to the young tiger, notice you nibbling grass, what I have brought you is what tigers eat along with a diet of cattle, frog and fish."

At first the cub cringed from the strange taste. But he kept licking and soon sunk his teeth deep into the raw flesh. His tail began to swing in the wind and his claws began to dig into the soft earth.

A roar began to swell in the young tiger's throat. He glanced over at the King Bengal tiger and he began to realize he was a cool cat.

An incident similar to the parable unfolded in American politics several days ago. The United States Congress was sworn in with an overwhelming white male

majority. In the House of Representative 37 blacks (8.5 percent) were sworn in even though blacks make up 12 percent of the U. S. population. There were no blacks sworn in the 100-member Senate, nor where there any black Republicans in the House.

Ironically, the King Bush tiger had brought a piece of fresh political meat from the kill of Senator Lott and waved it before the Baby Tennessee Republican tiger, Frist. Frist licked the political flesh of King Bush tiger economic growth packages of \$674 billion which is said would eliminate taxes on most dividends paid to shareholders, speed up across-the-board cuts in tax rates and offer more tax relief to married couples and families with children; he licked the stench from a white Mississippi male named Charles Pickering who allegedly would let white cross burning Klu Klux Klans terrorize black Americans by freeing those convicted from penal institu-

tion; he licked and saluted the true colors of King Bush tiger when he renominated this sinister character named Charles Pickering to become a judge on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans which hears cases even from Lubbock; he realized he was a cool cat and heightens his tail and elevated it in approval for two Appeals Court nominees opposed by civil rights groups; Jeffery Sutton, a pro-states' rights attorney, for the 6th Circuit in Ohio, and Terrence Boyle, a Jesse Helms protege, for the 4th Circuit in Virginia.

A roar began to swell deep in Frist's throat on "Fox News Sunday" (January 12, 2003) as he kissed up to the King Bush tiger's plan in perhaps hoping he will be King Frist tiger in 2008. Then this Southerner can sink his teeth really deep into black meat. There are presaging political troubles for black Americans on the horizon.

## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

II Chronicles 7:13-14 — Are you wondering if God heard your prayer?

13 — If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the ten locust to swarm and eat up all of your crops, or if I send an epidemic among you.

14 — Then if my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.

How often do we look for immediate answers to our prayers, and when nothing happens. Wonder if God has heard us? God does hear, and we must trust that He will answer at the proper time.

In Chapter 6, Solomon asked God to make provisions for the people when they sinned. God answered with four conditions for forgiveness: (1) humble yourself by admitting your sins; (2) pray to God for forgiveness; (3) search God continually, and (4) turn from sinful habits.

True repentance is more than talk. It is changed behavior. Whether we sin individually, as a group, or as a nation, following these steps will lead to forgiveness.

When we're in need, there may be no one with whom we can talk. Or may be afraid to share our need with another person. God assures, however, that we will not lack assistance when we come to God in humility, seeking help. God promises to listen to every prayer offered in the right attitude.

Saints, let's humble ourselves and get down. Do you have any trouble in your home? Trouble with your children? Are they acting crazy? The enemy is trying to destroy you. When Christians get cold, the snakes can hide. Oh, but when we catch on fire

of the Holy Spirit, the smoke will have to come forward. Saints, be sure and humble yourself.

Are you hurting? Try Jesus! Don't forget to do a drive by prayer on your way to church. Those churches you pass on your way to yours, whisper a prayer. Also, those young fellows standing on the corners, and are not going anywhere. Pray, Saints, you don't have to be elected to

any committee, no office, no board or staff. You can just get there early and sit on your favorite seat and pray for your Pastor and his Family, add your Church Family. Now, that's a great ministry.

Thanks for reading. God bless you!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christine Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

## St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, January 18, 2004, morning services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church begun with Sunday School, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Sunday School lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Edward Canady. It was another inspirational lesson.

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The morning worship services begun at 11:15 a.m. with the devotions led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Jerald Jackson.

The Senior Choir provided the morning selections, and did a wonderful job in singing the Lord's praises.

Pastor Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was: "The Obligation and Duty of a Christian." His scripture text was I Timothy 1:14-16. Everyone enjoyed the message.

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The Sunday School Department will have their Annual Program on Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2004, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

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Thought For The Week: "One of life's greatest illusions is that sin has no consequences."

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## In Remembrance...



**Ovaeva Kilpatrick**

Funeral services for Mrs. Ovara Kilpatrick were held Thursday morning, December 4, 2003, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Reverend W. D. Davis, pastor, officiating.

Casket bearers were Deacons of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. Honorary casket bearers were grandsons.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Rix

### Funeral Directors.

She was born March 20, 1910 to Charlie and Lina Davis Hooper in Tenaha, Texas. She moved from Tyler, Texas to Lubbock in 1963. She married E. J. Kilpatrick on September 30, 1965 in Lubbock. She sold insurance for twenty-eight years and then sold cosmetics. She is the last survivor of eight children.

She is survived by her husband, E. J. Kilpatrick of the home, a daughter, Ethalia Beasley of California and a host of grandchildren.

**"Myself"**

**I have to live with myself and so**

**I want to be fit for myself to know;**

**I want to be able as days go by, to look myself for things I've done, I want to go out with my head erect; I want to deserve all men's respect; But here in the struggle for Fame and Peff I want to be able to like myself.**

**I don't want to look at myself and I know, That I'm Bluster and Bluff and Empty-Show. I never can feel myself and so,**

**Whatever happens, I want to be self respecting and conscience free.**

## Comfort Keepers of Lubbock Hires New Marketing Director

### Kelley Pitts Joins Local Franchise to Provide Comfort to Area Families

LUBBOCK, TX - Lisa Carson, owner of Comfort Keepers of Lubbock, recently announced the appointment of Kelley Pitts as Marketing Director.

Pitts will be coordinating with local medical, rehab, home health and other facilities related to senior, new mothers and those recovering from surgery or illness to determine how Comfort Keepers can best serve their clients.

"We are very pleased to have Pitts join the Comfort Keepers of Lubbock team," said Carson. "We realize the enormous stress and mixture of emotions that families face when it comes to caring for a loved one and are confident

that Pitts will help Lubbock families live a more comfortable and less complicated life."

Before joining Comfort Keepers of Lubbock, Pitts served as healthcare Specialist for Hester's/McGlaun. At Hester's/McGlaun, Pitts was responsible for working with healthcare professionals to ensure that the functions of their nurse stations, procedure carts and materials management areas were best suited for their patients' needs.

"I consider myself fortunate to work with an organization that has seniors' best interests at heart," said Pitts. "I look forward to continuing the Comfort Keepers mission

of improving our clients' quality of life in the comfort of their own homes."

About Comfort Keepers

The franchise was purchased in 2002 by Lisa Carson, RN, BSN a registered home healthcare nurse and her husband, John. Comfort Keepers provides non-medical in-home assistance for seniors, those recovering from illness and injury, and new mothers. For more information about Comfort Keepers service, call (806) 687-7800 or visit [www.comfortkeepers.com](http://www.comfortkeepers.com).

Stork's Nest is a non-profit cooperative national project of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and the March of Dimes. Stork's Nest seeks to improve the health of pregnant women and their babies by providing points for attending prenatal visits and educational classes on pregnancy, birth, and infant care. Participants then redeem those points for baby clothing, supplies, equipment and nursery items. Since opening in August of 2000, Stork's Nest has enrolled over 3000 women. Stork's Nest is located at 2315 50th St., Suite B, telephone # 762-6730.

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- No purchase is necessary.
- Official entry form will appear regularly in the Avalanche-Journal through Jan. 1, 2004, or can be obtained at The A-J Information Center, 710 Ave. J, Lubbock, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- A copy of a legal birth certificate and a color double photograph of the child must accompany each entry form. Also, entry forms must be completed in their entirety. Only one entry per baby will be accepted.
- Deadline for entry is 2 p.m. Friday, January 2. Entries received after January 2 will not be accepted. Entries can be mailed to MAKE KIDS COUNT SCHOLARSHIP GIVEAWAY, PO Box 491, Lubbock, TX 79408, or dropped off at The A-J Information Center.
- All entrants agree to allow their names, pertinent birth information and photographs to be published in The Avalanche-Journal without further compensation.
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# COOKING CORNER

## Resolution Food: Stir-Fry Chicken

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Stir-frying originated in China hundreds of years ago as a means of coping with a shortage of cooking fuel. Cooks knew that if they chopped ingredients in small pieces, the food would cook more quickly. While today's cooks don't have to worry about a shortage of fuel for cooking, we do seem to have a shortage of time for cooking.

Traditional Chinese cooks slice and dice meats and vegetables, but the culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand suggest you save time by purchasing packaged pro-cut meats and vegetables. Alternately, use a food processor to slice and chop the ingredients. For quick cooking, the ingredients should be cut into uniform-size pieces. Since the foods cook so quickly, it's important to have all ingredients ready before beginning to stir-fry.

Make a New Year's resolution to set aside more time to cook healthful meals for your family; and then make Low-Fat Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir-Fry often. This recipe is quick to prepare and high in flavor, but low in calories and fat. The no-fat gravy mix provides the perfect base for the pineapple, sesame, ginger and garlic flavored sauce. The red bell peppers, pineapple chunks and snow peas add great nutritional value as well as color. Serve this stir-fry over lo mein or vermicelli noodles for a change of pace.

### Low-Fat Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir-Fry

- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 lb; boneless skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/2-inch cubes or strips
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 can (15 1/4 oz.) pineapple chunks in unsweetened juice
- 1 package (1.61 oz.) no-fat brown gravy mix (Pioneer Brand recommended)
- 1 red bell pepper; cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh gingerroot (or 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger)
- 2 cups snow-peas, washed and trimmed
- 3 cups hot cooked lo mein noodles, vermicelli noodles or rice

Heat oil in nonstick skillet. Add chicken and garlic; stir-fry until chicken turns white on both sides. Meanwhile, drain pineapple juice into a 2-cup glass measure; add enough water to make 2 cups liquid. Pour 1 1/2 cups of the liquid into skillet; heat to boiling. Stir gravy mix into remaining 1/2 cup liquid; stir into boiling mixture until thickened. Add pineapple, bell pepper, brown sugar, soy sauce and gingerroot; stir gently to combine; Simmer 3 minutes; stir in snow peas. Simmer for 2 minutes longer or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Serve over noodles or rice. Makes 6 servings.



If you would like to submit a recipe of your own, please mail it to the Southwest Digest, P.O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408 or bring it by the Southwest Digest office at 902 East 23rd Street. If you would like, you may also send a picture of yourself or a picture of the prepared dish.

## SPRING 2004 REGISTRATION

Wayland Baptist University is holding registration for the SPRING 2004 term from: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., according to the following schedule:

Graduate Students and Graduating Seniors	January 29 <sup>th</sup>
Current Students	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>
R - Z	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>
A - G	February 4 <sup>th</sup>
H - Q	
New and Auditing Students	February 5 <sup>th</sup>

The SPRING term begins February 16<sup>th</sup> and ends May 8, 2004. Should you have any questions please contact:

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**Air Force Airman**  
Joann Caballero has graduated from basic military



training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the granddaughter of Rebecca Caballero of W. Panhandle, Slaton, Texas, and niece of David Caballero of 28th, Lubbock, Texas.

Caballero is a 2003 graduate of Slaton High School, Texas.

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**Army Pvt. Cody G. Wallace** has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle

marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Wallace is the son of Russell W. and stepson of Marti Wallace of Lubbock, Texas.

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**Army Reserve Pvt. Michael L. Young** has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed

and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Young is the son of Monica Young of Hope Ave., Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 1993 graduate of Frenship High School, Wolfforth, Texas.



## Army & Air Force Hometown News

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## We Need to Know Where We Are Headed!

by Eddie Richardson

2004 is here, and many things are on the horizon. There are many new ideas, good ideas and a program for all. After all is said and done, we still must focus on the positive for the good of all of us.

As Americans, we have the right to protest as well as support anyone, thing, project, or organization as we chose. But on the other hand, if everything we do or support, protest is the same way for or against, one should take a close look at ones self or organization, because nothing or anyone will be right or wrong. All the time, there is and have to be a balance. Nothing or anyone will be 100% right or 100% wrong.

One thing this writer objects to is going to a meeting and seeing a social action, ultra liberal white female telling depressed so-

called minority people what is good for them economically and developmentally. That was highly offer sively. This writer could buy this if this person had a record of finance, development, dealing with and putting together high financial financial packages. This writer could support her, but this ethical organization fights anything that comes along, never supports, and uses outdated practices which were used in the 1950 and 1960. My suggestion is if you want to use ethics for an organization use initials ROMA and not tamate. The initials should reflect R- reflect, O-orient, M-management and A-accountability.

A word of caution to our ambitious Johnny come lately aspiring to be leaders, don't get trapped and used trying to climb the ladder. You see, you will leave yourself open to failure before you get off the ground. Think before you act, look before you leap!

A word to organizations, you have to find a team and play on it, but you can not

play on two teams at the same time. Remember, you cannot fight that system eleven months and come back on the twelfth month and beg for help on my "banquet" or souvenir book. Remember, you can't beg and borrow at the same time. You have to do one or the other.

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Something to think about. For our long denied communities to become the self sustaining they should be that leadership and the initiative must come from within the community. Outside the community, we do not need our friends to put a ring in our nose and lead us around. We must graciously accept their advice, resources, knowledge, money, support, and good name to help us ourselves getting off the relief folk and on the tax rolls, but the leadership has to come from within.



## In Cinque

by Renetta W. Howard

It is becoming more difficult on a daily basis to keep our young people as members of churches. This is true across Christian denominations. Those who do remain as members of a church as they become older, are only interested in the music that has a rock and roll or rap beat to it.

Many churches today are catering to the music that young people like. The irony about most of it is that you cannot find the music in print. So much of it is something that they heard on the radio, a CD or cassette. They learn them verbatim without any difficulty. Age is no factor in the ability to learn the music, as long as the child can hear and speak and rock his body, kindergarten

through college. Many college students find the lure of the lights and the nightclubs more attractive than the church setting. It has been said that the only real difference between the church music and the blues is the saying, "O God! I love you!" instead "Oh Baby! I love you!" Very few of the song heard in church now, especially by choirs, can be found in a conventional hymn book of any denomination. The arrangements of popular song artists or recorded choirs is what you hear in church these days, even if it is a song originally found in a regular hymn book.

The artistic arrangements of songs have many more bars and notes, shrills and shrieks than conventional music. Whitney Houston's popular rendition of the national anthem. The Star Spangled Banner is a good example of that which I speak. Because her rendition was so well liked and revered and accepted, others have done and are

still doing the same thing with other songs.

There are popular songs recorded for which no sheet music exists, such as "I Will Sing Hallelujah." I have searched for it for ten years in numerous states, to no avail and I am still looking. One publishing company, no longer in existence, Morris Music Company, which published the majority of gospel music until 1998, directed me to a music store on the north-west side of Chicago which had the record! I bought the record and was told at that time, that there was no sheet music. This is an indication that our youth have music in their souls, but they need to know how to direct and channel it in order for it to be beneficial to the sacred world and to help them to enter into a sacred life in the church. It is time for us to get 'in cinque' and find a way to connect our youth to our churches with their talents. Something has got to give!

## THIS N THAT

YOUTH IN ACTION VERY GOOD INITIATIVE! THIS N THAT ... is excited over attending first initiative of ... YOUTH IN ACTION ... sponsored by the ... MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL ... last Sunday afternoon, January 18th 2004 ... at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center... It was great to see the ... SEVERAL YOUNG PEOPLE ... from pre-school thru high school ... participate in this kind of a program ... and... THIS N THAT ... hopes it will continue next year... It was a ... GREAT BEGINNING ... and with the word going out the ... Theatre at the Civic Center ... could become too small for this program... All in all ... this year's celebration was a ... VERY POSITIVE ONE ... and our hats goes out to the committee ... for a job well done... The president of the council ... MS. JOAN Y. ERVIN ... has been ill ... but she had some very capable people to fill in for her... They were ... DONNIE WRIGHT AND L.V. ANDREWS... Let's also salute the Youth In Action Committee ... which consisted of the following members ... Tracey Snell-JACKSON, YOLANDA JEFFERY, LAMONT FORD, STACY GERMON, TONYA HUNTER, RODNEY COLLINS AND ROBBIE SIMMONS... Everything was well done ... and may next year be even greater!

THANKS, LUBBOCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY! THIS N THAT ... wants to also salute the ... LUBBOCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ... with its ... BUILDING ON THE DREAM ... the ... LUBBOCK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ... with its ... BUILDING ON THE DREAM ... which began a groundbreaking for this project ... held on Monday ... official holiday for the ... MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY ... The dwelling will be constructed at ... 2303 duke avenue... Any assistance for this new dwelling will be most appreciated... Lubbock Habitat for Humanity ... is a great organization ... and has done some very positive things for Lubbock...

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THE RAIN WAS GREAT! THIS N THAT ... was happy to see the ... RAIN ... i and it was really needed... We know where it all came from ... and we are just so thankful ... for that needed rain last weekend...

LEONARD JARMAN IS LEAVING! THIS N THAT ... has learned that a very dedicated pastor ... LEONARD JARMAN ... pastor of Central Lubbock Church of Christ ... will be leaving Lubbock and returning back to his home in Los Angeles, California ... come this June 1, 2004... MINISTER JARMAN ... has done well in this community ... and we wish him the ... VERY BEST!

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# TDH Continues Successful Rabies Fight Through Bait Drop Program

A decade of feeding hungry coyotes and gray foxes in the dead of winter may not have kept these wild animals fat and happy, but it certainly has caused the incidence of canine and gray fox rabies to plummet.

In 1995, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) began the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORVP). The plan was to create zones of vaccinated coyotes and gray foxes to first stop the spread of the rabies virus and then eliminate canine and gray fox rabies.

Now, with stacks of favorable statistics at hand, TDH is again set to airdrop bait food filled with oral rabies vaccine over portions of South, Central and West Texas. In early January, about 2.7 million baits will drop from four specially-equipped airplanes flying across 47 counties. The first flight takes off Jan. 6, weather permitting, from the Zapata County Airport in South Texas. The second portion of the drop will begin about Jan. 15 from the Kimble County Airport in Junction, and the final phase will fly from the Pecos County Airport in Fort Stockton beginning about Jan. 22.

TDH initiated the program in South Texas where canine rabies in coyotes and domestic dogs had reached epidemic proportions and threatened to invade San Antonio and other major population areas. The next year, an air drop began in West-Central Texas where an epidemic of gray fox rabies

had been occurring since 1988.

"The Oral Rabies Vaccination Program continues to show excellent results," said TDH veterinarian Tom Sidwa, ORVP director. "Look at the data: No human cases of rabies in either area since the vaccine airdrop began. No animal cases of either canine or gray fox rabies outside the original zones since the program's beginning. No canine strain of rabies at all in Texas since 2001 and a significant drop in the number of gray fox rabies cases."

The number of canine rabies cases in South Texas declined from a high of 142 cases when the program began in 1995 to one in 2001 and none since then. Gray fox cases are down as well from an all-time high of 265 cases in 1994 to 61 in 2003 through October. Appealing to specialized tastes, the customized baits offer a treat of fish meal to coyotes and dog food containing molasses and vanilla flavoring to gray foxes. Each bait contains 2 milliliters of oral rabies vaccine.

"The vaccine inside the bait cannot cause rabies in people or animals," Sidwa said.

Because baits contain a biological agent and are less likely to be eaten by wildlife if people have touched them, they should not be handled. Each brown bait, which measures 1 1/4 by 1 1/4 by 3/4 inches, is marked with a TDH toll free number, 1-877-722-6725, that people may call for information.

Sidwa emphasized that owners

of domestic animals need to get their pets vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian as required by law. A domestic animal's rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait, he said.

(For more information, contact Tom Sidwa, DVM, TDH Zoonosis Control Division, at 512-458-7255; or Emily Palmer, TDH Assistant Press Officer, at 512-458-7400.)

Note to Editors:

\* Counties in the 2004 South Texas vaccine distribution area are: Brooks, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala.

\* Counties in the 2004 West-Central Texas vaccine distribution area are: Bandera, Brewster, Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Crane, Crockett, Edwards, Gillespie, Glasscock, Howard, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Sterling, Taylor, Terrell, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala.

(Maverick and Zavala counties are included in both distribution areas.)

# Lubbock Son Honored at "All-American Bowl" in San Antonio

By Rich Lamance

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - When the son of a Lubbock couple ran onto midfield at the Alamodome here during pre-game activities of the Army sponsored "All-American" Bowl all-star football game, he was greeted by one of the national heroes of the high school gridiron. But it wasn't the football star being highlighted as the true hero.

Army Spec. Richard K. Ward, son of Ron and Sandra Ward, 90th St., Lubbock, was one of more than 80 heroes of Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star or Purple Heart, who was matched with an all-star player as a tribute to American service members involved with the war against terrorism.

Ward was in San Antonio to be honored for his participation in the war and to represent the Army in what has become one of the largest events of its kind in high school sports. "In addition to escorting a player onto the field during pre-game activities,

I answered questions about military life that the players and the public had for me," said the 1991 graduate of Monterey

High School. Ward was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he received during Operation Enduring Freedom where he survived an attack in which an assailant used a rocket-propelled grenade. "It all happened during combat operations right before Christmas, 2002," said the 2000 graduate of Texas Tech University "I should have been killed, but God protected me that day. The grenade landed three feet away from me."

Chosen as one of just over 80 heroes of the war within the entire Army wasn't lost on Ward and he believes strongly that what he does for a living pays big dividends for keeping America free. "To me, it's important for U.S. citizens to serve their country because we need people to ensure that our way of life is preserved," he said. "I don't

think a lot of people realize just how threatened we are and just how much is at stake. Some say war isn't the answer, but what they forget is that we were attacked - it seems many people have forgotten the significance of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks."

Stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga., Ward, a former infantryman, now works in logistics. "I'm working in logistics while I continue to heal from my injuries," he said. "I still have some nerve damage and I'm waiting for a medical board to decide my future status with the Army."

Give the players their due as the top high school athletes in the nation. But on this one special game day it was Ward and his fellow desert camouflaged soldiers who walked off the field as the true heroes.



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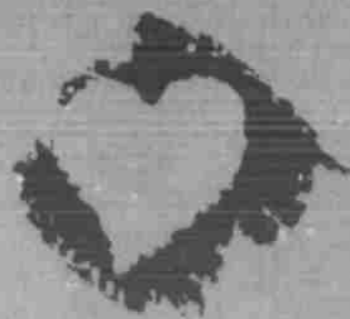
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