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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 Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 E 23rd St. 806-535-8081
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kwanzas 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 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 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 & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at East Elementary
- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Bes Elementary Cafeteria

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Meet Parkway "Roses"



Shown in the photo (L to R) Parkway Elementary "Roses" Miracle Sims and Aaliyah Johnson receive roses from attorney and mentor Cheryl Pitre. Ms. Pitre works for the Lubbock County Dispute Resolution Center. She presented the Parkway Roses with roses of their own during her portion of their recent career day activity.



Art Exhibit Set Here

The public is invited to an Art Exhibit June 4 thru 29, 2009, featuring "Drawings and Bronzes" of Vivian T. Cooke at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center, 511 Avenue K.

There will be a reception from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each evening.

This free and is open to the public. For more information, call O. B. Brooks at (806) 687-9040.

Meet Alderson Middle School Student Body President



Dominique Gonzales

Here he is, Dominique Gonzales. He was recently elected as the Student Council President at Alderson Middle School.

He will tell you, he is glad to have an opportunity to be elected as President-Elect.

"I think I can change the way your children or grandchildren

go to school," he says.

"I would like to have the Student Council at Alderson Middle School to be more active in having more fundraisers for Cancer and Diabetes Associations," he says.

The Southwest Digest wishes him the very best in the 2009-2010 school year!

EASTACADO MATADORS ALL CLASS REUNION SET JUNE 18-21

For 42 years, the Estacado High School has been in existence and it has developed Excellence for all students.

The third All Class Reunion has been set for Thursday, June 18th, thru Sunday, June 21, 2009.

Although there have been difficulties along the way, but as we look back over the years, we're proud of what has been accomplished. We would classify our First All Class Reunion as a great success! Over 500 people were in attendance. This

year, we are expecting an even greater number this year.

Although the deadline for registration has passed, there is still an opportunity to register. Let us be advised that an arm band and a badge must be worn at all events. There will be no exceptions. Security will be enforced.

The reunion cost is \$90.00 per person, and \$160.00 per couple. Couples may consist of any combination of two people. However, couples must register and pay at the same time to

avoid errors and confusion.

Send all cashier checks or money orders to: The Estacado High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 3013, Lubbock, Texas 79452.

The schedule of events will be published next week.

Here are a few photos taken over the years on the campus of Estacado High School.

If there are any questions, please contact any of the following officers: Linda Hunter Davis, President, (806) 747-

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If you would ask the Dunbar Junior & Senior High School Girl Friends of the Class of 1962, they will tell you they had a blast in Moreno and Victorville, California.

They were celebrating their 60 some odd years of age while they are still living.

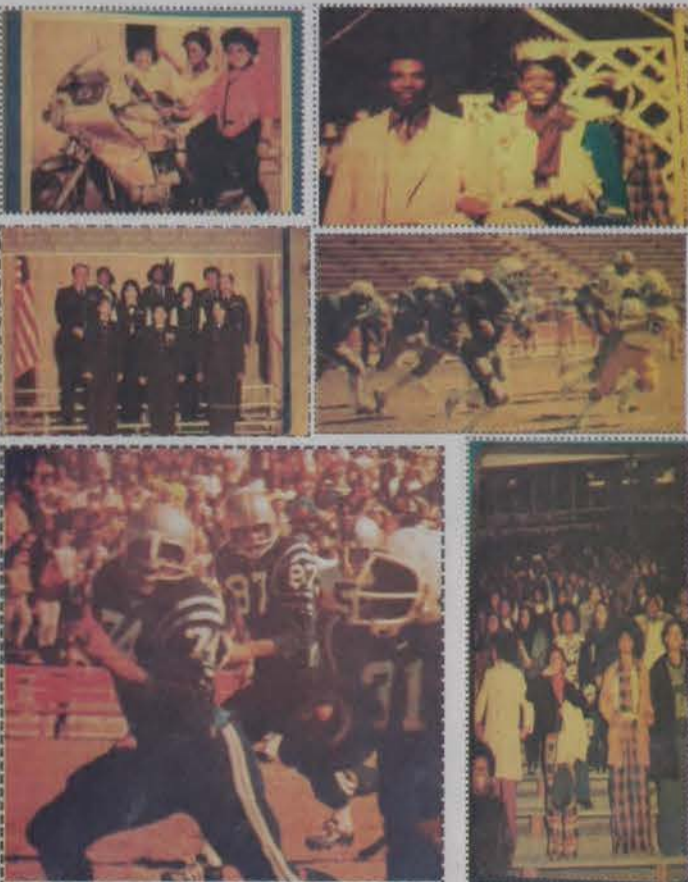
They are, from left to right, Mary Hardeman Stephens of Lubbock, Texas; Annie Skief-Sidberry of Victorville, California; Carolyn Woodard McWilliams of Denton, Texas; Shirley Jefferson Munford of Moreno, California; Ruth Hodges Clifton of Denton, Colorado.

The girl friends have been together since elementary school. "We are truly blessed," said Mrs. Stephens.

The Most Influential People in the World



These two sisters are maybe the bluest in the planet at this present time and we are proud of it. First Lady, Michelle Obama, and Oprah are pictured at the Time's 100 Most Influential People in the World Gala. Mrs. Obama was looking especially stellar last night. Also in attendance were John Legend and his piece, along with MIA, Gayle King, Tavis Smiley and more.



Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Lubbock Area Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will be worshipping at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, on Sunday afternoon, May 31, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Rev. Sonia J. Scott is host pastor.

The pub public is invited to attend these services.

Vacation Bible School will begin at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church June 9 thru 12, 2009, from 6:00 p. m. until 8:30 p. m.

Sister Elurd Devenport is asking as many who want to invite the public to attend "We still are in need of riders," says Sister Devenport.

Let us salute the Estacado High School All-Class Reunion for their celebration June 15 thru 21, 2009. This will be the recognition of the 42 years of

Excellence, Success and Hard Work.

Registration will be held Friday, June 18th, from 10:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m. at the Estacado High School cafeteria. Don't forget the Annual Juneteenth Parade on Saturday, June 20th, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

This year, the Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday evening, June 20th, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center beginning at 7:00 p. m. City Councilwoman Linda DeLeon will be guest speaker.

Church services will be held at the Church of The Nations in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Room 107, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of the Lubbock community.

Among our sick and shut-in include Brother George Lewis

who is recuperating nicely at his home.

Also on the shut-in list are Sister Ruby Donaldson, Sister Mary McKinney, Sister Dorothy Nash, Sister Charlie Bell Pratt, Sister Emma Rowe, Sister Mary Ella Tucker, and Sister Bernice Wright.

Kids are invited to go fishing! This fishing event will be held Saturday, June 6, 2009, beginning at 8:00 a. m. at the Mae Simmons Park, MLK & Canyon Lakes Drive.

This annual event is being co-sponsored by the 100 Black Men of America Organization, West Texas Chapter, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens.

Young people ages will be: 8 years old and older, 9 years to 13 years old and 14 years to 17 years old.

Fishing poles and bait will be provided!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, May 17, 2009, church services got started with a lot of excitement at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled "Come One And All" and the scripture text came from Ephesian 3:1-13.

The morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted, faithful and trustworthy Praise Team leading the way. Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "O I

Want To See Him". The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson, and it came from Psalm 136:1-26.

The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "O I Want To See Him"

Sister Rochelle Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taken place. All birthdays of the week was mentioned also. There was the pastoral period which was held and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "Thank You, Lord" and "I'm Willing To Wait Led By

Sister Diane Hicks. " Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" were sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled, "Jesus Can Fix It" with the scripture text coming from Luke 9:13-17.

The invitation to discipleship was extended and there was those that went up for prayer. We had several visitors that was in attendance today.

Pray pray pray. We need to pray in season and pray out of season. Pray in the morning and pray in the noon day. Pray in the evening and pray at night.

Our 100 Women in White program was Sunday afternoon, **Continue on Page 8**



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by Shirley Roberson

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wide, that's the perfect scarf, mix the colors, wear 2 or 3 different colors at the same time, for the wow effect. Scarves looks great with everything, dressy dressy or casual.

A great summer look... your favorite pair of jeans, white tank with turquoise, yellow and orange scarves twisted loosely together, giving you that fresh up-dated appearance.

Easy to find...they're everywhere!



Fashion tip...always wear a smile!

Fashion...just for the fun of it!

Synopsis From The LISD board meeting Thursday

LISD trustees voted unanimously to finalize a three-year contract with Dr. Karen Garza to be the superintendent of Lubbock ISD beginning July 1, at an annual salary of \$220,000. Dr. Garza taught Math and English/Language Arts in grades Pre-K through fifth before entering an administrative career that landed her most recently as the second-in-command of Houston ISD, the seventh-largest district in the nation.

Trustees also voted unanimously to name the girls school the Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders, after local businesswoman, community leader and philanthropist Margaret Talkington. Known for her commitment to leadership positions for women and her quiet, behind-the-scenes financial support of many efforts to help children, Talkington has been a role model for generations. Dr. Kitty Harris-Wilkes, chair of the school's advisory board said, "When I think of Margaret, I think about generosity, gratitude and most importantly, humility. A longtime friend of Talkington, Harris-Wilkes commented that Talkington had been an anonymous donor to dozens of charitable causes to benefit children. Talkington operated the upscale "Margaret's" women's clothing store for more than 40 years and her husband J. T. owned "Talkington's" men's store.

Members of the Academic Decathlon teams from Coronado, Estacado, Lubbock and Monterey High Schools were recognized at the board meeting. All four teams have qualified for the state meet in seven of the last ten years, a feat unmatched in the state. Sodexo School Services and the Helen Jones Foundation united to award the students almost \$20,000 in scholarship money for their achievement in regional and state competitions. The money will be held in escrow until students graduate.

Rising Star Baptist Church Banquet Set June 16th

The Rising Star Baptist Church's Usher's Banquet will be held Friday evening, June 26, 2009, at the KoKo Palace, 5101 Avenue Q, beginning at 7:00 p. m. until 10:00 p. m.

Guest-speaker will be Rev. H. Culver, pastor.

It will be a semi-formal to formal. One must have a ticket to attend.

For more information, contact Sister Darlene Bradford at (806) 747-7544.

"This affair is open to anyone in the community. Singles are \$20.00 and Couples is \$30.00."

Estacado All-Class Reunion Set

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8389; Kay Anderson-Grant, Treasurer, (806) 745-2513; Mike Smith, Assistant Treasurer, (806) 787-4832 and Sandra Culpepper-Reed, (806) 765-0727.

"We are looking forward to this reunion as we know it will be another great success," says Mrs. Davis.

"We will welcome all of your questions and will answer what we can," she continued.

"So, let's get ready for another great year, and help those who want to learn more about what we are about," continued Mrs. Davis.

In other action, trustees awarded bids for instructional paper and supplies for district-wide use, specific event charter bus services, building maintenance and parking lot projects. In compliance with state law, trustees also approved fees expenditures of \$150 for participation in cooperative purchasing contracts.

Trustees approved amend-

ments to the current Texas Association of School Boards Advocacy Agenda Resolutions. The proposals call for equity in the state funding formulas for public schools, inclusion of three educational pathways for high school students and amending language in the state accountability system to reward individual student growth.

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6:00pm

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MAN OUR BROTHER"

Church News



FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

"Barack Obama: Castigated No Matter What"

I am appalled at the negative attitude toward President Barack Obama by those who claim or who are wearing the hat of leaders in America. Such negativism toward the first African American president of the United States is not good for the stability of the whole of the country. One would think our so-called leaders would look at the break down of society in other countries because of ethnic division as well as religious ideologies and see that such course of action leads to the ruin of the total society.

All Americans should be upset with the House Minority Leader, John Boehner. John, a Republican from Ohio has been a thorn in the side of President Obama with his "NO" philosophy when anything is suggested by the president. The people of Lubbock and especially minorities should keep a close eye on John. This fellow allegedly could continue to have a negative effect on the leader of U. S. Congressional District 19. One should remember the adage: "Birds of a feather flock together."

Hispanic Americans should continue to monitor John Boehner and those U. S. Representatives he may influence remembering that he called an immigration bill passed by the Whitehouse a piece of.....

We respect those Roman

Catholics who supported President Barack Obama appearance at Notre Dame where he delivered the commencement address. The world is aware that some Roman Catholic were outraged that President Obama was allowed to speak because they disagree with his support for abortion rights and embryonic stem cell research, and his repeal of a policy that denied federal dollars to international relief organizations that provide abortions or abortion-related information. These Catholics were also upset over Obama's support for legislation that would prohibit state and local governments from interfering with a woman's right to obtain an abortion.

Archbishop Raymond Burke, accused Obama of pushing an anti-life, anti-family agenda. He is reported to have said "It was a scandal" that Notre Dame had invited Obama to speak.

A news report on the catholic divide reported Patrick Whelan, a physician at Harvard Medical School and president of Catholic Democrats, said that by taking such a hard line against Obama, bishops and other conservative leaders risked driving Catholics away from the church rather than cool their support for Obama. Whelan said: "There are unintended consequences to this kind of angry, vituperative language about their opponents.

By making themselves pawns of the conservative right, the bishops are playing into a cycle of decline for our church."

Politically reported Bishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco wrote the following to President Obama: "I am writing as a Catholic Bishop to offer a different voice from the often strident outcries over your forthcoming visit to Notre Dame." Quinn, a former president of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops praise Obama as a history-making role model, an inspiring family man and a thoughtful person. Between the lines Politically read: "Don't let those guys waving signs get you down."

The New York Times reported President Obama said at the Notre Dame: "Maybe we won't agree on abortion, but we can still agree that this heart-wrenching decision for any woman is not made casually. It has both moral and spiritual dimension. So let us work together to reduce the number of women seeking abortions. Let's reduce unintended pregnancies. Let's make adoption more available. Let's provide care and support for women who do carry their children to term.

One of the many signs against Obama depicted an old black-and-white photo of the lynching of a black man, a

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We Thank God for Jesus "The End Times Signs"

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

Isaiah 1-4a - The Lord said, ye, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupted. They have forsaken the Lord.

The world was formed on God's word. It was her Guideline. Then people wanted their Rights, like Adam, and wasted GOD'S TIME!!!

Genesis 3:9 - The Lord called unto Adam, and said unto him, where are you? And he said, I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid.

America started out wanted to be the land of LOVE. BUT NOW, SHE HAS BECOME THE LAND OF BLOOD!!!

Isaiah 12:6-7 - The Lord said, How I love you, for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore, shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt. Hearts are turning so much Colder than ever before.

Micah 7:2-3 - The good man is perished out of the earth. There is none upright among men; they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. They may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince ask, and the judge ask for a reward; and the great man, he utters his mischievous desire so they wrap it up.

It started when the LIE

CALLED, MY RIGHTS CAME ALONG. Now everybody's Rights, HAVE BECOME THEIR WRONGS!!!

Proverbs 12:15 - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he that listens unto counsel is wise.

When the leaders follow A DREAMER, AND LEFT GOD'S WORD, Times have changed, like GOD'S WORD SAID, HAVE YOU HEARD???

Jeremiah 23:25-28 - The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of deceit of their own heart, which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Ba'al, the prophet that has a dream. Let him tell a dream, and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully, what is the chaff to the wheat? said the Lord.

Man's so called RIGHTS; LET THAT JEZEBEL TAKE PRAYER OUT OF SCHOOL - The one who gave HER RIGHTS HAD TO BE THE FOOLS!!!

Romans 1:21-23a - Because that, when they (Christians) knew god, they glo-

ri-fied him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (Dreams), and their foolish heart was dark-ended. Professing themselves to be wise, they (Christians) became fools, and change the glory of the incorruptible God into an image like to corruptible man (Martin Luther King).

Look around this country, Man's Rights have made his Heart So Cold, He has no fear of God in Him, AND HE'S BECOME SO BOLD!!!

Jeremiah 8:7 - The Lord said, Yes, the stork in heaven knows her appointed times, and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming, but my people know the judgment of the Lord.

**** HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS???

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND CRACK HAVE TAKEN OVER OUR LAND. WE NEED TO GO BACK TO GOD. THIS THING IS OUT OF HAND!!!

John 8:31-32 - Jesus said, if you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed (Truly), and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Every man having his WRONG RIGHTS IS DESTROYING OUR LAND. IT'S LIKE SODOM AND GOMORRAH STARTING

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were again well attended tided last Sunday morning, May 17, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge. The subject of the morning lesson was "Come One Come All." The scripture text was Ephesians 3:1-13.

The key verse was Ephesians 3:8-9: *Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.*

The morning devotion got

underway at 11:15 a. m. with Sister Barbara Johnson and Sister Annie Onasanya in charge. Continuing in prayers was Sister Nina Davis.

Rev. Walter Jackson preached a powerful sermon. His subject was "God's Ever Presence." His scripture text was Joshua 6:15-20. The song of inspiration was "Learning On The Everlasting Arms."

The weekly meetings are as

follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 6:00 p.m. and Bible Study beginning at 7:00 p. m.

Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal, beginning at 5:00 p. m.

The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. each Saturday morning.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of the community. Among them include Sister

Lola Byrd who is a patient at Covenant Medical System, and Sister Shirley Davis who is a patient at University Medical Center.

As we have always made known, today it may be them and tomorrow it could be you. So if you know of someone who is ill or shut-in, pray for them or if you have an opportunity, call or visit them.

St. Matthew Baptist Church

is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested, call Pastor Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445.

The Canadys were blessed to have Sister Canady's brother, Mr. Tyree Morris of Dallas, visiting. What an enjoyable time the family had!

Just think of stepping on shore, and finding it Heaven! Of touching a hand - and finding it God's! Of breathing new air - And finding it's celestial of walking up in Glory - And finding it Home!

Thought of The Week: "When we see Jesus face to face for the first time - we will be 'Finally Home!'"

Elнора Jones, teacher. Remember, you are invited to attend our meetings. For more information, call Sister Hood at 762-3347. God Bless each of you! God is able.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to share their scripture with you today! It is Revelation 18:1-2

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away: And there was no more sea. And I John saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband.

"And he said unto me, it is done. I'm alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athielat of the Foundation of the water of life freely." Revelation 1:18. I'm he that liveth, and was dead: and behold, I'm alive for ever more. Amen.

I have the key of Hell and of Death. Write three things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things, which shall be here after.

Maybe you haven't heard his kind of talk before. saying I'm he that liveth and as dead. Write John, tell them there will be some pain, but I'm going to wipe all tears from your eyes there won't be no more evil, but

good. The Church will be like a Bride dressed to meet her husband. Without spot or wrinkle, you know we don't have to show ourselves to the Priest, we can go directly to Jesus, and say as Paul, I have fought a good fight, I've finished my course.

Thoughts of The Week: "Did you not know the same Supreme Court that ruled Prayer out of school will have to stand before the Supreme Judge who is Jesus Christ and answer to the 'question' why?"

"Hate is too heavier burden for any man to bear, don't struggle with it through 2009!"

"When the Shepherds come together, the sheep will become one loving fold!"

"Let's Pray"

God of Mercy, help these to be a forgiving people, and we find in the name of Jesus all manner of sickness in the bodies of your people all over the world! Release your healing power in the lives of all! Help us, Lord, to keep the faith, walk by it, live by it, believe it, in the name of Jesus! Amen.

Abraham is considered the

father of God's people and he's mentioned in the book of Hebrews as a man of faith. What is Abraham's story? Why did God single him out? What made him special?

The Old Testament proclaims Abraham as the friend of God. "Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for

ever?" (2 Chronicles 20:7) Abraham earned this esteem through faith, obedience and worship. He was blessed by God and significant to Christians as the ancestor of Christ, prophet, intercessor, and father of those saved by faith.

It is easy for us to love those that love us, so it must have been easy for God to love Abraham. Abraham loved God deeply and showed his love through worship. (Genesis 21:33) Abraham had a deep and

abiding faith in God as well. "And he believed in the LORD, and he counted it to him for righteousness." (Genesis 15:6) Abraham's faith is the example for us and the greater part of his faith was about obedience. Abraham trusted God to provide, protect and honor His Word and in return for God's care, Abraham was obedient.

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Obsequies

Mary Louise Thompson

Memorial service was held for Mary Louise Thompson last Friday, May 15, 2009 at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Private Disposition will be at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Thompson, 87, of Lubbock passed away at her residence Thursday, May 7, 2009.

She was born August 21, 1921 to the late Charlie and Lola Thompson.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James Shelby, Jr.; one daughter, Janice Louise



Shelby; parents; and three brothers, Charlie, Jr., Edward, and Bill Thompson. She leaves to cherish her memory one loving daughter, Lola Marie Shelby; two granddaughters, Takisha S. Shelby and Ebone N. Shelby; one great grandson, Braden Eggleston; one son-in-law, Donald Ray Valentine; a very special brother-in-law, Horace Shelby; a special friend, Mary L. James; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

M. C. Cravin



Funeral services were held for M. C. Cravin Thursday morning, May 14, 2009, at Parkway Drive Church of Christ.

Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Cravin, 84, of Lubbock departed this life on Monday, May 11, 2009 at his residence.

He was born September 29, 1924 to Roy and Gertrude Cravin in Abernathy. He attended Dunbar High School. July 1945, M. C. enlisted in the Navy, and in May 1946 received an honorable discharge. M. C.

Gaye Eileen Smith-Tanner

Services were held Wednesday morning, May 20, 2009 at the Macedonia Baptist Church of San Antonio for Gaye Eileen Smith-Tanner.

Interment followed in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery under the direction of Lewis Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held in Lubbock at a date and time to be announced.

Eileen Smith-Tanner, 62, was born March 16, 1947 to Rogers and Margaret (Bess) Smith. A Christian since she was 16, Gaye went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made in Gaye's name to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd Street, Lubbock, TX 79423.

Local arrangements are with Griffin Mortuary Funeral Home and Chapel, San Antonio arrangements were under the direction of the Lewis Funeral Home.

worked as a farmer in the Idalou and Abernathy area and also worked for South Plains Electric Coop for 32 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Susie Cravin; three daughters, Mary Helen Johnson, Joyce Mason, Gloria (Cookie) Johnson, four sons, Roy Cravin, Robert Cravin, Bobby Cravin, Freddy Cravin, three step-daughters, Josie Hood, Marie Johnson, Willie Atkins, one step-son, Chester Cooper, two sisters, Jessie Norris and Jimmie Griffins, one uncle, A. T. Guess (Ettie Mae), two aunts, Margie Stiggers and Mary McCullough, a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, others relatives and friends.

King Siblings Oppose Film Deal Struck by Brother



ATLANTA (AP) —

DreamWorks plans the first big-screen portrayal of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, the studio announced Tuesday, but two of King's children immediately threatened legal action because the film deal was brokered without their blessing.

DreamWorks touted the project in a press release as the first theatrical motion picture authorized by the estate using King's intellectual property, including copyrighted speeches and other works, as the basis for the film. Steven Spielberg was listed as a co-producer. The only other film about King that made it to theaters was a documentary that was shown for one day in 1970.

Dexter King, one of the late civil rights leader's sons, said in a press release that he hoped the movie would "be the definitive film" on his father's legacy. Two other King siblings — Bernice King and Martin Luther King III — said they had no input in the deal.

Dexter is the chairman and chief executive officer of King, Inc.



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Venus and Serena's Dad is Engaged

Palm Beach Gardens tennis prodigies Serena and Venus Williams soon will have a step-mom who's their age.

Richard Williams with Lakeisha Graham Tuesday

Dad Richard Williams, 67, is engaged to a 30-year-old woman whom he presented to Page2Live lensman Fred Montana. Montana bumped into them at Sports Authority in West Palm.

"Here, get the first pictures of me and my new wife," said Williams, who manages his daughters' careers. He introduced the woman as Lakeisha Graham as the two filled the trunk of a Porsche SUV with purchases.

When I called Williams today, he said the two weren't exactly married yet but were going to be.

"We'll probably do it after the tournament in Key Biscayne (the Sony Ericsson Open, March 25-April 5)," Williams said.

But when asked if the sisters approved of his marrying a woman 37 years younger, Williams hung up.

6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame Set May 26th

The African American Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its 6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame on May 26, 2009 at Jay Gordon Room at Lubbock Independent School Board Building, 1628 19th Street.

Those persons to be recognized are: Mildred Lusk, Arlee Jackson, Rosa Llanas, Donald George, Ada Bell Jackson, and Walter Rinehart.

Previous inductees are: 2008: Julio T. Llanas, Ella Iles, Dr. William Marcy, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Percy Hines, Dr. E. C. Struggs, and Celestine Kyle.

2007: Reva Alexander, Dr. Aretha Marbley, Mary Jo Henderson-Wilson.

2006: Samuel Ayers, Nora Hutchinson, Lotte Fay Riddle Barrow, Rose Mediano, Wayne Havens and Mae Phea.

2005: James T. Braxton, Jr., Curtis Gipson, Gloria Carter, Margaret Randle, Nettie Edwards, and Vernita Holmes.

2004: Dr. Charles Henry, Bobbie Gene Bailey-Patterson, Virgil L. Johnson, Dorothy Phea-Norville, Louis Kelly, and George Scott, Jr.

For more information, contact Regi Davis, President/CEO, African American Chamber of Commerce, regi@msn.com. You may call him at (806) 535-8081.

Tickets are \$25.00 each or \$300. per table.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

NEED TO MORE INVOLVED!! THIS N THAT As well as many others in the community can't understand why we as a group of **CONCERNED CITIZENS** take up our responsibility and work collectively in making **EAST LUBBOCK** A much better place to rear our children..... Tuesday evening May 12, 2009 we had an opportunity to do so that is by attending a **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOWN HALL MEETING** at Estacado High School Auditorium to give our **INPUT** on what should go into the next **BOND PACKAGE** But evidently we didn't know about the meeting Or we just didn't have any interest..... You see from the input at this meeting Information will go forward to the CAC and the Lubbock City Council on what you would support such as roads parks and other

infra-structure projects which will affect your life..... There were according City Hall Only **TEN CITIZENS OF DISTRICT TWO** who were in attendance There are two other meetings scheduled and keep in mind **DISTRICT TWO** was the first meeting..... Lubbock City Councilman **FLOYD PRICE** did appoint two representatives from the district and they are **JOHN CERVANTEZ & DWIGHT PIERCE** Councilman Price did have a town hall meeting prior to this meeting And **THIS N THAT** is sure he made known of this important meeting Anyway at least there were ten present..... Hopefully **CERVANTEZ & PIERCE** will visit with you and advise what status this CAC is in at present time..... There is no doubt about it **CITI-**

ZENS OF DISTRICT TWO need to step up to the plate and get involved!!
REMEMBER WHEN EAST BROADWAY & MLK BLVD. WAS ON THE MOVE? THIS N THAT rode by the corner of **EAST BROADWAY & MLK BLVD.** one day last week. It just doesn't look the same as at one time there was promise on some giant steps on the corner..... To verify that posture The City of Lubbock Traffic Department had shown signs of daily movement of vehicles in upwards If memory is correct of more than **18,000 VEHICLES** passing daily on this location..... This was an opportunity to some things in the economic development area At one time there was an opportunity of a branch bank at this corner..... Even a young lady of the east Lubbock community had taken her snow cone stand to a higher level.....



THINK ABOUT IT!

You Can't Get Something For Nothing You Will Pay One Way Or Another

by Edsdie Richardson

Social Programs are a God sent but, so many people abuse them. Many people who need them cannot or refuse them, because of fear or pride.
 When the social programs first began back in 1930's after the Great Depression when people were really hurting and poverty stricken and in great need, the program was designed to help lift people out of poverty and despair.
 The programs were not hand outs but, hand ups; jobs were created to give people a way out by creating jobs for the citizens down on their luck such as W P A --C C Camps camps starving artist's programs, quilting pro-

grams for senior ladies there were some type employment for every one that was able cutting right of ways building roads and buildings.
 After time went by the situation changed bureaucracies began to form and civil service jobs appeared on the scene and subsidies paying farmers not to farm their land rich farmers then bail outs crysler american air lines add others that fit no place in the poverty program that got the money while the poor got poorer while the fancy bureaucratic offices got bigger and the agency heads got richer. Funny thing the programs were designed to work themselves out of business as the depression ended.
 Hard to understand with Black people being the smaller

going or coming from church services..... Hope this will happen as it is needed!!
SCHOOL IS ALMOST OUT! THIS N THAT is still encouraging as many as can to **VISIT** one of our Lubbock Public Schools before the doors close for this academic school year..... These young people need to see us as much as possible!!

In Cinque



Howard

local and long distance calling which seem to be cost effective compared to the cost of living now and the availability of services.
 One of the current problems is the availability of services. If you want a cellular telephone and the conveniences that it affords, all you have to do is sign a contract for a certain period of time, buy a cellular telephone and pay the monthly charges and the excess charges should you use more than the allotted minutes or text messages. Current charges for one telephone usually cost around \$40.00 per month, give or take a few dollars. A family bundle as they call it usually starts at about \$60.00 plus \$10.00 for each additional telephone. After the taxes are added, you can expect to pay about \$80.00 per month for the service. Few of us can



recall when the local and long distance service on our landline telephone cost much less than that. But today, the average family is paying about \$200.00 per month just to talk. Some pay even more because of the internet services that we have in addition to our talking.
 With high cost of talking, no wonder it is difficult to have wireless service ended after the contract, especially if you have paid your bills on time. Of course, if you did not pay on time, you will still be liable for any time which remains on your contract. If your contract obligation has ended and you desire to discontinue the service, it is difficult to end it as the company wants you to continue to talk and pay the cost. You can request to have service terminated at a certain time, but you are really lucky if it takes place as requested. They will continue to bill you and if you pay, you will talk and the cycle contin-

Yes **CHURCH'S CHICKEN** according to numbers was doing well..... It was not operating a loss but the new owners didn't want it any more So they did bring it into their business fold..... Which it was their choice but it left a hole at the corner of **EAST BROADWAY & MLK BLVD.** According to our sources the property which the former Church's Chicken is on had been under a 20-year lease and it did expire. This too added to the closure of the well known **CHURCH'S CHICKEN**.....

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER ASKS: "EVERYBODY needs a **LITTLE HELP** now and then..... Are **YOU** willing to reach out and **HELP SOMEONE?"**
THIRTY MILE PER HOUR SIGN NEEDED IN 2200 BLOCK SOUTHEAST DRIVE! THIS N THAT has observed over the past several those speedy drivers who drive above thirty miles per hour in the 2200 block of Southeast Drive..... This area is the location of **BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** 2202 Southeast Drive..... At one time there was a **30 MILE HOUR POSTED SIGN** but evidently a fast driver knocked it down over a year ago..... It is time for another posted sign as it may save someone's life is

Lawyers for Troy Anthony Davis File Final Appeal to Save Him

As supporters prepared to rally at the Georgia state capitol Tuesday evening calling for clemency for Troy Anthony Davis, a death row inmate convicted of a murder that anti-death penalty activists say he most likely did not commit, his lawyers filed a final appeal earlier in the day to the U.S. Supreme Court.
 Davis' lawyers asked the high court to send their client's case back to federal court for an evidentiary hearing on his claim that he did not kill a Savannah police officer. The filing contends that Davis' constitutional rights would be violated if the state of Georgia was allowed to execute him

without a hearing on what the lawyers described as "substantial new evidence of his innocence."
 According to the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Davis was convicted in 1991 of killing an off-duty Savannah, Georgia police officer largely on the basis of eyewitness testimony, but seven of the nine witnesses who implicated Davis in the killing have recanted, and other witnesses have come forward to say another man had confessed to killing Officer Mark MacPhail.
 Furthermore, there is no physical evidence tying Davis to the crime, and the gun used in the crime has never been recovered.
Continue Next Week

It becomes more and more amazing each day as we observe the number of people, old and young who are attached to a cellular telephone wherever you go. You see them in public and while driving a motor vehicle, and that is without the so-called Bluetooth. It is most annoying when you find yourself in a public restroom and think someone is talking to you.
 One thing is certain, Talk is not cheap! We thought that our landline telephones were expensive back in the day when we were charged by the minutes for local calls as we were allowed a certain number to use per month and if we went over that number, we paid a little more. Long distance calls were even more expensive because we were charged by the distance as well as the amount of time spent talking. Some of us still have such plans, but the telephone company has some liberal plans with

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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Former Oklahoma Great Wayman Tisdale Dies at 44

Wherever Wayman Tisdale went, whatever he was doing, chances were he was smiling.

Tisdale was a three-time All-American at Oklahoma in the mid-1980s before playing a dozen years in the NBA and later becoming an accomplished jazz musician.

But those who knew Tisdale, who died Friday at a hospital in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla., recalled not only his professional gifts but a perpetually sunny outlook, even in the face of a two-year battle with cancer that took his life at 44.

"I don't know of any athlete at Oklahoma or any place else



This Oct. 10, 1985 file photo shows Wayman Tisdale, holding up his the Indiana Pacer jersey after he signed his contract with the team in Indianapolis.

who was more loved by the fans who knew him than Wayman
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Wheatley Students Had Very Good Year!

Continued from last week. Here they are:

2nd Grade studied Japan and took a Japanese Field Trip. They went to the International Cultural Center where they had a fun filled day learning about Japan and they had lunch at Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse. 2nd grade also attended the Lubbock Arts Festival. Students enjoyed a day of learning about the arts.

2nd Grade would also like to honor Cullen Watson, an outstanding first grader who won 1st place in the Knight Readers competition. Cullen read over 160 books this year.

3rd

Shoan Todrick Curtis was chosen as the 3rd Grade representative for Run for the Team, which is hosted by American State Bank. 3rd Grade also celebrated Earth day by designing and making T-Shirts to wear. 3rd graders participated in an aquatic safety course at the Pete Ragus Center at Texas Tech.

4th Grade

Many 4th grade students participated in this year's Spelling Bee. Those students included Zyrina Carson, Gabriella Fleming, Octavia Jackson, Ron'Dayzha Love, Ariyan Pena, Jose Perez, Keandra Ruth, Tyra Sherman, Taylor Watson, Marquay Wooley, and Marquisia Young.

Reading awards were given to Tyra Sherman, Stephon Willis, Larry Isaac, and Diana Jimenez. Math awards were given to Zyrina Carson, Donovan Williams, Larry Isaac, and Reggie White. Science Awards went to Keandra Ruth, and Ron'Dayzha Love. Language/Writing Awards went to Kayla Perez.

The remaining of those students in the 5th and 6th grade will be published next week.

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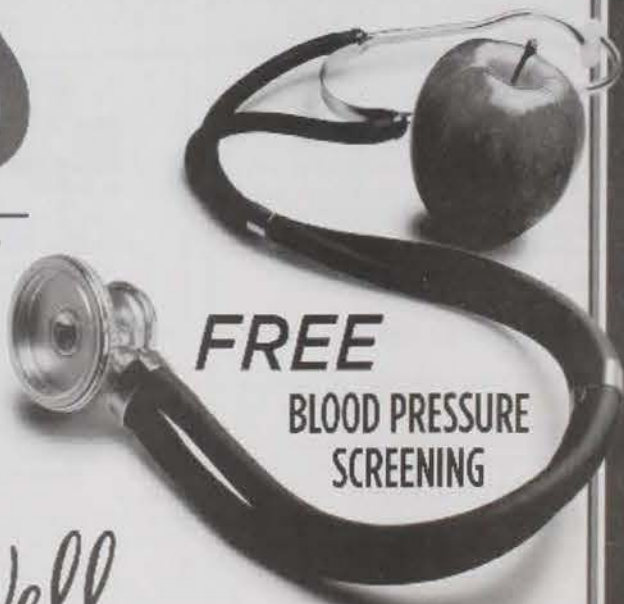
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