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Community

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

Meetings

- 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
- Huh 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 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Post Lunch 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 at 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 Hunt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at HHS Elementary Cafeteria.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Texan of the Year finalist: Bill Mullican

He's making sure Texas doesn't dry up



Bill Mullican

The poor wretches in Georgia trying to survive this year's drought, or the Southern Californians resorting to drinking sewer water must be asking themselves the same question: Why on Earth was no one planning far enough ahead to steer clear of this mess?

Texans have no guarantee of avoiding the misery of water emergencies, but they can at least be thankful that someone is thinking ahead.

Thank Bill Mullican first. He's Texas' top water planner. Because of his leadership at the Texas Water Development Board, the state is not merely waiting for the day when our population doubles over the next 50 years. For his tireless work in preparing for those 40 million people, Bill Mullican is a finalist for the Dallas Morning News Texan of the Year.

2007 was a critical year for execution - like Vince Young's 4th-and-5 in the 2006 Rose Bowl. The pressure was on.

Legislators had failed to pass a forward-looking water bill in 2005. More waiting would guarantee that Texans from Dallas to El Paso to Brownsville would suffer in a few short years. You don't suddenly wake up and find new water supplies.

That was where Mr. Mullican stepped in with the facts. In hearing after hearing, telephone call after telephone call, detail after detail, the plainspoken son of West Texas answered legislators' questions, explained the state's needs and its choices.

If Texas failed to prepare for drought, businesses could lose \$9 billion annually. And the picture would worsen. Without action now, about 85 percent of Texans would lack enough water in times

of drought in another half-century. A scientist who is legally blind, Bill Mullican clarified the picture in ways that distracted legislators would understand. He also carried the message to Washington, where Texans had much at stake in Congress' first water-planning bill in seven years.

Both capitals responded, though victory was anything but guaranteed.

The Senate took the lead in Austin, identifying 19 new reservoir sites, outlining a conservation strategy and creating a way to assess the health of our rivers. The battle royal was left for the House, which passed the water bill on the session's last day.

Washington came through in the weeks, too, passing legislation in November that will give Mr. Mullican's agency tools and money to start rolling out Texas' 50-year water plan.

None of that would have happened without a visionary and his team. There wasn't a moment during this session's water debate, or during Congress' battle, that Bill Mullican wasn't dialed into the discussion.

Our plans require vigilance. But we have a road map. Maybe that's why one water expert in Washington sighed and told us, if only the nation had a water planner like Bill Mullican. We do, and we're glad for his leadership.

Coming Wednesday: No. 9. Bill Mullican is a 1974 graduate of Lubbock Monterey High School. His father, Frank Mullican, was a longtime LISD elementary principal and his uncle is current LISD Assistant Supt. for Elementary Education Larry Mullican.

(Photo Courtesy of Earl Nottingham.)



Steve Harvey

(BLACK PR WIRE) Los Angeles, California Four students selected for Disney's Dreamers Academy with Steve Harvey met the actor and comedian for a behind-the-scenes look at the makings of the BET Celebration of Gospel, hosted by Harvey, in Los Angeles, California. The group was given the star treatment as Harvey's special guests during show rehearsals. They were selected by a panel of judges following a nationwide search for 100

(BPRW)
Disney's
Dreamers
Academy
Winners Meet
Steve Harvey
California Students
Among Disney's Lucky
100

Dreamers. They will join other imaginative teens for a weekend of unprecedented access to Walt Disney World Resort where professionals like Harvey and BET founder Bob Johnson will share their success secrets during the weekend of January 17-20, 2008.

City Offices Closed For New Year's

City of Lubbock offices will be closed January 1, 2008, in observance of the New Year holiday. Emergency services will continue without interruption.



Happy New Year's To All Of You From All Of Us At
The Southwest Digest May God Keep Us And
Continue To Bless Us!!

Gilbert Flores Announces He Is Running For Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Gilbert Flores announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Lubbock County Commissioner Precinct 3. This position is presently being held by Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez, who defeated Flores in 2004 during the 2004 Democratic Primary. He made his announcement last Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at the Montelongo's Restaurant.

As Flores, who has served as Lubbock County Commissioner for 12 years, entered the packed dining room, he said, "I am not going to make any promises. But I will work untiringly for all of you. He has chosen as the theme for his campaign, "Unity". He said this needed, because our

community needs to come together.

He told his supporters that there are items he will work for. They are:

- * Opposition to recent tax increases;
- * Restore full service to rural areas served by Precinct 3;
- * Restore full county support for general assistance fund;
- * Restore unity and avoid division and political bickering between groups within groups; and
- * Restore full cooperation with city and state officials.

"It was just good to see so many of my friends and supporters who came out to this press conference," he continued.



Gilbert Flores

Tigers' Connor, Mats' Watson share top offensive honors in 4-4A



R back:
Michael Connor,
Sr., Frenship;



Receiver: Jeremy
Watson, Sr.,
Estacado

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Connor, a three-year starter, surpassed the 6,000-yard mark for his career by rushing for 1,919 yards and 32 touchdowns as the Tigers went three rounds deep in the postseason for the third straight year.

Watson burst onto the scene and helped lead the Matadors to their first playoff appearance since 1997. He caught 54 passes for 1,357 yards and 20

touchdowns, and had four games of at least 200 yards.

Wampler, also a three-year starter for the Tigers, finished with 94 total tackles, 20 for a loss, with 14 sacks, 45 quarterback pressures and two fumble recoveries.

Defensive Player of the Year goes to Big Spring sophomore Pavel Plakhotney and Estacado sophomore Jermaine Jones.

Frenship led the way with 14 first-team selections, twice as many as Estacado and Big Spring. Plainview and San Angelo Lake View had

three each
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PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Michael Connor, RB, Sr., Frenship; Jeremy Watson, WR, Sr., Estacado
CO-OFFENSIVE NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR: Tyler Tannehill, QB, Soph., Big Spring; Jordan Nichols, OL, Soph., Frenship

CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Aaron Wampler, DE, Sr., Frenship

Running back: Michael Connor, Sr., Frenship; Davoyea Johnson, Sr., Estacado

Center: Mason Walters, Jr., Frenship
Guard: Xavier Porter, Sr., Estacado

Receiver: Jeremy Watson, Sr., Estacado
Lance Ratliff, Jr., Frenship

Center: Mason Walters, Jr., Frenship
Tackle: Christopher Dalton, Sr., Frenship

Linebacker: Santwane Gorman, Sr., Estacado
Devin Hudson, Sr., Frenship

End: Aaron Wampler, Sr., Frenship; Ryan Haliburton, Sr., Frenship; Matthew Dickerson, Sr., Estacado

Linebacker: Aaron Cannon, Sr., Frenship
Secondary: Eric Washington, Sr., Estacado

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This weekly column will continue to look for information which will help many of local families.

For example, families who are income eligible may receive fee assistance to attend one of the Early Learning Centers' five centers for child care. Parents or guardians must be employed or in school. This program is available from 6:30 a. m. until 6:00 p. m. Monday through Friday. If interested, call 765-9981 for more information. There must

be some families who qualify in our community.

How many of you ever eaten at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center? As you know, Senior Citizens enjoy a well-balanced lunch Mondays through Fridays. Meals are served at noon. Adults 60 or older are asked to donate \$2.00 per meal. Guest under age 60 are required to pay \$4.00.

Senior Citizens unable to pay will not be turned away.

For more information, call 767-2710.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Remember, God is able.

Among those ill include Jvance "High Pocket" Dawson, who is a resident at the Southwest Regional Medical Complex. Your prayers will be most appreciated.

Visit a public school this week as our kids need to see us.

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Linebacker Aaron Cannon, Sr., Frenship; Nick Hanslik, Sr., Frenship; Dominic Perez, Sr., Estacado;
Secondary: Eric Washington, Sr., Estacado;
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SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Fullback: Landon Lamb, Jr., Frenship
Receiver: Devon Dixon, Sr., Estacado; Donreion McKenzie, Sr., Estacado;
Center: Luz Cuevas, Sr., Estacado

Guard: Jordan Nichols, Soph., Frenship; Jose Berillo, Estacado, Sr.

Tackle: Daniel Thomas, Sr., Estacado

Utility: Eric Washington, Sr., Estacado

Kicker: Eric Washington, Sr., Estacado

DEFENSE

End: Johnny Brook, Sr., Estacado

Linebacker: Dondre Matthews, Jr., Estacado

Secondary: Trey Whaley, Sr., Frenship; Jonathan Solis, Soph., Plainview; Ashone Patterson, Sr., Estacado

A career 6,000-yard rusher and a receiver who turned in one of the best single-season marks in school history garnered the top

offensive honors on the All-District 4-4A team in voting done by league coaches.

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Frenship led the way with 14

FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

Designer Hats Out of Style



Ladies you're going to see more and more stripes, as we go along. They are emerging rapidly. You'll look so lovely in floating dress drenched in lush stripes, or maybe or maybe in a lovely stripe fly sleeve blouse.

Enhance your favorite outfit by accessorizing with spirited shoes and matching handbag, how about a shimmering iridescent striped shawl or scarf, a huge striped bangle bracelet?

Make stripe personal they come in all sizes, width and colors.

It's like the polka dots, you have to have a little. Vertical lines? now you tell-me ladies how we slenderizing is that.

FASHION TIP ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE

Fashion - Just for fun of it!

Lubbock residents' water use way down in '07

This year's going out with a gurgle.

Average daily water use fell to unheard of lows in 2007 as residents saved enough water to have more than supplied the city between October and December in 2006.

Bizarre weather, forced outages and new, punitive bills drizzled the year with plenty of inspiration for the drop. City water planners scratched their heads going into January meetings on what residents will pay for water in 2008, knowing Lubbock will float hundreds of millions of dollars of drinking supply construction on the water city customers purchase over the next six years.

"We don't think it's indicative of a long-term trend," said city chief financial officer Jeff Yates. "But we'll monitor the situation every month."

Conservation became a key but lower-profile piece of the city's long-term water plan as leaders realized they may not have the drinking supplies to match the kind of population growth they want. Residents know about the projects that will drain their annual budgets - a long, concrete straw stretching more than 50 miles from Lake Alan Henry to the city, new water and wastewater treatment facilities and expansions to city groundwater resources.

Cutting use in businesses and homes draws none of the glamour of miles of drying conc. etc. Continue Page 6.

Baseball Is Here!!!
Martin Luther King Little League Registration
 Will Hold Sign-Up On Saturdays
 January 5th, 12th, 19th And 26th, 2008
 10:00am Untile 3:00pm
 Ages 5 Through 13 Can Play
 Little League Baseball Ages 5-12
 Juniors League Baseball Ages 13
Registration Fee Of \$85.00 Must Be Paid By January 26th, 2008

Riding the bus will cost a bit more today

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 Church School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Services
 Bible Study 12:00 Noon and 6:00 pm



Rev. Sonia J. Beary

"GOD OUR FATHER, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER, MAN OUR BROTHER"

FREE! FREE!
Diabetes Self-Management Classes
 Primer Paso Promotor(a) Program is offering Diabetes Self-Management classes.
 Where: Community Health Center of Lubbock
 1318 Broadway-2nd Floor- Boardroom
 When: Every Wednesday of the Month beginning January 2, 2008
 Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 Healthy meal provided, so registration is required!!
 Please call Estela at

COME AND SHARE IN THE 2008 Martin Luther King YOUTH CHOIR CELEBRATION



WE ARE LOOKING FOR 100 VOICES THIS YEAR FOR THE CELEBRATION!
 Rehearsal: Friday, December 21, 2008
 Place: Full Armor, 4201 Avenue J
 Time: 7:00 p. m.
 Come and be part of this wonderful experience as we celebrate the Legacy of a great man - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Surveillance Camera: A Positive Move

Lubbock is a great place to live. Lubbock like other cities has its problem with crime. We who are people of faith realize man is a fallen creature and subject to abuse the rules of society. Because of this negative behavior, rules of law are set into place to protect the innocent. Those who fail to comply with or obey the rule of law are subject to the courts of law and judge by their peers. The punishment for the disregard of a fellow human is set to meet the level of the crime.

The Lubbock Police Department reported as of October 2007 the following criminal offenses and their number for the year: Murder 14, rape 86, robbery 222, aggravated assault 1349, burglary 2649, theft 6753, auto theft 517, arson 26, for a total of 11,617.

It should be noted burglary and theft are the two major areas of crime in Lubbock. With these figures in mind, one should be concerned about their property they worked hard on a job to purchase. A story by Robin Pyle of the Avalanche-Journal brought attention to the fact parts of the city of Lubbock has been monitored by police cameras since February 2007. The report revealed that seven cameras have been placed throughout the city of Lubbock in undisclosed locations. These moveable cameras were reported to be placed in alleys. It was brought to Lubbock's attention, the police wanted the cameras to

become the element of surprise for those who disregard the rule of law and burglarized homes.

However, some of Lubbock City Council members are said to have no knowledge of the cameras until recently and are worried about the privacy of individuals and their legality.

Councilman Floyd Price took the exception and applauded the police department for taking the initiative to help solve burglaries committed by those who violate our faith principle: "Thou shalt not steal."

We are in agreement with and support Councilman Price. These surveillance cameras have the potential to solve more than burglaries. As of October, there were 86 rapes, 1349 aggravated assaults and 15 murders. If cameras were aware to the citizenry to be in some unknown locations, would all of these crimes have been committed. Would the number of reported crimes that have not been solved over the year have been solved if cameras were in place? We have no concrete answer. However, a knowledge and history of the criminal mind leads us to believe many would.

Let me give the doubters two scenarios: One evening at dusk dark I walked to the rear-gate of my fence that led to the alley to put trash into the dumpster. When I stepped outside the wooden fence a man was standing next to the fence. I could not see him when I opened the fence gate

because the gate obscured my vision. Because of low visibility, I was not able to get a good look at him. He said nothing while slowly slipping away into the darkness. However, if cameras had been in place a picture would have been captured. Who knows the intention of the man or if my wife or the neighbors wives were removing trash from their home and delivering it to the dumpster. Would they have been in harms way?

The second real life scenario is my grandbaby's sister was carrying a garbage bag of trash to the dumpster just as I was driving into the driveway. I question her as to what she was about to do. She gave me an affirmative answer. I watched as she walked through the back chain-linked fence and to the dumpster. As she was returning a young thuggish man with pants pass the crack of his rear-end appeared walking down the alley. This cause me great concern as I watched from the front yard his expression and look at this young kid. A camera would have captured any evil behavior.

We support the police department and Councilman Price in this surveillance camera issue.

**Attend
The Church
Of Your
Choice**

We Thank God for Jesus "Weeping For Our Children"



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

I Timothy 3:1-2 -- This know that in the last days perilous times shall come. Formen shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, and unholy.

The Lord told us in his word about what was to be in the last days. The Churches suppose to be about God's business. That is souls being saved!!!

Isaiah 58:1 -- The Lord said, cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression.

The Churches love money, and the Devil has made them one a hell of a deal. That's going on now. The Churches look the other way while the Devil kills!!!

John 14:6 -- Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes unto the father, but by me.

Jesus said, go into the world and teach and preach to mankind my word to the world. But Churches wanted to teach man's rights forevery man, woman, boy and girl!!!

*** Yes, The Churches Did Rob God!!! ***

John 10:10-11 -- Jesus said, the thief (The Devil) came not, but to steal, kill, and to destroy.

I am come that they might have it more abundantly (richly). I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

The children today have a right to do their own thing on my space. The sexual predators are like wolves after our little sheep. They went away!!!

(The thing about these wolves, these child molesters, once they have violated our children, they need to be castrated - deprived of his testes - then you can't put them anywhere in any neighborhood and any park of the city. We don't have to worry about being molested or checked on!!!)

*** America, It's Crying Time!!! ***

That disobedient march march called "We Shall Overcome", was called progress. Disobedient is in the Churches, schools, homes, and jobs. America is in a mess!!!

Romans 1:21a, 22-25 -- Because that when they knew God (The Christians), they glorified him as God. Neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (Dreams), and their foolish hearts were darkened, professing themselves to be wise (The Christians), they became fools who changed the

truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature (Martin Luther King) more than the creator (God) who is blessed forever. AMEN

*** Did You Follow God Or Martin Luther King??? ***

Our children have rights to steal, deal, kill, and spend their lives in jail. Now they're slaves - eat this, drink this, put on this, and many are on their way to hell!!!

Deuteronomy 28:41 -- The Lord said, you shall get sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them, for they shall go into captivity.

America's children are dying around us. TV tells them life is just a game. Churches are going about their business - Money, Money, Money! Shame! Shame! Shame!!!

Luke 23:28-29 -- Jesus said, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children. Behold (Look), the days are coming when they shall say, blessed are the barren (No Children), and the wombs that never bare, and the paps (Breast) which never gave suck.

The lukewarm Churches are going around saying "Prayer is out of our schools." America, let's put prayer in our children. Then send them send them to school. Don't be no fool!!!

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended last Sunday morning, December 23, 2007, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with

Sunday School with Superintendent Sister Luella Harris in charge.

The lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. The subject was "Reasons To Rejoice." The lesson text was

Luke 2:1-4. It was another outstanding lesson.

The morning worship services began with devotion at 11:15 a.m. The Deacons were in charge.

The St. Matthew Baptist

Church Choir again singing out of their hearts and souls to the congregation. The dedicated choir members are always eager to sing for the Lord.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful message. His subject was "Let Us Worship Him." His scripture text was Matthew 2:1-2.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-ins. As always, make known today, they are the ones and tomorrow it could be you or I. Always remember God is able! Just a little kindness to someone on the sick and shut-in list will go a mighty long ways. Let us not forget that!

Something to think about: Unlike some family members, who can't ski, some don't look forward to winter. When the first snowflake falls, some will immediately start calculating how many months of Lubbock winter are left.

Imagine C. S. Lewis' fictional world of Narnia, where for a hundred years it was always winter.

Cold, wet snow - with no hope of springtime ever arriving to wipe away the memories of icy temperatures and piles of white stuff. But worst of all, in Narnia, Christmas never Christmas! To some of us, the best part of winter is the anticipation, excitement, and wonder of Christmas. Life is bleak when you have nothing to look forward to.

There are some whose souls are locked in winter. The hardness of life has been frozen to their hearts. Disappointed with life, they find that each day is filled with despair. "Weeping may endure for a night," the psalmist

tells us, "but joy comes in the morning." In the darkest times of our lives, God longs to turn our "morning into dancing."

David wrote, "In the multitude of my anxieties within, Your comforts delight my soul. If you cry out to God in the midst of your "winter," you can experience the joy of the Christ of Christmas today.

Now none but Christ can satisfy.
None other name for me.
There's love and life and lasting joy.
Lord Jesus found in Thee.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

A Prayer Of Faith And Confession

Father God, in the name of Jesus, Lord I come to you, thanking you for my life, health, and strength. Lord, I've confessed you as my Lord and Saviour, and I believe that you written my name down in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Lord, I believe you've saved me from eternal damnation, and that you also saved me from bodily destruction in this life.

Your word says that, "By your stripes, I am healed." (I Peter 2:24). Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law, being made a curse for me, for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree. (Galatians 3:13). That means any kind of sickness, or disease.

Your word also says that: No weapon formed against me shall prosper. (Isaiah 54:17). You have given your angels charge over me to keep me in all ways. (Psalm 91:11).

I pull down every stronghold of Satan. (II Corinthians 10:4). I realize that cancer, diabetes, high-blood pressure, and other disease are an evil spirit from Satan. (Exodus 15:26). So, I bind these spirits in the Name of Jesus. Satan, I resist you and I rebuke you in the Name of Jesus. (James 3:7). I command you to loose your hold, now in the Name of Jesus. God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and of sound mind. (II Timothy 1:7). I will not walk in confusion. (I Corinthians 14:33). I will not weep in despair. The Lord is my Shepherd, I will not want anything. (Psalms 23:1). Jesus is my Divine Healer.

Satan, I resist you at task on my body. My body belongs to

God. My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. (I Corinthians 6:19). Christ has given me power over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall in no wise hurt me. (Luke 10:19).

I cast every care upon the Lord, for He care for me. (I Peter 5:7). The blood of Jesus is running through every organ of my body. I am a new creature in Christ Jesus. (II Corinthians 5:17). I've been bought with a price. (I Corinthians 6:20).

Satan, the blood of Jesus is against you, I am covered with

the blood of Jesus. Your word says: "For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith." (Mark 11:23).

This will continue next week. Have a Happy New Year! Dorothy Hood, president; Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

Manhattan Heights Church of Christ
763-6582 - Tyrone N. DuBoise, Minister
1702 E. 29th St. (corner of E. 29th St. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.)

Sunday:
Bible Class - 9:00am
Worship - 10:15am
Evening Worship - 5:00pm
Bible Study:
Bible Class & Devotional - 7:00pm

God's Plan for Saving Man
All have sinned - Romans 3:23
Jesus Christ died for us all - 1 Cor. 5:7; Acts 2:24
We must do nothing to earn salvation - Eph. 2:8, 9; Titus 2:14
How do we stay saved?
Keep the gospel - Romans 10:17
Believe Jesus Christ is the son of God - John 9:35
Repent of your sins - Luke 13:3
Confess - Romans 10:9
Be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins - Acts 2:38
Do not let the sun go down on your wrath - Eph 4:26

Stone Hollow VILLAGE

Park Meadows VILLAS

*** RENT SPECIALS ***

- Swimming Pool**
- Private Patios
- Walking Trail**
- Storage Closets
- 9 Foot Ceilings**
- Full Sized Washer/Dryer Connections
- Business Center
- Ceramic Tile Foyers, Kitchens and Baths
- Fitness Center
- Frost-Free Refrigerators
- Community Room with TV
- Built-in Microwaves
- Children's Playground
- Dishwashers
- Full-time On-site Management
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Brenda "Bren" Yvonne Vester,

Brenda "Bren" Yvonne Vester, 53, of Lubbock, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007, at 6:07 p.m. at Covenant Medical Center. She was born Aug. 30, 1954.

Those left to cherish her memories are her daughters, Monica Michelle Vester and Katherine Vester, and her son, Arverna Vester of Amarillo. She is surrounded by angels, Robert James Johnson, Jr.; Cedrick Tywon Vester, Shailla Yvonne Vester-Skinner, Decordric Travon Anderson, Jasmine Sha-quel Haynes. Surviving siblings are Charles W. Hill, Kathy Vester, Gary L. Vester, Busey Banks, June Jackson and Michael Vester; aunts and uncles are Pearl Livingston, Ben Lewis, Lawanda Aisbrooks, Willie Jean Floyd and Sonny Sargent; and an ocean of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be officiated by Reverend Willie L. Griffin, Sr. at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 2512 Fir Avenue, Lubbock, TX. Burial will be at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park. Family and friends are invited to attend a reception at the home of Busey Banks, 1331 E. 25th Street, Lubbock, TX.

Shallowater service salutes fallen soldier's character, faith



SHALLOWATER - American flags lined the street near the small Baptist church. A hearse waited outside.

Inside the church, hundreds of family members and friends of Army Spc. Brynn Naylor gathered Saturday to say goodbye to the 21-year-old, whom they had planned to welcome home around the holidays. Naylor was killed Dec. 13 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his unit came under small-arms fire. He was 15 months into his first tour



Mary Dean McDowell,

Mary Dean McDowell, 66, of Lubbock passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at UMC. She was born Oct. 16, 1941. She leaves to cherish her memory, three sons, Gary Wayne Ransom (Lola), Walter Ray Ransom (Gloria), and Ronald Glenn Ransom (Marcy); two daughters, Charlotte Renee Green (John), and Variencia (Tina) Ransom Quigley (Cedrick); one brother, John L. Robinson; two sisters-in-law, Josephine Robinson and Belzora Armstead; fifteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends. Services will be held at Full

Armor Ministries at Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, burial will be at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

of duty overseas and just weeks from returning home.

A closed casket draped with an American flag stood at the front of the small church. The pews were filled to capacity. The service was broadcast on a screen in a second room, which also was full.

Family and close friends held on to each other, many quietly sobbing, as they remembered the soldier who spent most of his youth in Shallowater.

They remembered him the way he wanted to be remembered.

In an autobiography Naylor wrote in the seventh grade, he said: "I like to be known as a good person."

He wrote that his best characteristics were that he was polite and trustworthy, said the Rev. Mitch Wilson.

Family and friends say those qualities were evident throughout his life and served as a testimony to his character and strong faith in God. The most important day in his life, he wrote, was the day he was baptized.

"He lived 21 years of life to the fullest," Wilson said.

In his autobiography, Naylor described himself as quiet and shy.

Texas Employers Continue to Add Jobs Texas Unemployment Rate Rises Slightly

AUSTIN - Texas seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment grew by 12,340 jobs in November. Texas employers now have added 204,400 jobs over the past 12 months, for an annual growth rate of 2.0 percent compared with a national growth rate of 1.1 percent. The November statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.2 percent, up from 4.1 percent in October, but down from 4.7 percent a year ago.

"Job growth in Texas continues to outpace the nation as employers hire workers and expand," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "The solid economic foundation laid in Texas over recent years is serving employers and workers well."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo, Lubbock and Odessa MSAs were second at 3.2 percent.

Education and Health Services gained 4,700 positions in November, contributing to an annual job growth of 25,900. Leisure and Hospitality recorded a monthly increase of 2,900 jobs in November, for a total of 39,200 since November 2006, a 4.1 percent annual job growth rate.

"Texas employers across many industry sectors are adding jobs faster than the nation as a whole," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ren Lehman. "Construction, Professional and Business Services, and Financial Activities, for example, are adding jobs at more than twice the rate of the rest of the country."

Natural Resources and Mining continues to maintain the highest annual job growth rate at 8.0 percent, adding 1,400 jobs

during the month and 15,300 over the year. Employment in Professional and Business Services gained 3,300 positions in November, for an increase of 50,500 positions over the year

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

GOOD TO SEE SO MANY AT GILBERT FLORES' PRESS CONFERENCE! THIS N THAT along with many other citizens, was glad to see so many at the GILBERT FLORES' PRESS CONFERENCE last Wednesday, December 19, 2007, announcing his candidacy for the LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT, PRECINCT 3, at the Montefogo Restaurant on Clovis Highway. Flores, who was a former Lubbock County Commissioner, Precinct 3. He will be challenging YSIDRO GUTIERREZ, who defeated Flores in the 2004 Democratic Primary Election. THIS N THAT was glad to see how excited those in attendance were, and especially to hear about the theme chosen for the campaign. It will be called UNITY. If ever there was a time to talk about UNITY, it is now. So when you see GILBERT FLORES, you appreciate the theme of UNITY. It should be a very interesting campaign during the Democratic Primary and the Republican Primary where there is expected to be a man & woman from the Republican Party seeking this position. Then a few months later when the General Election is being held in November, another person is expected to announce as an INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE for this position. Just stay tuned for

the outcome of this election. If you are not a REGISTERED VOTER, better get ready for the upcoming election. ISABELL LUNA WILL FILE AS INDEPENDENT! THIS N THAT has learned that ISABELL LUNA will be an INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE for LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3. More on this race in the near future. PENNY BARBER SAYS: "SELLFISH GRATIFICATION will lead to SPIRITUAL STAGNATION." MLK SIGN-UPS WILL START JANUARY 5TH! THIS N THAT is reminding all of you that the MARTIN LUTHER KING LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION will get underway JANUARY 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2008 at the UNITED SUPERMARKET on Parkway Drive. The sign-up time will be from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Ages 5 thru 13 are invited to play! LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL ages 5-12 JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL age 13. Registration Fee is \$85.00 and it must be paid by JANUARY 26, 2008! If there are some organizations who want to help young people, this will be a great opportunity. WELCOME HOME, LT. COL. PAT GASTON! THIS N THAT is glad to know that

LT. COLONEL PAT GASTON has returned home after serving THREE YEARS in Kuwait. She is also a graduate of Freshly High School. If you ask here she will tell you that there is no place like the "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!" THIS N THAT is glad she is back home and for what she has done for all of us. Thanks LT. COLONEL PAT GASTON! MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CHOR! THIS N THAT is happy to see the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CHOR rehearsing for the upcoming MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ANNUAL CELEBRATION. Parents keep on encouraging our young people to get involved early and they will appreciate it one day when they get older. Stand tall young people. A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU! THIS N THAT wants to take this time and wish each of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here it is almost the year 2008 and things must get better. It can get much better that is if many of us would get together. It is so important that we get together so our young people will reap the benefits as we enter this new year. As BLACK PEOPLE let's agree to come together so we can accomplish more than we accomplished in 2007.

Think About It!

As 2007 We Wind Down What's Your Goals For 2008?

by Eddie P. Richardson

2007 is fast winding down. We have lost quite a few good soldiers some good and some bad. Where do you want to be in the year 2008? Following is a list of National well known Black leaders that have passed on. Effie Berry former "First Lady of D.C.," Ellis Blaine former President of Clark College, Jane Bolin First Female to die in U.S. New York City Family Court, Robert (Buck) Brown Actor, William (Bill) Clancy Promotional Executive, Alice Coltrane jazz Performer & Composer, Art Davis Bass Player, U.S. Repetitive Augustus Hawkins (100), Calif. Congressman Billy Henderson The Spinner R&B Group Singer, Oliver Hill (100) Civil Rights Lawyer, Dr. Asa C. Hilliard III Scholar & Historian, Luther Ingram Singer & Song Writer, Yolanda King Actress & Daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Henry Le Tang Tap Dancer, Calvin Lockhart Actor, Jan Lucian Singer, William E. McNulty Jr. Kentucky Supreme Court Judge, Rep. Juanita

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Wright Actor. Above is list that has gone on a head of us that have left foot print in the sand. What will do in 2008 if some? When we are gone, what will we live behind? Our priority is to miss place with things, power, greed and selfishness. 2008 is good time to get started to get affairs in order. Such as I am I my brother keeper. Love your neighbor, as you love yourself. We need to go back to village with our children. Our concern should not be on tradition such as bling, bling. Instead we should teach decency and morality. It would make such a difference in our committee, cities, counties, states and nation. The world would be a much better place if we would go back to the basic, such as respect starting with self and respect other, as we would want to respect. We need to concrete peace not war. Closing thoughts "If it is to be it is up to me, and make it a personal creed, and live by sitting a positive ensemble"

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