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## Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm 1303 East 24th St. (outreach center/party house)
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.

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# A look back at Watts: Forty years after the flames: Part 2

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My friend and I watched looters gleefully make mad dashes into the corner grocery store; their arms bulged with liquor bottles and cigarette cartons. Suddenly, my friend shouted out as if he was speaking to an audience, "Maybe now they'll see how rotten they treat us." The "they" was the white man. His words were, angry, and bitter. Yet underneath there was a subtext of hope that the mass orgy of death and destruction that engulfed the block we lived on and the surrounding blocks during the harrowing five days and nights of the Watts riot in August 1965 might improve things for blacks. Over the years, as I returned to the block we lived on during the riot, I often thought of his bitter yet hopeful words.



Hutchinson

The main street near my block is just as unkempt, pothole ridden, and trash littered. All the homes and stores in the area are all hermetically sealed with iron bars, security gates, and burglar alarms. Forty years ago, many of us were poor and trapped in a segregated neighborhood, but we knew, trusted, and looked out for our neighbors. We could walk the streets at night, and felt secure in our homes. That day is long past. In the decades after the Watts riots, Watts and other inner city neighborhoods were written off as vast wastelands of violence and despair. That became a self-fulfilling prophecy. Many banks, and corporations, as well as government officials, reneged on their promises to fund and build top-notch stores, make more home and business loans, and provide massive funding for job and social service programs in ghettos such as Watts. Business

Mayor Tom Bradley made on the 25th anniversary of the 1965-Watts riots in 1990. When Bradley was asked whether L.A. could be racked by another riot, he confidently said that it couldn't happen again. A scant two years later, L.A. was torn by nightmarish urban violence following the acquittal in the Simi Valley trial of the four LAPD officers that beat black motorist Rodney King. When the smoke cleared the death toll and property damage far exceeded the damage and destruction of the Watts riots. That should have been yet another wake-up call that things were still bad, and could get worse. Since then they have. Last April, the National Urban League in its annual state of Black America report grimly noted that blacks have lost ground in income education, health care, and their treatment in the criminal justice system in relation to whites. They are more likely than any other group in America to be victimized by crime and violence. In L.A., things are worse still. In July, the L.A. chapter of the National Urban League and the United Way issued an unprecedented report on the State of Black L.A. The report called the conditions in Watts and South L.A., dismal. Blacks have higher school drop out rates, greater homelessness, die younger and in greater numbers, are more likely to be jailed and serve longer sentences, and are far and away more likely to be victims of racial hate crimes than any other group in L.A. County. King hospital, once the shining symbol of change and progress in the area, is mired in bitter controversy over mismanagement, medical incompetence, and patient neglect. The threat of closure perennially hangs over the hospital. The only significant social change in Watts is the ethnic



Martin Luther King, Jr. is shown here during the riots. He emphasized peace, but his voice was drowned out by the violence in the city.



A sign in the middle of the street advises drivers to "Turn Left or Get Shot".

Forty years after the riots, his hope remains a hope still unfulfilled. The streets that my friend and I were shooed down by the police and the National Guard forty years ago looks as if time has literally stood still. They are dotted with fast food restaurants, beauty shops, and liquor stores, and mom and pop grocery stores.

leaders had horrific visions of their banks and stores going up in smoke or being hopelessly plagued by criminal violence. Meanwhile, L.A.'s politicians naively buried their head in the sand and pretended that all was well in the city. That was glaringly and embarrassingly evident in the rash prediction that then

demographic shift. Forty years ago, the area was predominantly black; it is now predominantly Latino, with growing numbers of Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Filipino residents. The fast changing demographics have at times imploded in inter-ethnic battles between blacks and Latinos over jobs, housing, schools, and deadly clashes within the L.A. county jails. Black flight has also drastically diminished black political strength in L.A. and statewide. In the past decade, the number of blacks in the California legislature has shrunk to half the number, and there is the real possibility that blacks could lose one, possibly two, of their three city council seats in the next few years. Watts is no longer the national and world symbol of American urban racial destruction, neglect and despair. But the poverty, violence and neglect that made it that

demographic shift. Forty years ago, the area was predominantly black; it is now predominantly Latino, with growing numbers of Cambodian, Vietnamese, and Filipino residents. The fast changing demographics have at times imploded in inter-ethnic battles between blacks and Latinos over jobs, housing, schools, and deadly clashes within the L.A. county jails. Black flight has also drastically diminished black political strength in L.A. and statewide. In the past decade, the number of blacks in the California legislature has shrunk to half the number, and there is the real possibility that blacks could lose one, possibly two, of their three city council seats in the next few years.



Citizens of Watts are shown destroying stores and stealing merchandise while looting during the riots.

symbol is still very much there. Forty years later that hasn't changed. Earl Ofari Hutchinson is a columnist for BlackNews.com, an author and political analyst.

## Bluesman "Little Milton" Campbell dies after series of strokes

LOS ANGELES, California - Singer-guitarist Little Milton Campbell, whose career as a soul-blues star spanned five decades, died Thursday in Memphis. He was 70.

Campbell was hospitalized after suffering two strokes in late July. He was possibly the most gifted and versatile of all Southern soul-blues performers. A powerful

and evocative vocalist, Campbell was also an underestimated and potent guitar player in the B.B. King mold.

Born September 7, 1934, in Inverness, Mississippi, Campbell was influenced by his father, a local musician, and by the music he heard on the Grand Ole Opry's national broadcasts. T-Bone Walker served as an early guitar role model. A veteran of the Southern touring circuit as a teen, Campbell performed with guitarist-pianist Ike Turner, who brought the young musician to Sam Phillips' fledgling Sun Records in Memphis in 1953. His Sun sides caused few ripples, but Campbell went on to enjoy a fruitful association as a performer and A&R man with St. Louis' Bobbin Records, where he signed Albert King and Fontella Bass. In 1961, Campbell moved to Chicago-based Chess Records, where he recorded prolifically for the Checker subsidiary. He racked up a No. 1 national R&B hit in 1965 with the easy-rolling "We're Gonna Make It"; his other top 10 entries for the label included "Who's Cheating Who?", "Feels So Bad," "If Walls Could Talk," "Baby I Love You" and "Grits Ain't Groceries."

Through the '70s, he cemented his reputation as a top Southern blues performer with stints at Memphis' Stax Records and Miami's Glades Records. He released his lone major label

album, "Age Ain't Nothin' But a Number," on MCA in 1983. In 1984 he joined Jackson, Mississippi-based Malaco Records, where he maintained a strong regional soul-blues presence for nearly two decades.

Campbell received the 1988 W.C. Handy Blues Award as entertainer of the year. His long tenure at Malaco, which was highlighted by his penning of the blues festival anthem "The Blues Is Alright," was capped in 1999 by "Welcome to Little Milton." The collection of duets with such collaborators as Lucinda Williams, Dave Alvin, Delbert McClinton and Susan Tedeschi received a Grammy nomination as best contemporary blues album. Campbell's last album, "Think of Me," was issued by Telarc in early 2005.

Campbell is survived by his wife Pat, and a son and daughter from a previous marriage.



Little Milton

## Annual Choir Day Musical announced

Slaton, Texas - The Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 887 Flint Street, will present the Annual Choir Day Musical for Sunday afternoon, August 14, 2005, beginning at 3:30 p. m. The theme will be "I Pray We Be Ready." Special guest will include: Elder J. J. Johnson, Miranda Robertson, Guitarist - Michael Horton, Organist - Quintence Johnson, and Sweet Melodies. Rev. C. C. Peoples is pastor.

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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.



# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Men and Women's Annual Day will be held at the New Hope Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, September 18, 2005, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The West Texas Baptist District Association is being held this week through Friday, August 12, 2005, in Odessa, Texas at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church where host pastor is Rev. L. H. Degrate. Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, is the Moderator. Members of New Hope Baptist Church are in attendance. More on the outcome of this meeting next week.

The deadline for those who want to participate in the Annual women's Prayer Retreat was August 8, 2005. This event will be held August 26 & 27, 2005, at the Ark in Amherst, Texas. The theme is "When the Holy Spirit Comes!" Acts 2:1-4. The Clinician is Rev. Thealia McClendon of the Gethsemane Baptist Church in San Angelo, Texas.

For additional information, call either Sister Joan Y. Ervin at 763-0853 or Sister Mattie Beay

at 762-1028.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens. Among them who are shut-in this week include Sister Saundra McKenzie who is home after having surgery. She is doing nicely at this report. Brother Johnny Walker is still doing nicely at the University Medical Center. Brother George Scott is recuperating at home.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. God is able. He knows how much we all can bear. He is still in charge. A kind word goes so far in times like these.

Presiding Elder & Mrs. Johnny Mitchell were in attendance of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday morning, August 7, 2005. He gave brief remarks about the business of the Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He serves in the Greater Fort Worth District. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is pastor.

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is

the "Church Where the People Really Care," and Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a Church home, then come and visit New Hope.

Services began last Sunday morning with meditation and prayer. The Praise Team sang some inspirational selections after prayer and morning scripture readings were sung by the New Hope Choir.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "How to Handle Rejection". His scripture was Matthew 13:53-58.

Announcements of the morning were read by Sister Anna Chatman, Brother Johanie Martin welcomed all visitors.

If you are unable to attend church services on Sunday morning, you may tune into KJAK, 92.7 FM from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

If you have some news about your family, church or an organization, let us know so we can report it in this column. It would be good to hear from you about what you are doing in the community.

## In Remembrance

**James R. Fisher**  
Funeral services for James Roy Fisher were held



Fisher

Wednesday morning, August 10, 2005, at 20th & Birch Church of Christ with Brother Billy Lemoas officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Mortuary of Lubbock, and burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mr. Fisher passed away Friday, August 5, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center.

**Evern Fowler**

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, August 9,



Fowler

2005, for Evern Fowler at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Plainview, Texas with Rev. Willie Ansley officiating.

Burial was held in the Plainview Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home of Midland, Texas.

A resident of Lubbock and a former resident of Plainview, she passed away Thursday, August 4, 2005, in Rowlet Health & Rehab Center.

She was born in Olton, Texas to Green Foster and Tressie Averyhart on May 13, 1948. They preceded her in death.

She married James Green, and three children were born to this union - James Earl, Jr., Aaron Gerard and Jonathan Keith. They also preceded her in death.

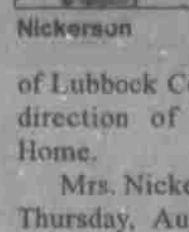
She later married Fronzo Fowler. They were married for over 30 years until his death.

She is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Foster of Garland, Texas; seen nieces; one nephew;

and a host of other relatives and friends.

**Lillie Nickerson**

Funeral services for Lillie Nickerson were held Tuesday morning, August 9, 2005, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.



Nickerson

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

Mrs. Nickerson passed away Thursday, August 4, 2005, in Fort Worth, Texas. She was born December 18, 1902 in Groesbeck, Texas.

While a resident of Lubbock, she was a faithful member of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. At the time of her death, she was a dedicated church mother to the Greater North Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Nickerson, Sr.; children, Edward Nickerson, Jr., Ethel Mae Alexander, and Hattie Hill; and a nephew, Melvin Brown.

She is survived by a step-sister, Janie Halliburton of Fort Worth, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Bernice Nickerson of Lubbock, Texas; two grandsons, Kenneth and Terry Hill, both of Fort Worth, Texas; a niece, Ethel Mae Thompson of Minnesota; and three nephews, Quincy, LeRoy and Richard Brown, all of Fort Worth, Texas, all whom she raised; four granddaughters: Lucy Green, Vinnie Johnson, Jeanice Summerling and Patsy Mitchell, all of Fort Worth, Texas; ten great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

DEthel Wilburn  
Funeral services for DEthel Wilburn were held Monday

afternoon, August 8, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Brownfield, Texas. Burial was held in the Brownfield Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary of Lubbock, Texas. She passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2005, at University Medical Center. She is survived by two sons, Willie N. Wilburn of Brownfield, Texas and John A.R. Wilburn of Lubbock, Texas; and four daughters: Gwendolyn Wilburn, Vanesse Wilburn, Jane Wilburn and Yolanda Wilburn, all of Lubbock, Texas.

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### Something to Think About

To escape the heat mentally, let's focus on this fall's most fashionable popular colors.

The great thing to remember ladies, you can continue to wear some of your beautiful, bright colors, as well as your pastels into the fall and winter seasons. Anything goes!

Pink is going to be big this fall, and some new colors are French Blue, French Toast, Vikuna, Peacock, Cactus, Dark Charcoal.

Remember Ladies, cooler days are coming! It's something to think about!

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

## Lubbock pastor to speak for church's 131st anniversary

The oldest church in town, St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church was established in February 1874, just

four months after the railroad reached this community on Oct. 3, 1873. A town called Weimar came into being.

The first church building was as crude structure of unfinished boards that never knew paint, but it had a steeple. The small rectangular building faced east and had a side door on the south for the preacher to enter.

It was located on the corner of North and Eagle streets and later moved to the other side of the block, 412 North St. Andrews.

The former location was later sold to the school district. D.W. Jackson and T.W. Pierce gave the plot of land that the church was built on for the legal cost of \$75 to be paid out over a period of three years.

The first four trustees of the church were Ledbetter Williams, Crockett Hunter, Clifford Gilliam and George Morrow went to the Jackson and Pierce Land Office, in November 1877, with the final \$25 payment on the land and were given the deeds and abstracts.

Pastor Joyce Mitchell and the members of St. James A.M.E. Church invites all ministers, pastors, congregations, former members, families and friends to join in with us to cel-

brate our "131st Church Anniversary and Homecoming," on Sunday evening, August 14 at 3:00 p.m.

Guest speaker for this service is Elder D.A. Smith, pastor of Smith Temple Community Church in Lubbock. Elder Smith is a former pastor of St. James A.M.E.

From its beginning, St. James was a lighthouse to weary travelers, St. James has weathered many storms of life because it is founded on the solid rock of Jesus Christ...and is shall stand until the end of time proclaiming the motto of

the A.M.E. Church...God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, Man our Brother.



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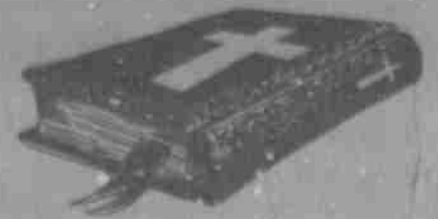
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# Church News



## We Thank God for Jesus God's signs - Are they on your mind?

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

**Matthew 24:3** - As He (Jesus) sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, tell us when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?

Lord, you told us when, and you told us about your coming and the signs, but many are playing church. They are not trying them any more.

**Revelation 2:7a** - Jesus said, he that heareth an ear, let him hear what the spirit said unto the churches.

**Matthew 24:5-6** - Jesus said, for many shall come in my name saying I am the Christ, and shall deceive you. You shall hear of rumors of wars. See that ye be not troubled, for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

You said there was a time coming, and it would be the end of the world. Many don't know it's the end of the life of a man, woman, boy or a girl.

**Luke 12:39** - Jesus said, know this that if a god man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken into. Be you, therefore, ready also. For the Son of Man comes at an hour when you think not.

(The Greek word for the world is Kosmos, meaning the social system. It is an age of today, not an age of the world, and not the end of the world. The man that died yesterday, he is gone, but we're yet here. So the world is not gone, only that life.)

The man that went to work that morning, he didn't know that day was his last. He saw the signs of time and was he ready? The family is so sad!!!

**Mark 13:32** - Jesus said, but of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no the angels which re in heaven, neither the son (Jesus), but only the Father.

Lord, we've heard of all the troubles, and it's all over the land, wars and rumors of wars. It's the families of the blood brother man.

**Matthew 24:11-12** - Jesus said, many false prophets shall rise, and shall receive many, and because iniquity (sin) shall abound the love of many shall wax (grow) cold.

We see the family members killing each other - doing it at many times at will. We see the hate of a cold hearted country. They don't want to forgive!!

**Matthew 10:34-36** - Jesus said, think not that I am come to send peace on the earth. I come

not to send peace, but a sword, for I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in-law against her mother-in-law, and man's foes (enemies) shall be they of his own household.

Mankind is not paying attention to God's Almighty signs of time. Your and my name may be in the obituaries the very next time!!!

**Matthew 24:31** - Jesus said, he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather his elect from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other.

This is a mighty fine day. For someone to ask, what must I do to be saved? This is the day of salvation. Tomorrow, the Lord may be coming your way.

**Luke 12:56** - Jesus said, ye hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it that you do not discern the times.

Lord, America left You, and that was the start of all of our troubles. We have become prophesy with riches of things. We have found new lovers!!!

**1 John 2:15** - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Methamphetamine in the Black Community

The Lubbock community has increasingly become infected with drug use. Law enforcement have incarcerated non-violent drug offenders, yet we have not stopped the steady flow of narcotics into the Lubbock community or our country from other nations and particularly Mexico. Dealers continue to push drugs in drug-free school zones and to prey on children. Now, we are aware through the media and other means of communication in our city of Lubbock there is another battle being fought to safeguard our young.

As usual, we are losing because we as a community do not have the backbone or the will power to stand up and fight for what is right. We tend to be afraid of our own children and simply say "we will leave it in the hands of the Lord." Parents need to remember the "Lord hands" are your hands on your little black males who become involved with drugs. If you do not correct the wrongful behavior of your son, what do other ethnic groups care? Your son is just one less black male the ruling society will have to deal with when they send him to a correctional facility. He will carry the mark of CAIN on him the rest of his mortal life. You can take this to the bank with you if your son gets a FELONY on his record. He will always be a marked criminal slave to the justice system.

Too often, tragedies are needed to trigger policy. Moreover, as of late, the black community of Lubbock as well the community as a whole are overwhelmed with tragedies. The media outlets of the city

have been constantly reporting the dark side of our city through domestic violence, murder, drive-by shooting and even the threat on hospital personnel because of ill behavior stemming from drug use.

Methamphetamine, a highly addictive stimulant, is being produced all around and in the city of Lubbock as seen through Meth labs bust by law officials. Methamphetamine is a highly addictive stimulant narcotic that can be made from cold medicine and farm and household chemicals. The 79th legislator has passed laws on certain medicines to control the making of "meth."

Again, what is Meth? The National Institute on Drug Abuse reports Methamphetamine is an addictive stimulant drug that strongly activates certain systems in the brain. Methamphetamine is chemically related to amphetamine, but the central nervous system effects of methamphetamine are greater.

Methamphetamine is a deadly product of illegal laboratories and has a high potential for abuse and addiction. Street methamphetamine is referred to by many names, such as "speed," "meth," and "chalk." Methamphetamine hydrochloride, clear chunky crystals resembling ice, which can be inhaled by smoking, is referred to as "ice," "crystal," "glass," and "tina."

The "Institute" reports methamphetamine is a health hazard. It releases high levels of the neurotransmitter dopamine, which stimulates brain cells, enhancing mood and body movement. It also appears to have a neurotoxic effect, damaging brain cells that contain

dopamine as well as serotonin, another neurotransmitter. Over time, methamphetamine appears to cause reduced levels of dopamine, which can result in symptoms like those of Parkinson's disease, a severe movement disorder.

Methamphetamine is taken orally or intranasally (snorting the powder), by intravenous injection, and by smoking. Immediately after smoking or intravenous injection, the methamphetamine user experiences an intense sensation, called a "rush" or "flash," that lasts only a few minutes and is described as extremely pleasurable. Oral or intranasal use produces euphoria—a high, but not a rush. Users may become addicted quickly, and use it with increasing frequency and in increasing doses. In simple lay language, the use of methamphetamine makes one feel like "they are a bird and they can launch themselves from a 20 story building and fly like a bird."

The "Institute" states methamphetamine works on the central nervous system. Even the smallest amount of the drug can include increase wakefulness, increase physical activity, decreased appetite, increase respiration, hyperthermia, and euphoria. Other effects include irritability, insomnia, confusion, tremors, convulsions, anxiety, paranoia, and aggressiveness. In addition, methamphetamine can cause irregular heartbeat, and extreme anorexia. Its use can result in cardiovascular collapse and death.

Domestic violence is one of the byproducts of the criminal effect of the drug.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday in the home of Sister Mitie Wallace and Sister Rosiana Henderson. The Holy Spirit was in the midst. The scripture was read by Sister Christine Burleson. Sister Irma Crawford offered the prayer. A solo was sung by Sister Annie Day. It was beautifully done. We thank our guest for their presence on Saturday morning. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Henderson. Her subject was "Why Do We War Against Each Other."

In a day and time when we are witnesses to Satan's rampage not only in our cities, but in the whole world, we as Christians, must cease warring against each other and put on the whole armor of God and take a stand against our real enemy, who is the devil, God's people warring against each other is not new.

**In The Old Testament:** Absalom created a war for his father David. II Samuel 13:18. Lot caused a quarrel with his Uncle Abraham. Genesis 13. (Just to name a few).

**In The New Testament:** The Corinthian Church was competing with each other in the public meetings, and even suing each other in court. I Corinthians 6:1-8 & 14:23-40. The Galatians believers were biting & devouring one another. Galatians 5:15. Paul's beloved Church at Philip had problems: two women could not get along

with each other. Philippians 4:1-3. The believers James wrote to where he was with each other over problems in the Church, many of them wanting to be teachers and leaders. Each person thought that his ideas were the only right ideas and his ways the only right ways. Selfish ambition ruled their meetings, not spiritual submission.

**What Causes Fights and Quarrels Among Us?** James says in Chapter 4:1. Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? The war in the heart is helping to cause the wars in the church. James 3:14-16. Often we veil our religious quarrels under the disguise of "spirituality". We seldom know the real reason behind religious quarrels. We see an example in Numbers 13 between Miriam, Aaron and Moses. They were not so much concerned about Moses' wife being dark-skinned as their being envious of Moses' authority. The result of selfish desire causes division among God's people and nobody is happy but Satan.

**Question: How do we declare war against God?** Answer: By being friendly with God's enemies they are: **The world** (James 4:4) **Human society** apart from God. **The flesh** (James 4:15) The old nature that we inherited from Adam. Romans 8:7 - The carnal mind is enmity against the Saints and Savior.

We saw the result in the Garden of Eden. God wants us to

be humble. Satan wants us to be proud. Peter 5:6. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God. That in due season (at the right time). He will exalt you.

Yes, we have the solution to the problems in our cities, our homes, and our world, and it is in **Jesus Christ**. Let us not allow ourselves to be sidetracked and distracted by petty arguing and bickering among ourselves. In the **Final Accounting**, we will not be judged by who out sang who or who out preached who, or who's most handsome or most beautiful. This is not high school. Eloquent speech won't mater, but for our Service to God in Serving Others. Matthew 25:31-44. (Please read).

**Remember who you are! Remember whose you are!**

Please, don't forget those drive-by prayers for your people. Just pray, Saints. Do this as you go and come in our community. Let's pray. At the same time, make plans to come to our next meeting which will be held Saturday morning, September 3, 200. For more information, keep reading this article each week.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in as well as those who are hurting. We speak life into you, in the name of Jesus!

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

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, August 7, 2005, was a most exciting day in the Lord at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. As always, we are always excited about worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The morning services got underway at 10:10 a. m. with Sunday School, and Superintendent Sister Luella Harris was in charge. Rev. Edward Canady, our pastor, taught and reviewed the morning lesson. The subject was "What Is My Calling?" What a wonderful lesson it was for all in attendance. Now, by the way, what is your calling?

Deacon Edward Williams, Brother Gerald Jackson and Brother Albert Wilborn were in charge of the morning devotion.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir was at their post of duty as always singing God's praises. We thank God for our Senior Choir.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "God's Righteousness and Our Righteousness." His scripture text was Romans 10:1-3. It was another

wonderful sermon well received by all in attendance.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church and Pastor Edward Canady would like to thank everyone who bought a bar-b-que dinner.

Thought for The Week: "Jesus looks at what you give, and what you have left."

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All have sinned - Romans 3:23  
Jesus Christ died for our sins - 2 Cor 5:21; Acts 2:38  
We must do God's will and obey him to enter heaven - Matt. 7:21; Heb 9:9  
How do we obey him?  
They that keep his commandments shall have the right to the Father - John 14:23  
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - Mark 16:16  
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3  
Confess - Romans 10:10  
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38  
Be buried with Christ in water - Rom 6:4

## Arnett-Benson hosts Concert in the Park

The Arnett-Benson Neighborhood Association is hosting a Concert in the Park in conjunction with their end of summer activities on Sunday, August 14, 2005, from 1:00 p.m. \* 6:00 p.m. at Rogers Park located at 3200 Amherst (at Gary Avenue). This is the eighth Concert in the Park for this neighborhood. Activities

include an open talent show from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and music from 3:00-6:00 p.m. by Juan Flores and Sus Favoritos. People planning to attend should

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# Recent handcuffing of 5-Year old Black girl was not a violation

**Blacknews.com** ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Police officers committed an error of judgment when they handcuffed an unruly kindergarten at school in March but did not violate policy, the department's chief said Thursday.

Chief Chuck Harmon said it is two officers who handcuffed the 5-year-old girl were reprimanded for minor errors in handling the situation, which gained worldwide attention when a videotape of the confrontation was released to broadcasters.

But Harmon said the officers were not punished for shackling the

child, who had torn up a classroom and hit an assistant principal before the officers arrived.

Still, Harmon said, the officers should have done more investigation, explored ways to defuse the situation and allowed school officials to take the lead in handling it.

"This child needed some intervention, but I don't think it was by law enforcement," Harmon said, calling the handcuffing "pre-nature."

The video of the March 14 confrontation prompted criticism of the police and school system, and charges of racism that brought the Rev. Jesse Jackson to town to meet

with school officials. The girl is black, and the police officers are white.

Harmon said Thursday that the report found no evidence of racism by the officers.

A video camera captured images of the girl tearing papers off a bulletin board, climbing on a table and punching the assistant principal before police were called.

Then the tape shows the child appearing to calm down before officers approach, pin her arms behind her back and put on handcuffs as she screamed, "No!" and began to cry.

The girl was put in the back of a

police car and had her feet restrained after she tried to kick out the window. She was released later without charges.

The girl's mother, Inga Akins, sold her story exclusively to a tabloid TV show, and her attorneys have notified the city that she plans to sue. A working phone number for Akins could not be located Thursday, and she could not be reached for comment. A call to her Stuart attorneys was not immediately returned.

Harmon said the incident prompted a policy change that will prohibit handcuffing children

younger than 8 without a supervising officer being called to the scene. But officers need to retain the option

of handcuffing children in "extreme situations," such as when a weapon is involved, he said.

## Shakespeare in the Park to run two weekends

Shakespeare lover's and theatergoers will have twice the opportunity this summer to view Love's Labour's Lost, this year's production of Shakespeare in the Park. With the vision of Director Bill Gelber, Parks and Recreation is pleased to offer for the first time two weekends of performances at two different parks. Staged at 7:00 p.m. nightly, the play will open at McCullough Park, 88th and Flint, Thursday-Saturday, August 11-13, and will end its run at Mackenzie Park, off East Broadway, Thursday-Saturday, August 18-20. The play is free of charge, and audiences are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to sit on. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Dr. Bill Gelber, who teaches

theater at Texas Tech University, will again direct Shakespeare in the Park. Gelber has chosen the comedy, Love's Labour's Lost, which is fitting as the play takes place in a park setting. The story revolves around King Ferdinand and his men who have given up the pleasures of the world to become intellectuals. Audiences will watch as these brave men attempt to keep their oaths when the beautiful women of the court of France arrive.

Gelber has put together a wonderful cast using both Texas Tech students and area community theater actors, and he has brought back Deborah Bigness as stage manager. In addition to great acting and directing, this year's production should be visually stunning, as

actors will be fully costumed with attire from the Elizabethan era. The University Theater Players, a Texas Tech alumni group, will be assisting with the production. The cast for Love's Labour's Lost is listed below:

- Ferdinand, King of Navarre - Mike Novak
- Berowne - Jeffrey Scott
- Longaville - Will Roby
- Dumaine - Bob Chanda
- Boyet - Jeremy Hatley
- Marcade - Patrick Mahaffey
- Don Adriano de Armado - Kirk Davidson
- Sir Nathaniel, a curate - Kate Togneyer
- Holofernes, a schoolmaster - Sean Cooper

- Dull, a constable - Terry Chance
- Costard, a clown - Kelly Parker
- Moth, page to Armado - Kevin Ten Eyck
- Forester - Patrick Mahaffey
- Princess of France - Lindsay Turman
- Rosaline - Morgan Mercer
- Maria - Ella Johnson
- Katherine - Karen Moore
- Jacquenetta, a country wench - Bethany Young
- Lords, Attendants - Patrick Mahaffey

## "Double B" returns to Cotton Kings



Brown is shown here being interviewed at McDonald's on 19th Street near University.

er signed by the Kings.

"I am very pleased to have Bobby back with the Cotton Kings," said Kings Head Coach and Director of Hockey Operations Chris Dashney. "Last season, we lacked some scoring punch, and Bobby is a proven goal scorer who will complement whoever he plays with. Fans will again see him become an instrumental part of our special teams unit."

Brown, 29, was on the inaugural Cotton Kings roster in 1999-2000 where he was a Western Professional Hockey League (WPHL) All-Star as well as a key player on the point for the best power play in Lubbock history. In 165 chances with the man advantage at home, the Kings lit the lamp for a league-best 43 goals - a 26.1 percent clip. The Kings were also the second best team overall with 79 goals and in 331 times with the man advantage (23.9 percent).

Brown, 6-0, 200-pounds, is a Winnipeg, Manitoba native and appeared in 51 games last season with the Landshut EV in 2.GBUN (Germany) posting a team-high 14

goals and 39 points. He has played professionally for eleven years and has attended training camps with the NHL.

After leaving the Kings, Brown split time between Austin (WPHL) and Houston before moving on to the Louisiana IceGators (ECHL) and Cincinnati.

The Lubbock Cotton Kings will be taking to the ice this October for the seventh season of hockey in the Hub City. The Kings home schedule will increase to 32 home dates and a total of 64 games for the upcoming season.

### Ticket Packages

The Lubbock Cotton Kings now have their 17 and 10 game packs solidified for the 2005-06 season. Ticket packs start at \$99 level out at \$255. The ice packs are a perfect way to reserve your seats,\* for weekend contests.

Please call the Cotton Kings at (806) 747-7825 for more information.

\*Select packages only

## Lubbock Chorale announces auditions and schedule

Auditions for the 2005-06 season of The Lubbock Chorale will be held Monday, August 22nd, and Tuesday, August 23rd at Texas Tech's School of Music. Please call Ginger Clayton at 792-9220 if you are interested in audi-


tioning for this premier singing group.


The chorale, under the baton of the internationally known conductor, Dr. John Dickson, will be performing four major works during this season.

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## Publisher of Ebony and Jet Magazine, dies at 87

Blacknews.com

CHICAGO - Publisher John H. Johnson, whose Ebony and Jet magazines countered stereotypical coverage of blacks after World War II and turned him into one of the most influential black leaders in America, died Monday, his company said. He was 87.



Johnson

LaTrina Blair, promotions manager with Chicago-based Johnson Publishing Co., confirmed Johnson's death. Further details were not immediately available.

Johnson broke new ground by bringing positive portrayals of blacks into a mass-market publication and encouraging corporations to use black models in advertising aimed at black consumers.

Born into an impoverished family in Arkansas, Johnson went into business with a \$500 loan secured by his mother's furniture and built a publishing and cosmetics empire.

Johnson built Ebony from a circulation of 25,000 on its first press run in November 1945 to a monthly circulation of 1.9 million in 1997. Jet magazine, a weekly, was founded in 1951 and a third magazine, Ebony Man, a monthly men's magazine, was started in 1985.

Johnson launched Ebony just after World War II, as black soldiers were returning home. At the time

there were no black players in major league baseball and little black political representation.

With blacks' incomes far below white Americans, the idea of a black publishing company was widely dismissed. Civil rights leader Roy Wilkins advised Johnson to forget the publishing business and save himself a lot of disappointment. Wilkins later acknowledged he gave Johnson bad advice.

Ebony - named by Johnson's wife, Eunice - was created to counter stereotypical portrayals of blacks in white-owned newspapers, magazines and broadcast media. The monthly magazine highlights the positive in black life.

"We try to seek out good things, even when everything seems bad," Johnson once said in explaining the magazine's purpose. "We look for breakthroughs, we look for people who have made it, who have succeeded against the odds, who have proven somehow that long shots do come in."

In their best interest, Johnson also encouraged major white companies to advertise in black media. He sent an ad salesman to Detroit every week for 10 years before an auto manufacturer agreed to advertise in Ebony.

"We couldn't do it then by marching, and we couldn't do it by threatening," Johnson said of gaining advertisers. "We had to persuade people that it was in their best interest to reach out to black consumers in a positive way."

According to the company's Web site, Johnson Publishing Co. Inc. is the world's largest black-owned and-operated publishing company. It also includes Fashion Fair Cosmetics and a book division.

Born Jan. 19, 1918, in Arkansas City, Ark., Johnson moved to Chicago with his family at age 15. After graduating from public schools, Johnson attended the University of Chicago and Northwestern University.

While working at the black-

owned Supreme Life Insurance Co., where he started as a clerk, Johnson founded Johnson Publishing Co. in 1942. Its first magazine was Negro Digest, a journal that condensed articles of interest to blacks and published the poems and short stories of black writers.

Johnson used Supreme Life's mailing list to offer discount charter subscriptions of the digest. To persuade a distributor to take the magazine, he got co-workers to ask for it at newsstands on Chicago's South Side. Friends bought most of the copies, convincing dealers the magazine was in demand, while Johnson reimbursed the friends and resold the copies they had bought.

The tactic was used in New York, Philadelphia and Detroit, and within a year, Negro Digest was selling 50,000 copies a month. The magazine is no longer published.

Besides his wife, Johnson is survived by a daughter, Linda Johnson Rice, president of Johnson Publishing.

## Coalition for Literacy

The Lubbock Area Literacy Coalition is happy to host an adult dyslexia program by Dallas Scottish Rite educator Lois McCook at the Mahon Library on August 27 from 9 am - 12 pm. Her program will offer help with many of the areas inherent in teaching an adult to read, including some background on the characteristics of dyslexia, the prerequisite skills required for learning to read and the challenge of teaching adults to read.

Afterwards, from 1-3 pm, Ms McCook will educate those who are interested in becoming tutors or small classroom facilitators in the Literacy Coalition Dyslexia Program.

Regular tutor training for the Literacy Coalition will be held two weeks later, September 10, at the Mahon Library. Please call 775-3636 for information on either session.

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## THIS 'N' THAT

**BIG FASHION SHOW SET IN LITTLEFIELD! THIS N THAT** received word from the owner of the **SASSY LADY** about an upcoming fashion show set for Saturday night, September 10, 2005. It will start at 7:30 p.m. at the **AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY BUILDING**, located at 17th Street and Hall Street, in Littlefield. Ms. Lottie Smith, the owner, is inviting all those who will come and take part in this event which will become an annual event. Tickets are only \$6.50 EACH! Now get this... it will be a **BLACK TIE AFFAIR!**

**WHY NOR HONOR VAN ASHLEY? THIS N THAT** learned from some Littlefield, Texas citizens, that they were very unhappy over the decision not to name a street after Van Ashley, a hardworking Littlefield City Councilman. Van Ashley has been a city councilman for nearly 20 years. As always, there are those who apparently don't want to see good things happen. He has done some very good things for the City of Littlefield, and this would have been a very good gesture for such a deserving gentleman. Hopefully in the future, something good will be named after our friend **VAN ASHLEY.**

**LETTERS STILL COMING IN ON MURDER! THIS N THAT** is still receiving inquiries on the killing

of one of our Lubbock citizens who was known as "The Candy Lady". **MARY DAVIS** was murdered in her home at 2626 Globe Avenue in January, 2004. As we have said in the past, there is someone who knows who was responsible for her murder. Hope someone is caught and prosecuted for this killing! It's only a matter of time!

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "THE BEGINNING doesn't mean a thing; IT is always the END that really COUNTS!"**

**GOOD TO HEAR ABOUT CONCERT IN PARK! THIS N THAT** received an invite to the "CONCERT IN THE PARK" which is being sponsored by the Arnett-Benson Neighborhood Association. The concert will be held Sunday, August 14, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. It will be held in **RODGERS PARK** at 3200 Amherst Avenue. There will be music, games and guest speakers.

**SCHOOL WILL BEGIN MONDAY MORNING! THIS N THAT** wants to remind many of us that the **SCHOOL BELLS WILL RING** Monday morning August 15, 2005. It is time for us to be very careful when we are driving in the area where school doors are open. It is time to start making plans to **VISIT OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS** this year.

At this time **THIS N THAT** is making plans to visit some schools this coming school year. Just visiting our little children really means a great deal to them, so let's try to continue to visit our schools and let our young people know we really care about them.

**KEEP NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK ON YOUR MIND! THIS N THAT** is hoping we will continue to make the **NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK PROGRAM** a continued effort with each of us serving as a **COMMITTEE OF ONE** to keep it out in the public and keep positive information about the excellent goals of this program. If you get an opportunity, let the executive director, **JOHN HALL**, and the **ADVISORY BOARD** know how much you appreciate what is being done. With your input about what is going on, it will just keep the program moving to higher levels. This is a very good program, so let's do what we can to bring about more programs. It won't be long before the new shopping center will begin. **THIS N THAT** has learned it won't be long before the construction of the new homes will begin as well! Just look at the construction of the other project of the Lubbock Housing Authority. Things are happening, but with your help, more will be done. **"EAST LUBBOCK IS STILL ON THE MOVE!"**



## Think About It! Help Could Be On The Way!

by Eddie P. Richardson

We have kudos for the Lubbock City Councilman of District II, **Floyd Price**, for having the West Texas guts to stand up and be counted for once. Some say it was because of the subject of the incident which involved the Lubbock Police Department, as that is where had come from, Lubbock Police.

No matter what the reason, it's time for him to be counted and he was not like other cases, like the apparent Slaton Highway allocation transfer of funds for Milwaukee Avenue, the Williams Chicken road work, and hopefully, not the East 19th Street baseball fields for our youth. We encourage Councilman Price to continue to stand up for our children on this one. Disadvantaged children need help always.

No one likes taxes, but everyone wants good police and fire departments, good streets, good water, and etc. These things have to be paid for, and the money has to come from somewhere. Why cut back on taxes when people are already paying for it, and have to raise taxes later. If you can

recall, this same posture happened with the Lubbock Independent School District some years ago. Taxes had to be raised more than they were before to cover the short all as with the Lubbock Police Department case with adjusting the budget later. Who do you think will lose? Of course, the depressed community will suffer. This effort on the present City Council appears to have the same personality as the Lubbock School Board had in those days. Sure did cause some serious problems.

Let's look at the present City Council. We have a member who has not been totally supportive of any effort in East Lubbock as it should have been. I really can't think of one item.

The Veterans Administration (VA) Out Patient facility has two local heroes, **Gladys Diggs** and **Thomas Earl Myrick, Jr.**, who began a program of their own with the assistance of each other. The program grew into a very important service to veterans with problems. These problems included

food clothing, appliances, furniture, and even an apartment for a veteran with no place to reside. It was not a VA project, but was being developed by VA staff who was volunteering their time.

They are highly appreciative of the many donations given to them for the valuable cause to help our veterans with problems. These volunteers have even used their own vehicles to pick up, haul, deliver, and store the many items.

This would be a very valuable asset to the Lubbock community and our veterans with problems if the VA as an organization would adopt and support this program. This special program would help erase some of the negative perceptions of the VA. Everyone and every organization can always use some positive images.

With patriotism running high in the United States of America these days, now is the time to shine. What would be a better place to shine than to help our veterans with this special effort?

## Letter to the Editor

Support Cindy Sheehan

I believe asking for honest answers from our President is supporting our brave soldiers and Marines.

By now you should have read the media stories about Cindy Sheehan who is camped outside of President Bush's ranch in Crawford. Her only request: to have the President come out and explain why he lied about going to war in Iraq, a war that resulted in the death of her son, 24-year-old

Casey. It would seem a simple thing, to ask the "servant of the people" to actually respond to a person. But it's not.

Cindy has traveled all of the way from Vacaville, California to be here in Texas. Now she's sweating out in the sun in a ditch by the side of the road where she has been forced to camp out by local security forces.

But, folks around Texas are learning about her struggle and are volunteering to join in.

**DO SOMETHING JOIN IN CINDY'S STRUGGLE TO GET THE PRESIDENT TO TALK.** Join Cindy, for a few hours or as many days as it takes. Come out to Crawford and help speak truth to power.

Here are some things you can help by bringing: food and water, coffee, tarps/canopy, flashlights and batteries, wet wipes, bug spray, ice chests, ice.

Johnnie Jones, Chair  
Lubbock County Democratic Party

## Take a moment and pray for our military

Submitted by **Deborah Hutchinson**  
This story can apply to nearly every young person who has fought in our wars. Please keep them all in mind as you read this.

The average age of the military man is 19 years. He is a short haired, tight-muscled kid who, under normal circumstances is considered by society as half man, half boy. Not yet dry behind the ears, not old enough to buy a beer, but old enough to die for his country. He never really cared much for work and he would rather wax his own car than wash his father's; but he has never collected unemployment either.

He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten-year-old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away.

He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and 155 mm howitzer. He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk. He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if the must. He digs fox-

holes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional. He can march until he is told to stop or stop until he is told to march. He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues; he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low.

He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job. He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay, and still find ironic humor in it all. He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime. He has stood atop mountains of dead bodies, and helped to create them. He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed. He feels every note of

the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful. Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years. He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding. Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood. And now we even have women over there in danger, doing their part in this tradition of going to War when our nation calls us to do so.

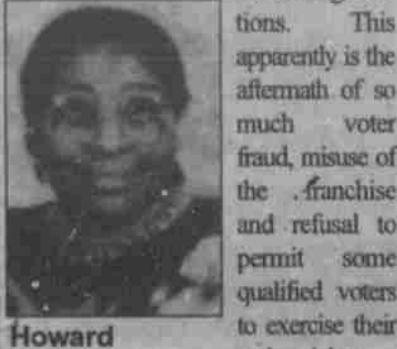
As you go to bed tonight, remember this image and say a little prayer for our men and women overseas.

*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."*

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

It appears that new voting machines are being placed in voting precincts for the coming elections. This apparently is the aftermath of so much voter fraud, misuse of the franchise and refusal to permit some qualified voters to exercise their voting rights.



Howard  
It is a reality that every qualified, registered voter should be allowed to use that right. Each person so qualified is supposed to have his say in the balloting place as per the U. S. Constitution. Having the right to vote is one thing, but what happens to your vote after you vote is yet another. Some strange things have happened with our votes in many places.

The snafus in Florida and Ohio in the last two elections gave the office of President to Mr. George Bush. It was determined in both instances that votes for the other candidate were counted for Mr. Bush. The Supreme Court gave him the office in the first instance and he was declared the winner in the second instance. So we will be getting touch screen voting machines which will not produce a hard copy of your vote. TaDa!

These new touch screen machines can turn out to be the greatest thieves of all. For all we know, the screen may be a smoke screen to shield what is really going on. In addition, we may have to wait on the screen technician to give us the results which may or may not be accurate. We are putting all of the eggs in the same basket and no one knows what might hatch.

Touch screen voting machines may be a great thing if the inventor will simply add a printer to print and copy our votes. If the machine can add it must be capable of printing. Even if it does not have a hard copy for each voter to see, it certainly should have an internal copy while it counts. A person does not need a degree in Computer Science to understand that.

Computers are in the forefront of just about everything that we do or find ourselves involved in, but we must keep in mind that it only does what it is programmed to do. Somebody, that is some person, had to program the machine. One would think that these new voting machines were made by the companies which make casino slot machines. Seems that they are made to take something from the user. We need to get 'in cinque' and let our local county governments be made aware that the new touch screen voting machines are not what they add up to be.

## Wheatley Open House

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# Minter & Reed Family reunion held here

With the theme, "Prayer Is The Answer", the Minter & Reed Family Reunion was held at the Lubbock Housing Authority Center 515 North Zenith Avenue, July 9 & 10, 2005. There were approximately 150 family members present.

With the family motto, "Only The Strong Survives," family traveled from several cities including Dallas, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Friona, Cedar Hill, San Antonio, and Houston, Texas. Also, family members came from Washington, D.C.

Both parents of the Minter family preceded their children in death. They were parents of six daughters and a son. Their mother was Rosie Lee Minter, and their father was Maxie Eugene Minter. A daughter, Emma Jean Benson, passed away February 23, 2001. She was the mother of Effie Nelson. This year, the Minter Family lost a special friend who was very dear to the family. She was Ora Lee Wilks. Also, family members are praying for one day they will know who was responsible for the death of an uncle, Huland August Benson, whose life was taken December 4, 2003.

Special guest for the reunion were the following: Darrell Woolen, Andrea Woolen, Louise Fountain, Aaliyah Young, Madalynn Mitchell, Tyler Mitchell, Sierra Hampton, J. C. Suntos, Courtney Wormly, Morqueica Smith, Corey Rivers, Octavid McDonald, Kimberly Fields, Dreauesha Wright, Destine McDonald, Ashsten McDonald, Joseph Johnson, Norma Thomas, Glenda Stiggers, Billie Earl McDonald, Joanne Fields, Tiffanie Turner, and Kaelen Turner.

For 2005 reunion, T-shirts were lime green and white, and each family member wore them proudly.

We were proud of our cooks. They were Tammie Stewart and Patricia Minter, who were responsible for the meats. The delicious vegetables were prepared by Katherine Gilbert and Patricia Minter. The deserts were made available by aunts and uncles: Lorine Minter, Thelma Jackson, Earnestine Minter and Margallene Thomas. We'd like to extend a special thanks to Mrs. Patricia Harvey for cakes; Mrs. Faye Berry for the peach cobbler.

The menu consisted of the fol-

lowing: Meats - pans of ribs, hot links, barbecue chicken, Hamburger patties, German sausages, wieners, brisket, and two large boxes of fried chicken. Vegetables: Variety of potato salads, red beans, chili beans. Trimmings: barbecue sauce, trays of onions, variety of Jalapeno peppers, bottles of hot sauce, trays of tomatoes. Bread: wheat bread, white bread and cornbread Muffins. Deserts included: Cakes - strawberry, almond joy, German chocolate, red devil, pineapple, Lemon, coconut, 3 five fingers, pineapple sour cream cheese, and peach cobbler. Drinks: cases of Sierra Water, Sprite, Coca Cola, Dr. Pepper, Little Rainbows, Cherry Cokes, Diet Cokes, Tea and Coffee.

A special thanks to all our cooks who made our appetites full and satisfied. Food was slamming. The family wants to express and give their blessing to Jehovah God for bringing our family together for this happy occasion from 2004 to 2005.

The Reunion got underway July 9, 2005. Opening prayer was given by Uncle Willie L. Minter, Sr. The welcome was done by the 2005 officers with begun with singing and dancing. Food was served from 12:30 p.m. until p.m.

Family members had an opportunity to have pictures taken. Photos were placed on the wall of our Aunties and Uncles with kids and grandchildren. Pictures were taken of each generation. A variety of Games: Uno, Spade, Dominoes. Such toys included: water guns, big balloon castle, music playing. All had a suggestion box and a talent show. The Family Reunion was produced by Uncle Willie Minter, Sr. and Ms. Norma Thomas. Patricia Minter was the sponsor for the music and Josh Stewart was the No. 1 disc jockey.

The Talent Show began at 4:30 p.m. The announcer was Louise Williams who represented the Officers. The program began

with "Let's Do It Again", with singing and dancing. The conductor was Effie Nelson for the talent show. The program consisted of the Minter Sisters - "Giving Him Something He Can Feel," with singing and dancing. Smith Sisters - "O" Dancing. Byron/Cynthia with Little People's "This Is the Way We Roll." Mrs. Frieda Gilbert - singing - "Sweet Thing."

Miss Brenea & Miss Fantasia - singing acting their part in the song "Baby Mama." Ms. Chiantie Gilbert performed two jazz dances. The McDonald Sisters did a dance on the song "Lose Control." Pierre Minter sang "You Remind Me." Ms. Estacado Mascot, Veronia Smith, and her sisters sang and danced to "Bring'em out, which dedicated to their grandmother, Margallene Thomas. The entire body had an opportunity to participate by standing to the song "Happy People." It was a good time to close out the talent show. It was all in the Family, and all got down.

Congratulations to our new members in the family. Kershel McGaha and Sasha Smith to son, Keith Latrell McGaha.

Grandmother is Petra Thomas. Congratulations to Demetek Stewart, I for daughter, D.Mia Elyse Stewart whose grandparents are Lee and Tammie Stewart. Congratulations to Cory Jamar Gilbert and Whitney Carr for their baby boy, Zacorion Jamar Gilbert. Grandmother is Velda Gilbert. Also, adopted to our family July 2005 are Darrel Woolen and Andrea Woolen to Willie, Sr. and Dorothy Minter and the Minter and Reed Family.

It was so nice to have Craig Scott and Malford Minter home this year as well as Billie Earl McDonald, his family and grand kids.

Congratulations are in store for Jessica Rodriguez who is attending South Plains College in 2006. She graduated from

Monterey High School in August. Thanks also to you family members for coming home in May, 2005. They were Richard Gilbert, Elizabeth Gilbert and Quentin Gilbert for the graduation.

Congratulations to Pierre Minter, who graduated from Jersey Village High School. He will attend Texas State University for a year to study Bio-Chemistry. Other congratulations to Andrea Harris who graduated from Austin College. She will be attending University of Texas Health Science Medical School in San Antonio where she will become a physician.

Family members, we had family members who represented us in the 2005 Juneteenth Pageant who were candidates for the "Mister & Miss Juneteenth." Our family representative, Veronica Smith, will graduate from Estacado High School in 2007. At present time, she is the "Ms. Estacado Mascot." Last year, she was chosen as "Miss Congeniality" in the Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant 2004. Keep up the good work, Family Member! You are our future. Go ahead, and keep God with you!

Other Congratulations are in store for: Katherine Gilbert for being Number 1 in sending in the family dues. Congratulations to Chiantie Gilbert for being a cheerleader at Cedar Hill High School.

Thank each of you family members for helping us to get this family reunion together by ordering T-Shirts, preparing food, keeping the building clean in and outside, getting programs together, getting music set up, decorating building, keeping the trash together, getting the keys to the building, and turning the keys back in on time.

The 2005 Plaque was passed from Aunt Margallene Thomas to Aunt Earnestine Minter for the year of 2006 in honor of their sister, Emma Jean Benson.

For family members who were unable to attend this year's

reunion, may Jehovah God bless you to attend the 2006 Reunion. We missed seeing Cousin Earnest and Doris Ridley and family, Aunt Roberta Smith, Ms. Delores Waters Davis, Ms. Bernice Nickerson, Georgia Walton, and Donna Minter, Cousin Lynette Miller, we received your letter, and we missed you also. Anthony Thomas, we want you to know we miss you too, and love you. Keep your head up high. God hears your prayers. God is able!

We want to thank the Lubbock Housing Authority for the use of the building. Our motto for 2005 is "Grooving Again."

Another year has gone by, we want to acknowledge our Aunts and Uncles: Thelma Joe Jackson, Willie L. Minter, Katherine Gilbert, Margallene Thomas, Earnestine Miner, and Lorine Minter. We thank Jehovah God for you all. It is good for each one of you who are still living. Everyone came with love, kisses, hugs and smiles, and uplifting spirit.

Our hats off to July 2005 Birthday Family Members. Congratulations to Effie Nelson as the family saw you on TV. You were speaking about the Juneteenth Parade 2005. Your name was drawn in July, 2005 at the Patterson Library for a copy of the new Harry Potter's book.

Congratulations to Aunt Thelma Jo Jackson for being the first person here for the Family Reunion. Uncle Joe, we are looking forward to you keep coming back. Thank you, Southwest Digest and staff for supporting the Minter-Reed Family with a summary of our reunion as news in your newspaper. You have been behind our family every year. Thank you so much! We'd also like to say congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest & Doris Ridley on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Here are the names of our officers for 2005: President, Kenneth Gilbert; Vice President, Patricia Minter; Assistant-to-Vice

President, Cynthia Pierce; Secretary, Effie Nelson; and Treasures, Nelda Gilbert, Valrie Gilbert and Tammie Stewart.

The new officers voted for July, 2006. Patricia Minter and Aunt Emma Jean Benson, we thank each of you for starting this family reunion. May Jehovah God bless you as you depart from Lubbock, Texas this year. You stayed with this job for 13 years.

Sunday morning, July 10, 2005, prayer was offered by our Uncle Joe Jackson. The Breakfast Brunch was served to everyone in attendance. Two Gospel songs were sung by the Minter & Reed Youth Group who sang: "He Still Loves Me," and "Heaven Is Looking Down On Me." The presentation of a plaque was done by Margelene Thomas. The video can be ordered for the 2004 Family Reunion. The fee is only \$5.00 and the 2005 video fee is only \$7.00. Money must be paid at time of purchase. Contact Patricia Minter for orders.

Everyone looked so colorful and beautiful in their green T-Shirts. All were kicking! We had a blast! After cleaning the building, everyone departed at 1:30 p.m.

Keep in mind; we need a theme for the July 2006 reunion. Contact Effie Nelson if you have any ideas.

Again, we want to thank everyone for coming home for the 2005 Minter-Reed Family Reunion. We have received word that all family members have returned to their locations safe and sound. We give our blessings to Jehovah God. It will be 365 days before our next Family Reunion. Information will be sent to family members about the next Family Reunion in January, 2006. Family Members, let's keep praying for each other. A Family that prays together stays together. Keep our prayer line open, and stay connected with God. We have a Mighty God all the time! Prayer is power. God is smiling on our Family!

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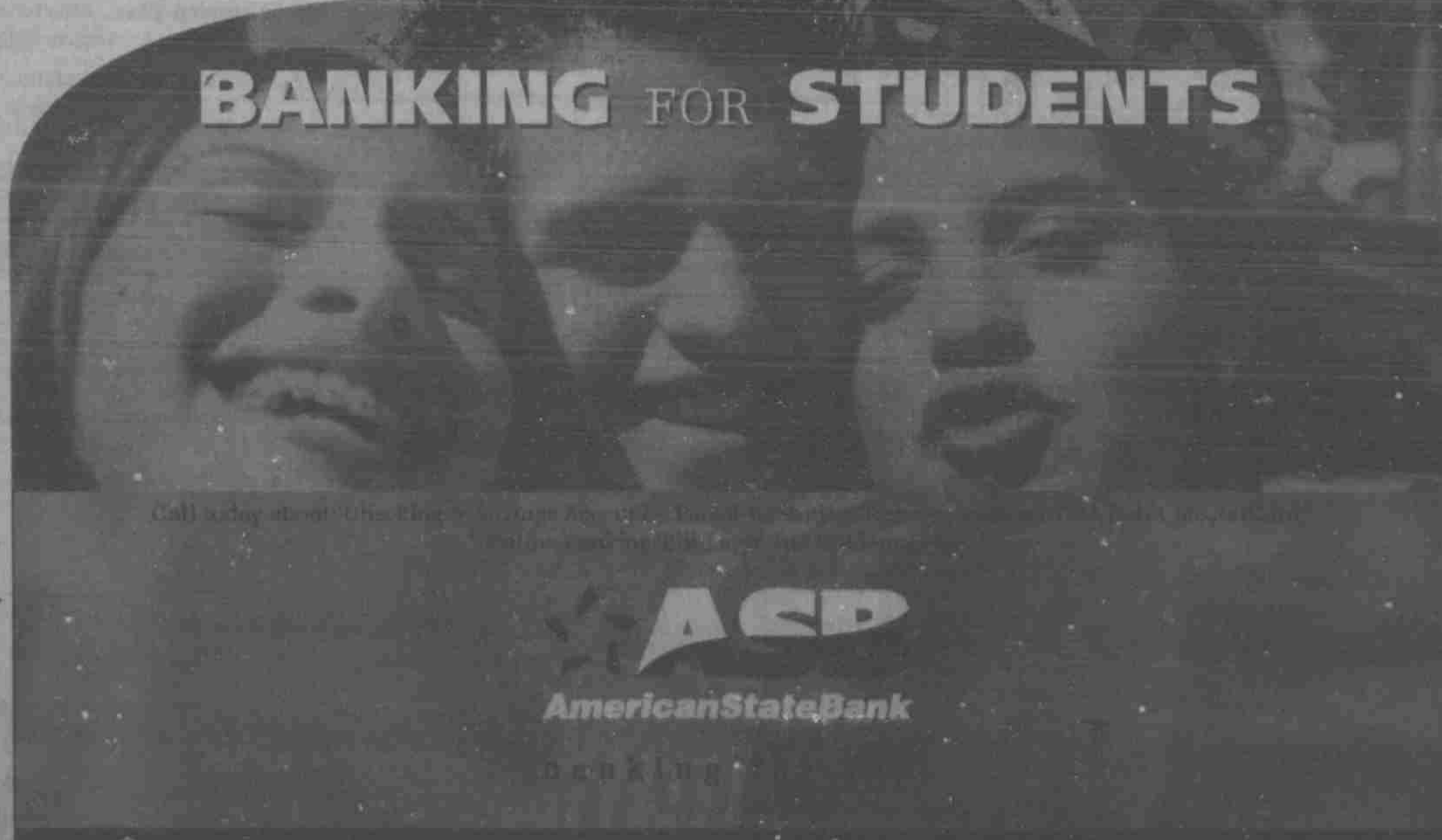
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