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Amber Wiley Will Graduate From Wayland



Amber Wiley

One of Lubbock's students will graduate from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview this month. She will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music.

She is the daughter of Coach Buford Wiley and Rose Mary Wiley. Coach Wiley is the Wiley Bar-B-Que. She will graduate in December, 2007.

Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program Back On Track In Lubbock Schools

(Lubbock) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) administers the Early High School Graduation Scholarship Program. The program is designed to reward students who have graduated ahead of schedule and/or with a significant number of college credit hours earned through dual-credit classes. One of the scholarship programs awards \$1000 scholarships to high school students who graduate in no more than 45 months and have earned at least 30 hours of college credit.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board had applied a strict definition of 45 months for eligibility. The LISD Class of 2007 started classes as ninth graders on August 18, 2003 and graduated on May 25 or 26, 2007. Under the interpretation of the THECB some LISD students who applied for the \$1,000 award were denied because they did not graduate by May 18, 2007. Other students from across the state were also denied under the interpretation which went from date to date rather than counting months inclusively.

Lubbock I.S.D. contacted Senator Robert Duncan and Nancy R. Neal, a member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, who brought the problem to the attention of the Coordinating Board and legislators involved in drafting the legislation. Through the efforts of Ms. Neal and Senator Duncan, the

Coordinating Board recently approved rules that will qualify for eligibility some students whose applications were previously rejected or who received reduced scholarship awards.

In November, the THECB informed school personnel statewide that they had amended the eligibility requirements for students graduating on or after September 1, 2005:

"The months to graduation will be measured beginning with the student's first full month in the ninth grade through the date the high school certifies on the application as the date the student completes all the requirements for graduation."

The THECB has contacted students whose applications were rejected previously this year asking them to reapply.

Students from the Class of 2006 whose applications were rejected are asked to contact their high school counselor for assistance in reapplying. The THECB's records of rejected applications do not go back beyond that date.

Lubbock I.S.D. graduate Haili Runsey recently received her \$1000 scholarship award letter after being previously denied. The scholarship will be applied to Runsey's college expenses at Texas Tech University. Runsey began her first year at Texas Tech as a sophomore because of the college credits earned while a student in LISD.

Prosecutor: Rapper T.I. Broke Gun Laws Before

ATLANTA (AP) — The rapper T.I., who faces federal firearms charges, has previously violated the law by possessing firearms and a silencer while a convicted felon, a U.S. prosecutor said in a document filed Monday.

T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris, was arrested on Oct. 13 just hours before he was to headline the Black Entertainment Television Hip-Hop Awards in Atlanta while allegedly trying to buy unregistered machine guns and silencers. He is charged with possession of unregistered machine guns and silencers and possession of firearms by a convicted felon.

In a notice filed Monday in U.S. District Court, the U.S. Attorney's office said it plans to introduce evidence of three occasions when Harris unlawfully possessed guns, ammunition and a silencer, "all after having been convicted of a felony offense."

The first was a 2001 Atlanta arrest when Harris allegedly gave the name Douglas Morgan and was carrying a concealed 9 mm pistol. The arrest did not result in a criminal conviction.

The second, which did result in a conviction, occurred in 2002, when Harris was arrested and later convicted for carrying a 10 mm pistol. The third arrest was the result of a search warrant executed at Harris' home in 2004, when officers found a firearm with an attached silencer, large amounts of firearms ammunition and photos of Harris holding weapons. The incident did not result in a criminal conviction.

Harris' felony record began when he was 17, when he was arrested for selling crack. He was sentenced to seven years' probation, which he violated and was eventually jailed for.

Harris, 27, was released on bond on Oct. 26 and is confined to his home.



Mother Myrta Haynes

Mother Myrta Haynes Celebrates 50 Years Of Dedicated Service To Her Church & Community

Mother Myrta Haynes, a dedicated mother, grandmother and church leader, has contributed 50 years of her life to make the City of Lubbock a much better place to live for all of us. She was the wife of the late Bishop W. D. Haynes, pastor of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ.

Last September 15, 2007, the Christ Temple Church Family took time to show their appreciation for Mother Haynes 50 years of dedication of service. Each of the members gave her cards expressing their gratitude for her untiring labor. This was an awesome display of love. If there are those of you who missed this opportunity, there is still a chance to thank Mother Haynes in your own way. If you chose to join this means of participating, you can send cards to: Mother Myrta Haynes, P. O. Box 2411, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

She is also the mother of Supn. W. David Haynes, pastor of Christ Temple.

Important Meeting Set For Estacado Matador Boosters

A very important meeting is set for the Estacado High School Booster Club on Monday evening, December 10, 2007, at 6:00 p. m. in the cafeteria.

All members and concerned Estacado Matador fans are asked to attend.

According to a spokesperson it is very important for those interested to attend.

The Matadors just completed a very successful year.

Chelsea Millner Named Iles Student of Month

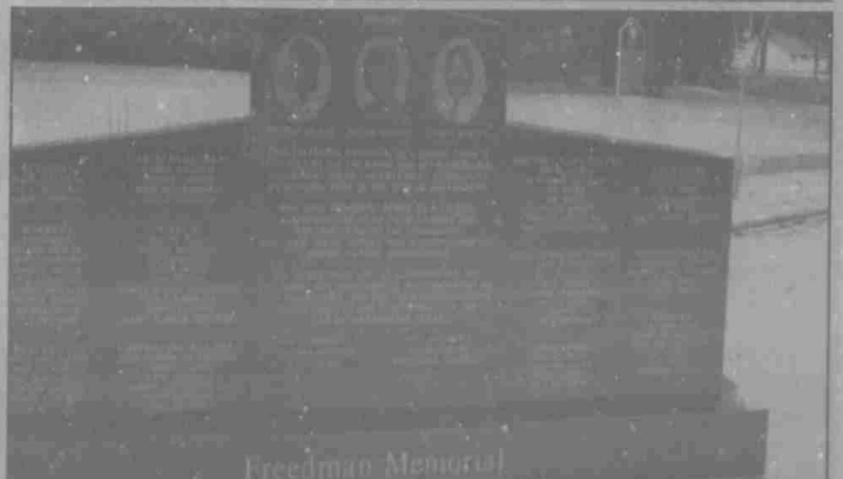
This is Chelsea Millner, a third grade student at Iles Fine Arts Elementary School. She is outstanding in everything that she does.

She is an excellent student, singer, dancer, gymnast and performer. Chelsea's attitude is contagious. She is a very excited and positive young lady.

She is one of many students who continue to make Iles the super school that it is.



Chelsea Millner



Freedman Memorial

FREEDMAN MEMORIAL IN WAXAHACHIE! The citizens of Waxahachie, Texas were presented the Freedman Memorial at this past July 6, 2007. This memorial is located at Freedman Memorial Plaza on Martin Luther King Boulevard.

(Editor's Note: For those of you who are former residents of Waxahachie, Texas, this one is for you.)

This past summer, actually July 6 and 7, 2007, two grand unveilings were held honoring some of its finest residents. One was, Bettie Coleman, who was

the Black female in the United States of America to receive a pilot's license she studied in France.

Waxahachie's three former Black mayors were honored on the Freedman Memorial. They were: George Brown, Ruth Waters, and Chuck Beatty.

Beatty, who was also a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers, said, "I think it is pretty unique for Waxahachie."

"This Freedman memorial is a loving tribute dedicated to all the brave and entrepreneurial souls," said Beatty. "It's great!"

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 Paterson 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 Yellowknife Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00pm, Paterson 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 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 Paterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 10th Street, 7:30 pm.
- 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 Hurt Elementary.
- Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles 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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SENATOR ROBERT DUNCAN (left) is shown explaining the Early Graduation Scholarship Program. Looking on are Nancy Neal, former LISD Trustee, and Wayne Haynes, Superintendent LISD. Program will help LISD students.

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

It's almost here, that is, the Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church's "Women In Red Banquet." It will be held Friday evening, December 14, 2007, at the KoKo Palace Banquet Hall, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Tickets are only \$20.00. Better get you

one. ***
Thought this is needed. It was printed in the New Hope Bulletin last Sunday morning: **"The Gift of Prayer" Persistence in Prayer**
In spite of what is going on all around us: what we may be

experiencing in our personal lives or the lives of our loved ones in this past year, we can still say with determination, **I will bless the Lord at all times.** Why? This is our entrance into prayer with our God who cares about us and the Good News is that God is still in control. Our world seems to be living as if we have no God to glorify and there is tragedy on every hand; yet the Saints of God can hear Him say, **"Be still and know that I am God..." This is the assurance we can have in the midst of our storms. Our God is still in control.** Therefore, set your face like a flint, be **persistent in prayer** knowing that the Lord will help us as we pray, and we are not ashamed. We will yet praise Him and testify of His righteous acts. ***

New Light Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, December 2, 2007, churches services were great at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road.

Services got underway at 10:10 a. m. with Sunday School with Superintendent Sister Linda Green. The lesson was taught by Brother Bruce Austin. The subject of the morning lesson was entitled "Recognizing The Savior." The lesson text was Isaiah 53:1-12. A question to ask is: "How can I be sure Jesus is the Messiah God sent to save us?" ***

The morning worship began at 11:00 a. m. with the Praise team leading the devotion.

The Senior Choir sang two uplifting songs. They were: "The Lord Is Blessing Me," which was led by Sister Sudell Cavanaugh; and the second, "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross," which was led by Deacon Carlton Hicks.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Elijah Austin. His subject was "With God All

Things Are Possible." The scripture was Luke 1:5-10 & 37. What a Holy Ghost time all had in the morning services. ***

Thanks to all of you who came to help celebrate the Musical Appreciation for Sister Sudell Cavanaugh. It was a success. ***

Let's not forget the African American Black Fellowship Christmas banquet at the KoKo Palace, Avenue Q and 50th Street. Tickets are \$18.00. ***

Also, March 20-23, 2008, there will be a Luther Barnes Gospel Workshop at New Light Baptist Church. A West Texas Mass Choir will perform at the Cactus Theatre with Wonder Boy Johnson. The workshop will be held Wednesday evening, March

23, 2008, beginning from 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. More information will forthcoming.

Willie Gary, Prominent Trial Attorney, Serves as Keynote Speaker at the New Bethel A.M.E. Church Service



Attorney Willie Gary poses with New Bethel A.M.E. Church members in Lakeland, Florida.

Lakeland, FL - Willie Gary, prominent trial attorney, served as the keynote speaker at the New Bethel A.M.E. community church service in Lakeland, Florida.

Gary addressed more than 1,000 community members, corporate professionals, students, clergy and elected officials, including city commissioners, Gov. Fields, during the special community church service. The theme for the event was, "Empowering People to Achieve the Impossible." Gary spoke about the importance of contributing time, money and resources to benefit worthy causes. In addition, Gary emphasized the obligation to reach back and help the less fortunate.

"There is no reason why you can't make money and make a difference at the same time," said Gary. "What matters most is not what you have done for yourselves; but what you have done to help the least of these. It is up to each of us assembled here today to heed the call of leadership and make a difference in the lives of the under served and downtrodden," continued Gary.

Gary, who is best known in legal circles as "The Giant Killer," is noted for taking on some of America's most powerful companies, winning billions of dollars in verdicts and settlements on behalf of his

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FASHION

FUN

by Shirley Robinson

SATIN SENSATION PANT SUIT



Rich colors of the season create a brazen sateen jacket and pant combo. Embroidered buttons and detail along the collar add to the intricate detail of this outfit. Mesh bead work along the side of the leg. Plum color, flare leg. This sexy little number will definitely take you places, and wow! what a way to go.

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FASHION TIP ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE

Fashion - Just for fun of it!

MY KIDS' COOKIES SWEETEN UP THE HOLIDAYS

Tasty Gifts for the "Kid" in All of Us

In this day of pre-packaged holiday treats or worse yet, the dreaded, "please don't give it to me" fruitcake, there's something wonderful about receiving freshly baked cookies for the holidays. Whether it's for employees, corporate gift-giving, your kid's teacher, or just the "kid" in all of us, My Kids' Cookies are the perfect holiday gift.

The brain child of Barbara Reiningger, My Kids' Cookies has an origin as sweet a story as her product. When the cookies she and her kids baked started piling up quicker than her family could consume them, she started giving them away to relatives, neighbors and her children's friends. When asked who baked them, she would always say "they're my kids' cookies" and a new business was born. When requests for more cookies started coming in, Reiningger decided to quit her day job in the world of high-tech and dive full time into as she puts it, "an endless vat of chocolate chips." Reiningger says she used to hope baking cookies would get her kids to do their homework, now she's hoping baking will send

them to college.

For the discerning sweet-tooth, the cookies come in eight yummy varieties, contain no preservatives and are made to order. The cookies are individually wrapped and sell for \$18.00 per dozen on her Web site, www.MyKidsCookies.com and can be mailed safely in decorative boxes anywhere in the Continental United States. For an added gift-giving bonus, once twelve-dozen cookies have been ordered, a free dozen is offered (with free shipping included) to give away or heck, you've earned it — to keep yourself. Looking for some cute caps to go with those delectable morsels? My Kids' Cookies offers their logo on fun baseball caps, the ever-popular No. 2 school pencils and soon, brightly colored sweatshirts.

Every order from My Kids' Cookies also helps kids. Through her association with the Save the Children Organization, Reiningger and her family sponsor a young girl from Nepal. The foundation creates positive and lasting change in the lives of children in need in the United States and

around the world. A percentage of sales from My Kids' Cookies goes to continue that sponsorship and as her business grows, Reiningger hopes to help additional needy children through similar programs.

When it comes down to crunch time let My Kids' Cookies make gifting quick and easy. In just a few minutes (and clicks of the mouse) an impressionable gift can be purchased, gift wrapped and delivered—it doesn't get any easier than that this time of year. As the late great Mae West once said, "too much of a good thing can be wonderful." She must have been referring to My Kids' Cookies.

My Kids' Cookies (www.mykidscookies.com), headquartered on Bainbridge Island, Washington, is an online cookie Web site dedicated to delivering delicious "homemade" cookies and merchandise. The cookies are baked fresh for each order and delivered or shipped the same day. Eight varieties of cookies are available individually or by the dozen. Once a customer orders 12 dozen, they will receive a free dozen for themselves or as a gift for someone else. The cookies are presented beautifully packaged and are a perfect gift for family, friends, co-workers, corporate partners and college students. Customized corporate orders can be placed by calling owner Barbara Reiningger at (206) 795-1090 or emailing Barbara@MyKidsCookies.com.

10 thru 23, 2007, with live entertainment needed for the 6:30 p. m. to 8:00 p. m. time period.

If there are those interested, call 775-2670.

This is an annual program for the Lubbock community.

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Estacado High School Fine Arts Department To Present "Cinderella" Tonight

The combined fine arts departments of Estacado High School, 1504 East Itasca, will present the Rogers & Hammerstein musical adaptation of "Cinderella" at 6:30 p. m. tonight, Thursday, in the Estacado auditorium.

In addition to Estacado, the cast will be comprised of students from Estacado's feeder middle schools and elementary campuses.

For more information about this production on tonight, contact Barbara Jackson at 766-1400.

This production was well received by the community last year.

This production is an example of the many talents of these young people who are students at Estacado High School.

Performers Needed For Santa Land This Year

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

HIV AIDS: "A Crisis in the Black Community"

One of the challenges of the leadership of the black community and the black church in particular is to find ways to discuss life threatening diseases. One of the things black leaders in real-time should be able to discuss is HIV/AIDS. This should no longer be a taboo whereas to limited the preacher from discussing the disease.

I was taken aback at what I heard and read on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2007. I was not aware or had the faintest idea that AIDS is the No. 1 killer of black people between the ages of 25 and 44 in the United States as reported by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. I would have guess black on black crime.

I realize "black church theology" does not embrace having an honest conversation about sexual eroticism. However, if the black preacher does not step up to the plate and remind young blacks they must take ownership of their actions, we will have lost a whole generation.

A news article from the United Methodist Church a year ago by Kathy L. Gilbert was very interesting. It read: The term "on the down low" refers to men who are having sex with other men but keeping it a secret, often from their wives or girlfriends, said Jane Pernotto Ehrman, a national health consultant for the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

The practice is especially high among African-American men because it is "absolutely not OK to be homosexual" in the black culture, she added.

The secret is killing African-American women at an alarming rate. Statistics show AIDS is ranked among the top three causes of death for African-American women ages 35-44.

"Women are paying a mighty big price in the AIDS pandemic because many times they are the innocent victims," said Linda Bales, director of the Louise and Hugh Moore Population of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society.

"In the U. S. as well as in sub-Saharan Africa and other regions, women contract the HIV/AIDS virus from their husbands who have had sex outside the marriage," she said. "Sad to say, being married is a risk factor for AIDS."

"HIV/AIDS among black women is three times higher among Latino women and 18 times higher than among white women, Ehrman said. "Sixty-eight percent of all new HIV cases are black women-75 percent of whom contracted the disease from heterosexual sex. These women are your everyday women, wives and mothers."

HIV/AIDS is also increasing among young people. Ehrman quoted statistics that show youth and young adults between the ages of 13 to 25 years are contracting HIV at a rate of two every

hour. Ehrman and Bales said the church needs to pay attention to this "human issue" and speak out about it from the pulpit.

"The church has a major role to play in stemming the tide of HIV/AIDS. It is vital for every congregation to sponsor sessions for young people on comprehensive sex education that includes a strong dose of AIDS information," Bales said. "It's not about judgment but education...If you approach it from the (standpoint that) people on the down low are bad, or make judgments about a person's sexuality and how that fits biblically, then you miss the whole point," she said.

There is a crisis in the African American community because of HIV/AIDS and to deny the fact mean death to generations. The black preacher must constantly remind their congregation that risky behavior leads to a premature death. Again, they must remind blacks to take ownership of their actions.

**!Stop!
The
Violence
in City!**

We Thank God for Jesus

"Your X-mas For christ Or Merchandise"

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

Mark 7:6 -- Jesus said, well hath E-Gai! As prophesied of you hypocrites as it is written. This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Jesus told his disciples, go into the world, and let your light shine. But now the un-godly now runs Christmas -- blind leading the blind!!

Romans 1:21-22 -- Because that when they (The Christians) knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful. But became vain (Idolatrous) in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

The Celebration ation of Christ's birth has lost the main meaning of its intent. There is no speaking of Jesus, but only when your money is to be spent!!!

Matthew 4:10 -- Jesus said, Satan for it is written. You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

***** Who Are You Serving This Xmas *****

The world celebrates X-Mas with Santa,deers, trees, lights, parties and d drinking. They are mocking the birth of God's son, and they're not even thinking!!!

Galatians 6:7 -- Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap (Receive).

***** Yes, X-Mas Is Robbing God !!! *****

Jesus was born into the world, God gave him for only one reason. Not to give gifts, show off lights, but to die for our sins in due season.

John 3:17 -- Jesus said, God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

When the world picked X-Mas, it added Santa Claus and reindeer's in the sky. Telling children of the gifts he brings, knowing its nothing but a lie!!!

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

(Do you know the difference, between the lights on the dopers, the pimp's dealers houses? And the lights on the houses of a Christian???)

Christians, if the angel came to Mary in the City of Galilee. Nine months from the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a City of Galilee, name Nazareth!!!

***** December Is Robbing God!!! *****

Christians have gone along with the Devil's and Santa's game, just like a sap. Taking their children and grandchildren, and putting them in some proverb's lap!!!

Matthew 23:37b -- Jesus said, how often would I would have gathered your children together. Even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not!!!

The world wants X-Mas to be with drinking, doping, parties and lights. And will get mad when you ask them to except Jesus into their life!!!

John 15:19 -- Jesus said, if you were of the world, the world would love his own, but because you are not of the world. But I have chosen you out of the world. Therefore, the world hates you.

(The way to tell if anything is not of God. Is if the world wants in on it. Then it's not of God, because the world hates anything that is of God!!!)

Jesus was not born the day he enters into the heart of every man, woman, boy and girl.

Galatians 6:14 -- God forbid that I should glory. Save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom the world is crucified and I unto the world.

ATTEND CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, December 2, 2007, at St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services began with Sunday School at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Luella Harris in charge. The subject of the Sunday School lesson was "Surprising Opportunities." The scripture text was: Luke 1:8-23. The lesson was

taught by Sister Nina Davis, a Sunday School teacher, who did a marvelous job. The review of the lesson as given by Pastor Canady. It was another great lesson. God is so awesome.

The morning worship service began with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. What a wonderful time all had singing God's praises.

Pastor Canady delivered a powerful message again. His subject was "The Claim of Christ." His scripture text was John 14:1-6.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in members. As we always make known, today they are the ones on the sick list, and tomorrow it could be you or I. Always remember, God is able!

Did you know that many people have little sympathy for the poor in their community because they assume they are lazy and irresponsible. Others say that the problem is with a government welfare system that is inefficient and often abused. But it is wrong to say that all poor people deserve their plight.

The fact is that many would be willing to work hard if they could find employment at decent wages. They are trapped in rat-infested tenements or in decaying shanties because the jobs available to them do not provide enough money for them to move.

Some will admit they do not pretend to know how to fix the welfare system, but they do know that as followers of Christ we should do far more and more churches are reaching into poverty-ridden areas with a gospel ministry that includes providing food, clothing, shelter, training, and even employment.

Thought of the Week: "We can walk through the darkest trails, when we walk with God in the Light!"

God is able!

Attend The Church Of Your Choice On Sunday Mornings!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday morning, December 1, 2007, in the beautiful home of Sister Elnora Jones. The opening devotion was led by the women. The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Margaret Moss. Her subject was "The Power of Word." She had several scriptures which were John 1:1; Genesis 8:22; Romans 4:16-17 and Mark 11:22-24.

John 1:1 -- In the beginning was the word, and the Words" d was with God, and the word was God.

Genesis 1:1 -- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 8:22 -- While the earth remains seed time and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.

Romans 4:16-17 -- Therefore, it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the Faith of Abraham, who is the Father of us all. (17 -- As it is written, I have made you a Father of many nations). In the presence of him whom he believed -- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did."

Mark 1 1:22-23 -- So Jesus answered and said to them, have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, who ever er says to this mountain, be removed and cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes even that those things he says will be done, he will have whatsoever he says.

This teacher says: "Speak the word."

We're praying that you have many more years to teach and preach the word of God.

A Special Thanks to our special guest on last Saturday morn-

ing. Your presence help our program. Do come again!

Those guest were: Sister Vivian Peoples, Sister Nettie Edwards, Sister Linda McGee, Sister Sockie Martin, and Sister Margaret Moss. All of y you are very special to us. "Come again!"

There are many in our community who are sick, Saints!!! Let's Pray!! Prayer changes a lot of things. Let us not forget that.

There are many who have lost loved ones over the past week. They need our precious prayers. Let us keep them on our minds

each day!

If you are looking for a praise and worship pattern, look no further than Exodus 15.

In that reading, you will find the Israelites heaping honor to God. The people were just hours removed from one of the greatest st recuses in history.

What a mighty God we serve! Thanks for reading, Saints!

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burelson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

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Obsequies

Essie Mae Bradley

Funeral services were held for Essie Mae "Big Mama" Bradley last Friday afternoon, November 30, 2007, at the 20th & Birch Church of Christ.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

She passed away Monday, November 26, 2007, at Heritage Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

She was born December 12, 1907.

She leaves to mourn her passing: a son, George "James" Bradley, Jr. (Mary Lou); two daughters, Mary Lee Ware and Willie Dee Shepard; a nephew, J. C. Mondine; a niece, Juanita Nix; 20 grandchildren; 49 great grand-



daughter; 66 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Anna Lee Outland



Anna Lee Outland, 82, passed

Brenda Bonds-Walker



Brenda Joyce Bonds Walker

away Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at Lakeridge Nursing Home.

She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Thelma Avery (Eddie), Zenda Hall (George) and Judy Bolton (Charles); two sons, Johnny Outland and Jerry Outland (Tonya); one sister, Annie D. Davis; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; two nieces; one nephew; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, at Manhattan Heights Church of Christ. Burial was held at Peaceful Garden Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary of Lubbock.

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon, December 1, 2007, at St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. Deshun Avery officiating. Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She was born August 17, 1955 in Lubbock.

She is survived by two children, Sharonda Rene Walker and Bernice Devour Walker; her father, Freddie Bonds (Dorothy); four brothers: Larry D. Bonds (Shirley), Woddie Bonds (Blanche), Robert Bonds (Patsy) and Freddie Bonds, Jr.; three sisters, Sharon Evans (Don), Dorothy Lee (Allen), and Bertha Miller (George); her father, Freddie Bonds (Dorothy); four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She passed away Monday, November 26, 2007 at Covenant Health System.

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**Willie Gary,
Prominent Attorney**
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clients. Known for his philanthropic endeavors, Gary and his wife, Gloria Gary, founded Gary Foundation, which provides college scholarships to at-risk students who wish to attend college. The Gary's have donated millions of dollars to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including \$10 million to his alma mater, Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Min. Leonard Hall

Rev. Leonard Hall, 62, of Lubbock, passed away at Southern Region Medical Center after a lengthy illness on Nov. 28, 2007. He was born March 6, 1945 to his parents, Alvin and Violeta Hall in the city of Colon Republic of Panama; his father precedes him in death.

Leonard left home in 1966 to attend college in the United States; he graduated from Lubbock Christian University.

He began his career employed by the Lubbock State School where he became the Director of the Transportation Department and retired after 35 years of service. He became the Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Ralls, on March 7, 2004. He was an active member of the Southern Black Ministers Association. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Pastor Monica Cheryl Hall, and their son, Alvin Hall; his mother, Violeta Hall; and three brothers, Rogelio, Alvin Jr., and Donaldo Hall, all of Panama; and one sister, Paula Small, of Lubbock; and a host of relative and friends.

Funeral services were held last Monday afternoon, December 3, 2007, at the New Hope Baptist Church in Shallowater.

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Activities At Local Libraries In The City of Lubbock

Teen Poetry Club Meeting at Patterson Branch Library

The "Creative Ink" teen poetry club will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, on Monday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. Bring a holiday-themed poem to read to the group. It can be an original work, or a poem by a published author. For more information, call 767-3300.

Children's Craft Program at the Mahon Library

The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, invites children to a special holiday craft program at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11. There will be ornaments and more to decorate and take home. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 775-2838.

Children's Movie at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will show a movie based on an award-winning children's book at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. For more information, call 792-6566.

Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library

The Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 to discuss *The Women Who Raised Me* by Carl Weber. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

Open Mic Poetry Night at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will host an open mic poetry night for ages 17 and up on Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m. Signup starts at 6:30

p.m. This month's theme is gifts. For more information, please call 767-3300.

"Share a Book with a Child" at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, presents "Share a Book with a Child," a special storytime for children and their parents, on Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. Our special guest readers will be T. J. Patterson and Eric Strong. Each family will receive a free book to take home, courtesy of Literacy Lubbock. For more information, call 767-3300.

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2007-08, for the third year in a row, the Estacado band welcomed a new band director, Dr. John Kennedy. Kennedy came to Estacado from Eastern New Mexico University where he directed the college band. He has also taught music off and on for the past twenty-seven years. Kennedy moved to Lubbock two years ago where he taught at Monterey High School, before stepping into Matador land.

After becoming the new Estacado band director, Kennedy stated his plans for the band are to develop "growth and discipline within the band." Kennedy also added, "You can't cheat quality with size." Kennedy is not daunted by the small size of the Matador band. Big or small, if the band does not work together as one group, the amount of success will remain small. Kennedy explained his point by stating, "You can have 175 people in the band, but if it doesn't sound good or look sharp then you're not getting anywhere." The Matador band currently stands at 40 people strong this year. Kennedy is excited about having a small band for one simple reason. "It's a good thing because the band can start fresh and become stronger as a group. The band will be well on their way to another successful year, hopefully receiving superior ratings and possibly another sweepstakes. Kennedy looks forward to developing a high quality band filled with pride and enthusiasm.

Kennedy has traveled to Estacado over the past several years while he was Eastern New Mexico in hopes of recruiting former band members to join his team in New Mexico. "I know they (band members) have it in them, that's what makes me so proud to be the new Estacado band director." Kennedy is also focused on keeping the winning streak alive. Kennedy is willing to do whatever it takes to make the band program even better than last year because success is a habit.

Estacado band members are not the only students who are benefiting from Kennedy's vision for the Matador band. Students at Alderson and Dunbar Middle Schools are benefiting from his expertise. Kennedy sees his involvement with the middle school band as an invaluable experience because of the influence he can have on them at a younger age. Keeping successful musicians within the quadrant not only benefits the students, it also benefits future Matador bands. Helping the growth and success of the high school band begins at an early age, many times before students realize their unique musical roles because groups are only as strong as the weakest member. Going to the middle schools allows relationships to be formed.

Estacado hosts Amarillo FROM STAFF REPORTS

Fresh off a weekend full of tournament action, the area high school basketball scene picks back up today with several intriguing matchups.

Leading the list is the Estacado girls' home opener at their new gym as they host perennial power Amarillo at 6 p.m. The teams met just three days ago in the consolation round of the Polk Key City Classic when the Lady Sandies beat the Lady Matadors, 42-31. Amarillo (13-1) went on to beat Lewisville Hebron later in the day in the consolation championship.

Estacado (5-3) opened the season with eight straight games on the road, so head coach Diane Morgan said it's good to be at home.

"Finally," Morgan said, "We don't know how to set playing here, but we're excited. It's been a long, hard road trip and we had some really good competition out there. We're just trying to get the girls ready for later on down the road."

The loss to Amarillo, although tough, certainly did that, Morgan said. The Lady Sandies didn't have a huge quarter to pull away from Estacado, but did slowly build the lead over the course of the game.

"We played a very good team and we've got a lot of work to do to get ready for them (today)," Morgan said. "I didn't know what to expect from them and I'm glad to see them because they are a good club, and we can work on some things hopefully to adjust on some things we didn't do well the first time against them, and improve on those things."

In Class 5A, Lubbock High and Coronado are both at home today, with the Lady Westerners hosting Caprock and the Lady Mustangs welcoming Sudan. Monterey is on the road at Hobbs, N.M., while the Frenship girls have the night off.

The Cooper girls are at home as well, hosting Class 4A San Angelo Lake View. Roosevelt hosts Lockney for a Class 2A clash, while Lubbock Christian takes on New Deal to open a doubleheader.

On the boys' side, both Monterey and Lubbock High are at home with Coronado having a night off. Monterey hosts Midland, while Lubbock High takes on Hereford.

The Estacado boys will play Odessa following the girls game, while Frenship's boys are at Seminole and Cooper travels to Olton.

The Roosevelt and Lockney boys complete a twin bill, as do New Deal and Lubbock Christian. Trinity Christian's boys are on the road at Odessa Permian.

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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

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WAKE UP CALL! THIS N THAT ... would like to advise that the killing of ... **SEAN TAYLOR** ... in Miami, Florida ... last week ... should be a ... **WAKE UP CALL** ... for all parents with

children ... to pay close attention to what their children are doing ... Apparently the ... **FOUR MALES ARRESTED** ... for the alleged murder ... were young fellows apparently wanting to be gangsters ... and they were very interested in money ... It has been reported they were using the internet ... **MYSFACE.COM** ... to communicate their posture on what they were all about ... Let's hope this situation is handled in a ... **VERY POSITIVE WAY** ... and the picture will be clear ... Regardless ... of how you may feel about the present situation ... just give it time to get all the facts ... it will ever bring ... **SEAN TAYLOR** ... back to life ... So ... **MOM & DAD** ... do pay close attention to what your children are doing ...

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School Cafeteria ... It is also a good time to join ... that is ... if y you are not a member ... Will you do so? Hope you will!

THANKS ESTACADO MATADORS FOR A JOB WELL DONE! THIS N THAT ... as well as many other Lubbock residents ... would like to ... **SALUTE** ... the 2007 ... **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL MATADORS** ... for a ... **JOB WELL DONE** ... You stood tall in the saddle on the field of play as well off the field of play ... This year is only the beginning of much success in the future ... Never forget from whence you come ... and stay in school ... and be all that you can be ... **THIS N THAT** ... is in your corner ... and ever we can help ... just advise ... Again ... **CONGRATS MATADORS** ... for a job well done!

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Think About It!

The Black-Oriented Press Enabling Others To Reach Back - Part 2

by Eddie P. Richardson

The psychologized damages actually were so deep among Black Americans that many millions among our former enslaved masses have long ago induced self-images so low that even today, they feel largely inferior and incapable of achieving. Yet, from all of this, there has emerged in every generation a fearless cadre of Black leaders who despite the odds were determined to overcome. Among the most outspoken and courageous of these were those Blacks who sought to inform their brothers and sisters through the medium of the press. Those brave Black Americans, often suffering dehumanizing indignities themselves, knew that the Black Community could not survive and grow on a planned course without communication among Black leadership and their constituencies.

Many outstanding figures associated with the Black-oriented press have, over the years, had differing views. Some felt that, as to rally "integrated" which we still have not into every aspect of American life, and the need for the "Black Press" would no longer be necessary.

This has hardly been the case.

"Total integration" has been able to be more than in its dream stages. A reversion. Black Press oriented the still quite vibrant dilemma within Black America, is needed as urgently today as at any other time during Black development in this country. Those publishers with foresight and determination have recognized this urgency. We have concentrated on, and accelerated our involvement in, affairs of the Black Communities we serve." Just as the White Oriented served their primary constituency needs. These dedicated, and most responsible publishers have recognized that they enter, and be oriented to

the majority constituency they serve. These publishers view this as a vast opportunity to render an invaluable service. Hence, from its merger beginnings, the Press of Black America has had its greatest influence when it has sought primary to play a contemporary role to the daily press. These community based newspapers, like the me media truly representative of every other community, are a major accountable to that community.

Closing Thought: "You are not imprisoned by your circumstances; you are free by your choices."

that the family must pay, there are cost for uniforms, equipment, officials, and other expenses that the League must pay. The cost to the family for just one player can exceed \$100.00 which precludes many kids from playing. Should any MLK Team win the City Championship, where would the funds come from for them to travel? We would be hard pressed to come-up with a few thousand dollars. Our community based businesses have, and hopefully, will continue to support community based projects; however, there are not many businesses that can afford large donations. We encourage all residents to visit the new facility, buy something from the Refreshment Stand, every dollar helps.

initiate. The Concerned Citizens addressed these issues and feel the following course of action could enable the East Side to be "all it can be." Each organization, church, sorority, fraternity and neighborhood association would establish a "Community Fund" for the sole purpose of making donations, as needed. No amount would be too small, however, imagine how donations of \$75, \$100 or one from each of the above groups would add-up to as a donation to the MLK League in April 2008. With larger amounts available for donation by 2009, the "Community Fund" could make the East Side, the "talk of the Town." (Example: With 10 cents a day x 30 days = \$3.00 a month, 12 months = \$36.00 a year per member). An organization with just 15 members (\$36.00 x 15 = \$540.00) per organization and a minimum of just 50 community groups/churches would generate (\$540.00 x 50 = \$27,000.00) that can be used within the community.

Another worthy of consideration is Mae Simmons Park. The City should have restroom facilities there by the summer. After that, there are planned or approved projects for Mae Simmons until may be 2011 at the earliest. Other parks across the city have play ground equipment in which the community assisted in acquiring. We should be in the position to do likewise. Also, the North/East Lubbock Development Corporation will be without funds from the City in 2008. This is an important project for our community, they will need our support.

There are many projects and things we as a community should have funds readily available to

The "Community Fund" would be maintained within each individual group, checks would be made out to the group in need, therefore, no need to create a new group, no additional meetings to attend, and no group entrusted with all the funds.

The Concerned Citizens would be most interested in receiving your comments on the above

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Letters to the Editor

A Concern For Our Community

The primary purpose of The Concerned Citizens' Organization is to make our "community the best it can be." One individual, or one organization can make progress toward that objective, however, some projects are too large for anyone individual or organization.

The East Side has a great deal to offer, yet, there are many projects that are both needed and desired. As with any project, financial support is vital. And when a project requires large amounts of money, the East Side simply has limited resources to draw on. Unlike other parts of our City, we do not have large businesses, banks and people that can write checks for hundreds, even thousands as donations, and our limited budgets and time, hinders volunteering. These are valid reasons and yes, they also maybe excuses, but whichever, the community is still the victim.

A project that is number one concern, with a short suspense date is the MLK Little League. With the start of little league only a few months away and a new facility on East Nineteen in the Thunderbird Area, financial support is a dire necessity. In addition to registration and other cost

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



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All of the coverage for candidates in all of the right places, just do not get out and vote. Voter apathy is very serious. We sit down and refuse to vote, yet we have complaints on top of complaints when the people whom have been elected to office, do not fulfill our wishes. When we fail to vote, we fail to have our voices heard. We take whatever others want us to have; a good clean government for the people or an 'iffy' situation where the officers please themselves and forget about the people. When only one third of

the eligible voters elect someone to office, the other two thirds take whatever they get. They should not argue about anything that goes on in the government because they failed to have a voice in the government.

A vote gives us power. Too few of us use our power. We hurt ourselves when we fail to vote. We permit unscrupulous individuals to abuse their power in various ways as well as misuse government finances for their own selfish desires. When this happens, we sit back and complain and feel helpless. If we get out and vote, we can make our desires and voices known. People have died to make it possible for some of us to vote. We surely should show our appreciation.

As a voting citizen, we have a right to attend governmental meetings and see and hear what our officials are doing. We also have the right to voice our opinions and take actions with petitions to change things which we

feel or know are not right. Tax dollars speak loud and sometimes just as clear. Voting does not mean that you choose a candidate and suffer the candidates' desire for his/her term of office. It means that as a voting citizen that there is something you can do beside sit, grumble and just 'take it'.

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From: Lubbock Area Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (LAIMA)
Re: Purpose and Affiliation to the Community

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Ø To create a better spirit of brotherly love and unity in and among churches and organizations in the community.

Ø To strengthen our shared cause by uniting our efforts to meet more effectively "The Christly Mandate" for evangelism.

Ø To promote positive leadership in the community and speak with clarity on issues which impact our community whether civic or religious.

Ø To be a vehicle for Christian service activities that will improve civic, community, and world conditions.

Affiliation to the Community

Ø LAIMA is not affiliated with any local, state, or national organization.

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