

Community **Meetings**

- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Chuch, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- * Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm nd every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center. 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at

7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge

1401 Redbud Avenue * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood

Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center

- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.
 - * ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.
- * If you have an annoucement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612

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

Southwest Digest Community Meetings 902 East 28th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404 (806) 76first to publicly release a vorkforce demographics report ear lier this year. They were commended for doing so, and so far, experts say they are the most aggressive at

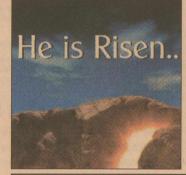
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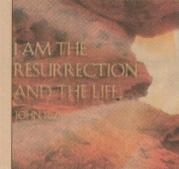
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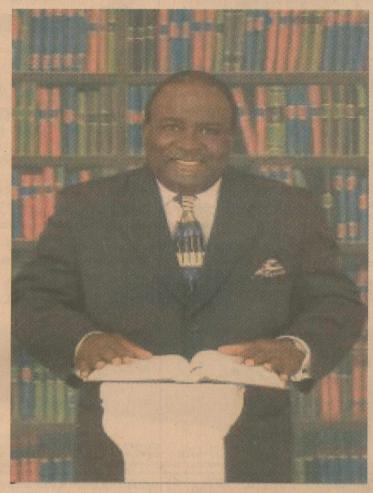




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Pastor Larry Polk Will Deliver Anniversary Sermon **Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church** Celebrates Its 96th Church Anniversary

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Pastor Larry L. Polk

Pride In East Lubbock Photo

Date Changed Until June 5th

Pastor Adna Bean and members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, are inviting the citizens to come and help them celebrate the 96th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday afternoon, April 9, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Pastor Larry L. Polk of the New

The Lubbock Roots Histori-

cal Arts Council has changed the

judging date of the "TAKE

PRIDE IN THE EAST SIDE

PHOTO CONTEST" until

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Continue to drop off all

June 5, 2017.

Hope Baptist Church.

residents of the community, meeting in the backyard of one, wanted to establish a church. After several meetings, the group decided to do so, and on April 7, 1921, the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church became a reality after going through the process of the

A. PLEASE CALL BEFORE

YOU COME BY to make sure

someone is in at the building.

The original rules all stay the

call the following board mem-

bers. Those members and tele-

If there are questions, please

The history reveals that seven

Church.

Pastor Polk's objective in life is "to serve with worth and dignity in the Ministry of Reconciliation in this present age."

African Methodist Episcopal

His formal preparation of learning include the following: Master of Arts, Counseling 1997, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas; Bachelor of Science, Religion 1979, Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas; Association of Science, Sociology 1973, Navarro College, Corsicana, Texas. Post Graduate Work: Completed 8 hours at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and 10 hours at Dallas Baptist University.

Occupational Qualifications: LPC Certification, Licensed Professional Counselor with Clinical /Educational Emphasis, Texas A&M University, Commerce, Texas; Trade & Industrial Ed.Certificate, Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice; Secondary Education, Region XII, Education Service Center, Austin, Texas.

His Pastorial Experience include: 2016 to Present, Pastor/Teacher at New Hope Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas; 2016, Pastor/Teacher/Servant Leader at Second Mission Baptist

1971 to 1980: Pastored and served the First Independent Baptist Church, Corsicana,

Other churches include: Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas; Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Ennis, Texas; Greater Ideal Baptist Church, Midland, Texas; New Jerusalem Ministries in Corsicana, Texas; and served with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Pastor Polk's Professional Work Experience includes: 2008 to 2016, Community Supervision & Correction Officer, Adult Continue on Page 6



Eric Strong

Eric Emerson Strong Believed In East Lubbock! Died Here At Age 64

cused on highlighting Lubbock's Kara Leslie as the Officiant. The African American community, Eulogist was Pastor Cory Powell ing it all together for the entire city to enjoy.

Strong passed away Saturday, March 11, 2017, at age 64. He leaves behind a legacy of work that will be difficult to replace, but it will always be remembered, especially by those in the East Lubbock community. Strong was a driving force behind the Lubbock Roots Historical Arts Council, the Historic East Lubbock Gateway and the Caviel Museum of African American History to name just a

Funeral services were held on Saturday morning, March 16,

Eric Emerson Strong had a 2017, at the St. Johns United vision. And, his efforts were fo- Methodist Church with Pastor ts assets, its history and bring- of the New Dimensions Taber-

Interment followed in Peaceful Garden Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He was born June 5, 1952, in Lubbock, Texas, to Bryant and Celeste Strong. He matriculated through Lubbock Public Schools and graduated from Dunbar High School.

He held a Bachelor's Degree from Prairie View A&M University and a Master's Degree from Texas Tech.

Eric retired from Texas Tech University where he was employed for over 25 years and served as Director of Student Support Services.

Eric founded and served as Director of Roots Historical Arts Council of Lubbock and served as Chairman of the Midland Texas Roots Historical Arts Council. Eric was a poet, an educator, a writer, a historical arts activist and a nationally recognized storyteller.

Eric was the founder of Caviel Museum of African-American History which he brought to fruition in 2015 which became the first African-American museum in West Texas. He later opened the Roots Community Revitalization Center, serving the local African-American community. Eric's service in the arts and humanities led to him being named Man of the Year' on two occasions, once by the Confederated Women's Clubs of West Texas and a second time by the area chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. He was awarded Texas Man of Distinction by the National Business League of Texas and Top Techsan by Texas Tech University.

Eric leaves to cherish his memory; his soulmate of 37 years, Maria Strong; two sons, Eric Jerbran Strong (Jennifer) Continue on Page 5

tians 5:22-23. LOVE is the greatest one of all!

ROOTS building, 2301 Avenue phone numbers are as follows: Continue on Page 3 Lewis Sisters' Reunion 2016 In Lubbock, Texas

Last year, 2016, was the 26th year of the Lewis Sisters celebrating their Sisters' Reunion. This reunion, there are NO **HUSBANDS & NO KIDS AL-**LOWED!!

26 years of fun, laughter, praise, sweet, and tears. They have fun everytime they get together. The Lewis Sisters laugh until they cry, and they always Praise God for another year of being together!

This year, the Lewis Sisters were in Lubbock, Texas. They resided at the Embassy Suites. They were blessed to have the Presidental Suite as their place of residence. They will tell you, "It was awesome!"

It all begun on Friday evening, and they celebrated their Sister Debbie's 50th birthday! She received a full body massage. The hotel gave her a delicious chocolate cake to help with the celebration.

On that same evening, the Lewis Sisters went to a place called the "Clay Cafe" to relax and paint. They had an opportunity to pick the item they wanted to paint. That was fun and different! They saw the movie, "The Legend of Tarzan." They enjoyed that presentation.

The Lewis Sisters believe



The Lewis Sisters

every woman needs a Tarzan in

On Sundays over the years, the Lewis Sisters always find a church to attend. They chose to attend the VIP Church, with Pastor & Sister Moore. They had an awesome time!

The Lewis Sisters' brother, Curtis, always cooks a great dinner for his sisters whenever they celebrate in Lubbock. This year, the menu was Mexican Food, and it was better than any Mexican Restaurant the Sisters have eaten in Lubbock. Thanks to

Curtis and all of his helpers! While the Lewis Sisters were

together, they traveled to Hobbs, New Mexico . They agreed this trip was something very good and different.

The Lubbook TV station. KLBK-TV, Channel 13, came out to interview the Lewis Sisters. They will tell you, it was so exciting. They invite you to check them out on www.everythinglubbock.com. The Lewis Sisters are also on the KLBK

It was 29 years ago, when their Mom passed away. So these reunions are in her honor. Mom and her Sisters would get together, NO KIDS & NO **HUSBANDS!** So the Lewis Sisters decided to keep the tradition going. Their father turned 90 years old in May, 2016. We thank God for him, without him, we wouldn't be here!

To all families, Sisters and Brothers, the Lewis Sisters encourage you to LOVE Gala-



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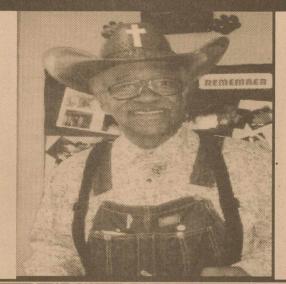
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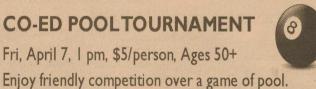
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What's Happening This Month!





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Mon, April 10, Free, Ages 50+ Join us for tea, snacks, and Easter Egg dyeing and decorating.

HEALTH SCREENING

Thu, April 13, Noon-I pm, Free, Ages 50+ Cuidado Casero Home Health and Hospice is partnering with Mae Simmons for an afternoon of health information and preventative screenings.

Simmons Community Center is Closed for Renovations



Lubbock Parks and Recreation



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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



NATIONAL INSOMNIA

It seems that for some time now, and it has nothing to do with the 'spring forward' daylight savings time, but I just have not been able to get a good night's sleep. I thought it was just me, but then I read about a fellow who had declared that he had 'Trump induced insomnia.' I thought a while and rather decided that there must be an epidemic of that particular disease!

I have several reasons to believe it is an epidemic because there seems to be a certainty that it has spread throughout the U. S. House of Representatives and the Senate. There is a lot of restlessness and no production. Every day there is a new tweet, an alternative fact or straight out lie to face Congress and it appears that due to a lack of sleep, positive thinking and logical thinking have become a thing of the past. Never before in history in my time and that has been a long time, or recorded history of this country, have there been so much chaos and the inability to take action for the people, by the

It appears that this lack of sleep is also affecting observation and investigations of the off the shelf actions of the 'elected' President of the United States. It seems that the majority of the country feels that he is an illegitimate president. Observation should first be made of his efforts to fill his cabinet with influential individuals possess huge amounts of money. Secondly, he is working to exclude people with certain religious affiliations from entry into this country and attempting to expel others. Thirdly, he is attempting to silence the press and other forms of media. Fourth, he is accusing the innocent of crimes, perhaps the kind he may

be party to. Fifth, he is firing judges who attempt to investigate nefarious activities which may be connected to him. Sixth, he has initiated orders which will make the poor poorer and the rich richer. None of these things represent the American way or actions within the limits of the U.S. CONSTITUTION.

The only positive thing in existence now is the fact that the Justices of the Supreme Court are appointed for LIFE. It appears that the Supreme Court just may have to have the last word when it comes to the actions of the sitting President of the United States. It would not surprise me, however, if he requested the GOP Congress to amend that part of the Constitution, just as they are working to repeal the Affordable Care Act which reduces the benefits for the poor and increases the benefits for the wealthy. Protests are not helping so we must turn to a higher entity and PRAY WITH-OUT CEASING, in which we will get a breakthrough which will usher in some peace and stability and help us to sleep.

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Contact Board Members: Shirley Green (806) 535-2475 Linda (Bonnie) Strong (806) 773-6046

Cosby Morton (806) 787-0726,

Diane Thomas (806) 500-8441. Thanks in advance for your cooperation toward this historical contest. It is very important that this contest continue in a positive posture.

Remember we still have great work ahead for all to do!

Beyond the Rhetoric 5468 By Harry C. Alford

Border Adjustment Tax - The Great Equalizer

Right now, if a company makes a product in the United States and sells the product overseas, it is required to pay income taxes to the U.S. on the income from the sale. But under a border adjustment, companies would no longer be required to pay income taxes to the U.S. on their income from exports - because the products are not sold in the United States.

On the flip side, under the current tax code, if a company sells a product in the United States that was produced overseas, it doesn't pay income taxes to the U.S. on the value of the imported product. But under a border adjustment, companies would be required to pay income taxes to the U.S. on the value of their imports - because the products are sold in the United

In sum, under a border adjustment, the income tax would apply to goods produced and sold in the United States and goods produced in foreign countries and sold in the United States.

As it stands now, companies like homegrown Apple can open a massive production plant in China under the lowest wages for workers, who are housed inside the plant to work continuously, and only allowed to visit their families once or twice a month. It is a form of "mild slavery". It is so depressive that they have erected netting around the building to prevent workers from committing suicide when they jump out the windows to end their misery. You have all heard of "Blood diamonds" well this is a case of "Blood IT" devices. Apple does not have to pay taxes on the millions of devices they ship back to the United States. They keep thousands of Americans from work,

by T. J. Patterson

TWO HISTORIC EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN LUB-**BOCK, TEXAS ON MARCH** 25 & 26, 2017! ONE WAS THE FOUNDERS' DAY BANQUET OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. AND THE 63RD AN-NIVERSARY OF THE FED-**ERATION OF CHOIRS!!**

Eta Delta Omega of ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. on Saturday evening March 25th at the Prosperity Bank Annex before a large group of well wishersrecognized their CHARTERED MEM-BERS WHO PAVED THE WAY..... They were SORO

and implement slave like working conditions all because the U.S. does not tax imports. There are many more American companies that take advantage of this flaw in our tax system.

Here is another living example. The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) is a free trade agreement between the United States and African nations. The United States can buy products from Africa with the intent of improving trade with the continent tariff and import tax free. Our big box and retail stores support this strongly. Why? Because it is loosely managed. Many of the clothing retailers are involved in this fraud. Fraud? Yes, because the cotton used in the apparel is not from African farmers. In fact, they are excluded from the process. It is China conspiring with the retailers. They use Chinese cotton, which is grown using Chinese prisoners for free. It comes to Africa; they make time, by taxing the value of im-

EMMA JOHNSON SORO KATHERINE RICHARDSON ...HARVEY ROBERTS & SORO MA-JORIE THOMAS Also recognized wereGOLDEN SORORS OF RESILENCY ... wereSORO JOAN JONES SORO CLAUDIER KEL-LEY & SORO RUTH PRIESTLY..... CONGRATS TO ALL OF THEM!! THIS N THAT happy to that new award was revealed It was the WILLIE MYRTLE WASHINGTON **AWARD**which was presented to...... SORO NETTIE EDWARDS for a JOB WELL DONE and presented by

the products; pay the workers \$1.50 per day; put on labels "made in Kenya or Ghana" or anyplace in Africa and ship it to America tax free. So, this is a case of "blood apparel".

Our Big Box retailers love this scam. They are making billions of immoral dollars through the loophole. If we would start taxing imported products the lure would go away and we can return to legitimate trade practices. Therefore, they oppose the Border Adjustment Tax.

Therefore, BMW auto manufacturer put a plant in South Africa. They produce the products there and ship them directly to the United States tax free. If we would have an import tax they would move that plant to

By exempting exports from U.S. taxes, the border adjustment would initially create higher demand for U.S. goods and U. S. dollars. At the same

SORO MARGARET RANDLE!!

The other blessed program was the 63RD ANNIVER-SARY OF THE FEDERA-TION OF CHOIRS on Sunday afternoon at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church..... It was one of the BETTER PRESENTATIONS by this group. The theme was well said..... "LET THE CHURCH BE THE CHURCH ONE **BODY, MANY MEMBERS." PRESIDENT JANETTE** WILLIAMS THANKS FOR JOB WELL DONE! THE SPIRIT WAS THERE!! **MAY CONTINUE TO BLESS** THIS GOD SENT EFFORT!

ported products, the border adjustment would initially create lower demand for foreign goods and foreign currencies. Together, these two effects would cause the value of the dollar to rise significantly. Under the standard economic theory, the rise in the U.S. dollar would offset the higher taxes on these companies, leaving importers unharmed.

Let's do this! More than 140 countries are already doing this. It will not be extreme and we can enjoy all the advantages a strong U.S. dollar can bring to our economy and help us start reducing our outrageous national debt. A strong U.S. dollar is a strong U.S. economy. Think of all those foreign companies putting plants here and hiring millions of Americans to operate them under this new law. Think of all our plants overseas coming back home because we won't hit them with our corporate tax rate.

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II Peter 3:9 -- The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance.

WE WERE LIKE PREACHER NICODEMUS; JOHN 3:1, THINKING WE HAVE THE RIGHT SOUL. BUT WE'RE AS FILTHY RAGS, AND IN THE WORD OF GOD, WE'RE TOLD!!

Isaiah 64:6 -- But we are as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags, and we do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, has taken us away.

WE ALL HAVE GONE **OUR OWN WAY; AS MANY** PEOPLE ARE DOING IT TODAY. Many think going to CHURCH, PAYING MONEY, DRESSING CLEAN, THINK THIS IS GOD'S WAY.

Isaiah 55:8-9 -- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*** GOD WANTS YOUR HEART; NOT YOUR MONEY!!! ***

SOME SAY I'VE BEEN IN CHURCH 50 YRS; SOME SAY: I'VE SUNG IN THE **CHURCH 45 YRS. ALL THE** THINGS WE DO, AND HAVE NOT BEEN SAVED; JUDGEMENT DAY WILL

BRING TEARS!!!

Matthew 7:21-23 -- Jesus said, Not everyone that said unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that do the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? And in your name cast out devils? And in your name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me, you that work iniquity.

John 3:3 -- Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God, ---DON'T BE LIKE THE RICH MAN; LOOKED UP FROM HELL, SAW LAZARUS. I, TOO WAS LIVING IN SIN, AND THINKING EVERY-THING WAS GOING TO BE ALRIGHT!!!

Romans 3:23 -- For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. -- (GET SAVED!!!) BUT THEN I IN-VITED JESUS INTO MY LIFE. MY LIFE IS BRAND NEW. TRY HIM, HE'S WAITING... AND WANTS TO DO THE SAME THING FOR YOU!!! ---- YOU CAN **BECOME A CHRISTIAN!!!)**

Romans 10:9 -- That if you shall confess with your mouth to the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be

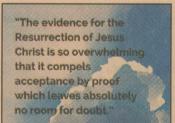
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USE TO DO, I DON'T DO NO MORE: PLACES I USE TO GO, I DON'T GO NO MORE; THINGS I USE TO SAY, I DON'T SAY NO MORE: WOMEN'S BUTT I USE TO WATCH, I DON'T WATCH NO MORE. THE SMOKE I USE TO SMOKE, I DON'T SMOKE NO MORE. I'VE BEEN BORN AGAIN! I'M A BRAND NEW MAN!!! GRACE GOD'S AND **MERCY SAVES SINNERS.)**

John 3:16 -- Jesus said, For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(GOD SO LOVED US, THAT HE GAVE THE BEST THAT HE HAD: NO MAN CAN SAY THAT HE WOULD DO THAT, THE PRODIGAL SON STORY; THE FATHER GAVE THE BEST THAT HE HAD!!!)

Ephesians 2:8-9 -- For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourself; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God had before ordained that we should walk in them.



St. Matthew Baptist Church

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Rev. Edward Canady, Pastor Lubbock, Texas 79403

Again, a wonderful time, the members had on Sunday morn-Who You Are.' ing, March 26, 2017, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is the Rev. Edward

Sunday morning services ture was Joshua 24:14-15. begun at 10:10 a.m. with Superintendent Sister Barbara Johnson presiding. We praise God for the knowledge we receive during attendance. Sunday School.

The subject of the Sunday School lesson was entitled "Restoring Relationships.

Canady.

The scripture text was Joel 2:|12-13; 18-19 and 28-32.

It was another morning of learning information all can use during the upcoming week.

It is great to have this kind of discussion during Sunday School. We give all to our God for being so good to each of us who attend Sunday School! ****

Church with the Choir and Con-

gregation singing "Because of

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "A Made Up Mind And A Fixed Heart." His scrip-

There is no doubt about it. it was an informative message, and it was well received by all in

The morning announcements were read and explained by Sister Shirley, our First Lady. She always does an outstanding job! Praise God!!

The weekly meetings held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets at the Church on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:00

During these weekly serv-Pastor Canady entered the ices, all are in a very positive position to learn. It's amazing what

is always learned when we learn together.

Why not come and visit with those who are in attendance? There's no doubt about it, you'll be glad you attended. Shall we see you on Wednesday evening?

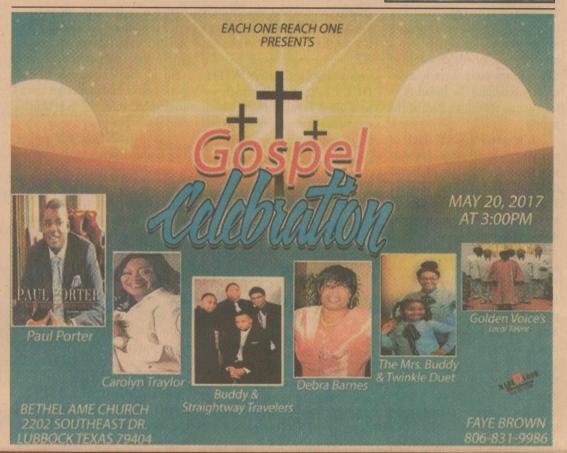
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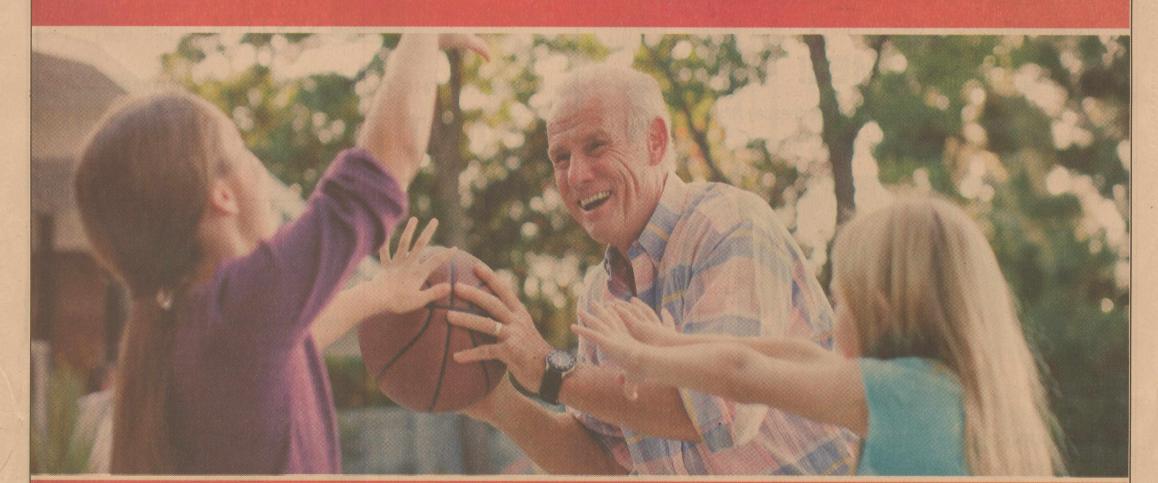
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Obsequies

Lola Faye Gilmore

Funeral services were held for Lola Faye Gilmore on Friday afternoon, March 17, 2017, at the St. John United Methodist Church.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Gilmore, 69, of Lubbock, Texas, departed her earthly vessel for her heavenly mansion on Friday, March 10, 2017, at Covenant Medical Center.

Lola was born on January 14, 1948, in Littlefield, Texas, to Doris Woodard and Ceaser Gilmore.

Lola grew up in Lubbock where she graduated from Estacado High School in 1970. Lola attended and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics.

She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta. Lola worked as a lifelong Social Worker in various capacities: Chaplin, Hospice Social Worker, Activity Director and Case manager. Lola worked at Lubbock MHMR, Lubbock



Housing Authority, Covenant Health System and Vista Care Hospice for 15 years until her retirement in Oct. of 2015.

She is survived by her mother, Doris Parrish; two sisters, Brenda Hargers (A.D.), and Cecil Eddington (Henry); four daughters, Terri Gilmore, Angela Mosley (Rexon Sr.), NaTahsa Parker (Lamar), and Andrea Ware: one son, Daniel Johnson Jr. (Deidra); 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

Hortense Faye Kelly Montgomery, Former Dunbar High School Teacher, Dies

Wichita Falls, Texas --Hortense Faye Kelly Montgomery was funeralized on Saturday afternoon, February 4, 2017, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church with Rev. Hassan T. Bell as the Eulogist. Rev. Larry Lewis was the Officiant.

Interment followed in Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls, Texas under the direction of Wells Funeral Home.

She passed away on Sunday, January 29, 2017.

She was born to Annie and Caleb Kelly o August 2, 1925 in Cameron, Texas. She accepted Christ at an early age and faithfully served at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. She excelled in school and was third in her graduating class at O.J. Thomas High School in

Hortense enrolled at Huston-Tillotson College, which is now a University. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and furthered her education, receiving a Master of Science degree in Education from Prairie View A & M University. Placing a high value on education, Hortense pursued post-Master's studies at Texas Tech University and Southwest Texas State University, now Texas State.

Upon graduating, Hortense worked for the Girl Scouts of America until she begun her teaching career in Tyler, Texas. Fluent in Spanish, she moved to Lubbock, Texas where she taught the language to students at Dunbar High School, It was here where she met and married Rev. Melvin Montgomery on



December 7, 1954. As her husband was called to serve various churches in West Texas, she expanded her teaching experience by teaching in various cities, including Midland and Big Spring. In 1968, Rev. Montgomery was called to pastor the Antioch Baptist Church, and the family moved to Wichita Falls, where she social studies at Fain Elementary School for 20 years. One of the highlights of her 39 year career was when famed astronaut, then U.S. Senator John Glenn, visited her classroom as part of her participation in the Wichita Falls ISD sponsored Innovative Development and Educational Activity (IDEA) grant. Her creativity, captivating storytelling, and dynamically engaging teaching style made her a student favorite. After retiring from Wichita Falls ISD in 1990, she continued her love of teaching at The Episcopal, now Christ Academy, for several more

She was an outstanding resident of Lubbock, Texas who left some positive footprints!

Robert Lee Covington, Sr. "Sweet Daddy"

Funeral services for Robert Lee Covington, Sr. were held on Saturday afternoon, March 18, 2017, at the Christ Temple COGIC with Supt. W. David Haynes, pastor, officiating. Rev. R. C. Alexander was Eulogist.

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

Robert passed away on Monday, March 13, 2017, at home with family after an extended ill-

Known as "Sweet Daddy," Robert was born November 16, 1953 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl and Sewellow Covington. He was the sixth child of 13. He was born and raised in Ward County. He was united in Holy Matrimony to the former Peggy Sue Nunn, and to this union, a son, Robert Lee Covington, Jr., and a daughter, Shanna Covington, were born.

He moved to Lubbock, Texas where he met and married Katherine Wilburn.

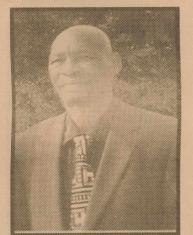
He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Katherine; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Covington, Sr.; two brothers, Earl Covington, Jr. and Melvin Covington; two sisters, Louise Breedlove and Linda Thomas.

Those left to cherish his memories are:

his children: Robert Covington, Jr. (Lorena); daughter, Shanna, and step-son, Bill Timmons (Debbie); three brothers: | Elbert

Jack Uddley.

Momma, was known as Granny, Bob, and Bobbie, was a caring and loving Woman of God, and she demonstrated it to her family. She was always there for family, through the good and the bad. More than anything, Bobbie loved being a mother, first and foremost. She also loved being a friend, just helping other people and listening to them. She was a 'Counselor.'



Covington, Sr. (Green) of Columbus, Georgia, Richard Covington, Sr. (Barbara) of Monahans, Texas, and Louis King Covington of Orlando, Florida; five sisters: Earl Dean Garrett, Betty Sue Hayes, Rudy Ramsey, and Kathy Smalls, all of Lubbock, Texas, and Rosie Edwards of Round Rock, Texas; three grandchildren: Devante Covington, Georgia Tomae Covington, and Joshua Dickens; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Active Pallbearers were Mark Covington, Richard Covington, Jr., Russell Covington, Jr., Christopher Ramsey, Bruce Ramsey, Jr. Wayne Crockett, W. T. Garrett, and Katory Morrison.

Honorary Pallbearers were Elbert Covington, Sr., Richard Covington, Sr., and Louis Covington.



Bobbie worked as a Surgical Technician with Covenant Hospital, retiring after twenty-seven and one-half years. She was well known to her church and in the community. Bobbie served her church, Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, in many capacities; some of her favorites were: being the Lead Usher, Sunday School Teacher, Foreign Missions, Bible Band, Sewing Cir-

cle, and cooking. She was a true Servant at Heart, and in her actions. Bobbie also served in the Plainview Community in many ways as well. She assisted in Ushering at all types of functions, a Chaplain, Spiritual Care Advisor, for Covenant Hospital and the Running Draw RSVP

Bobbie is survived by her children: Shelia Nash, Curtis Nash (Gail), Velma Thompson (Curtis), Dorothy Green (Don), and Sabrina Uddley, all of Plainview, Texas; Harold Uddley (Gloria) and Malcolm Nash (Rose), both of Amarillo, Texas; and Trevina Willis and Akiba Nash, both of Denton, Texas; siblings: Carl Lockett (Patricia), Marjorie Hutchinson, Allan Neil Lockett and Brienda Lockett-Middleton, all of Abilene, Texas: sisters-in-law: Dorothy Uddley Whitfield of Plainview, Texas, Gloria Lockett of Dallas, Texas, and Ruthie Lockett of Houston, Texas. Also, she has 40 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren,

2 great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by: a daughter, Youlanda Ann Nash; 3 grandchildren: Robyn Smiley, Dorinda Nash, and Brentodd Wooley; her parents, Tom and Leonora Lockett; 3 sisters: Tommie Lockett Williams, Dorothy Lockett Arberry, and Lula Lockett Royals; 2 brothers, Hardie Lockett and Leonard Lockett, Sr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and some very special friends.

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Bobbie Ruth Lockett Nash

Plainview, Texas -- Funeral services for Bobbie Ruth Lockett Nash were held on Saturday morning, March 4, 2017, at the First Baptist Church with Pastor A. Quron Hairston as Officiant. Pastor Brian Prince was the Eu-

Interment followed in the Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview.

Nash, age 83 of Plainview, Texas, passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

Nash was born in Bremond, Texas to the late Rev. Tom and Lenora (Munson). Her family



moved from Bremond to

New Light Baptist Church News

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor

God looks beyond all our

faults and see all of our needs.

someone else's mirror.

On Sunday morning, March 19, 2017, church service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 10:00 a. m. with Pastor Jackson teaching the lesson titled: MATCH-LESS LOVE and its scripture came from **JOHN 15:1-17**.

Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

There was the testimony period that was held. Sister Lacey Thompson read all the morning announcements and told of all the up coming events that would be taking place. There was the offering that was taking up by an appointees.

The Adult Choir song the songs titled: O LORD HELP ME and WHEN I SEE JESUS. The theme song AMAZING GRACE was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon titled: COME DOWN and its printed scripture came from Luke 19:1-10. There are some people that think they are all of that and more but if you are living like you belong to God he can and will make your enemy your footstool.

There are also a lot of us that are up in all kind of trees such as envy, jealous, and etc... that need to come down and let God help you with what it is you have to do to live for him.

How can we win souls to Christ if we are not doing what we are suppose to do and live like we belong to God. Let us take a good look in our own mirror before we try to look in



Abilenme and Hamlin, then settling in Plainview. She was widowed twice, Curtis J. Nash and

Eric Emerson Strong Continued from Page 1

and Tizoc Strong (Kirrah); two daughters, Tamitra Taylor and Destinee Townley (Matthew); six grandchildren; two sisters, Sandra McLemore and Linda Bunnie Strong; two brothers, Bryant Freedom Strong and Rowland Strong; and a host of

other relatives and friends. Active Pall Bearers were: Eric Jerbran Strong, Tizoc Strong, Johnathan Strong, Gabriel McLemore, Rowland Styrong, Bryant Strong, Daniel Lopez, and Robert Lopez, Jr.

All we have to do is live like we

belong to God on a daily basis.

There were thirty Honorary Pallbearers and fourteen Flower Bearers, including the United Methodist Women of Mt. Vernon UMC.

Jimmie Ruth DeShone

Funeral services for Jimmie Ruth DeShone were held on Saturday afternoon, March 25, 2017, at the Resthaven Chapel with Pastor Venus Smitherman officiating.

Interment followed in Resthaven under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Jimmie Ruth passed away peacefully from this life the morning of Saturday, March 18, 2017, after a gradual decline in her health. She was surrounded and supported by her loving family and caregivers during the last days of her life.

She was born in Paris, Texas on September 7, 1933 to S. M. Moore and Francis Cobbs. She accepted Christ as her Savior with the Church of Christ and became a member.

She married Willie Lee "Shot" DeShone, Sr. October of 1950. They had three children: Thomas, Patsy, and Willie Lee,



Jr. Fourteen years later, she had Sabrina whose father was John

She was a warm compassionate person and never met a stranger. She always made you feel loved and that no matter what went through, it was going to be ok. She was an amazing self-taught cook and everyone was always welcomed to come by and eat.

She is survived by her four children, and many grand and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, and nephew. Who were her intermediate family, her husband and special friend.

She loved spending time with family, laughing and always wearing a smile on her face. She was a loving and caring person, a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend. Always thinking of others first. "To know her was to love her.

Minister Trent Cox offered the Opening Prayer, and Bishop Jewel Green read the scripture.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

II Timothy 7:8

Dunbar High School Class Of 1968 Making Plans For 50th Class Reunion



Margie Williams

The Dunbar High School Alumni Class of 1968 is making plans for their 50th Class Reunion. Anyone who was transferred to Estacado High School during their junior year are welcome to celebrate with the Class of 1968.

There will be a conference call set for the third Monday of each month, beginning on April 24, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Central Standard Time. The telephone is: 515-739-1020, ext. 729487. The committee will be looking forward to hearing from the Class of 1968. The members are looking for this event to be fun and a memorable occasion.

Pictured above are members of the Events Committee. The

Linda Rainwater

following ladies are active members of this committee:

These committee members are: Sandra Moore, Sandra Morgan, Donna Kay Bailey, Bertha Gibbs, Patsy Howard, Sammye

Long, and Gloria Skief. "We are very excited about making sure this will become an outstanding event we will all appreciate," said Margie Williams.

"There is no doubt about it. it will take a lot of work, but working together, we can do it. Remember, we are Dunbar Panthers!!" she continued.

Working with Margie is Linda Rainwater who is looking forward to completing this effort. "Tt's going to an exciting event, and we will be looking forward to this outcome," said

Another committee, Recruitment Committee will have as its Chairman, Larry Thomas, with Larry Jones as Assistant Chairperson. The email address for Thomas is thomas2k2@netzero.net. Williams will be working with this committee.

Let's do it, Class of 1968!!

Pastor Larry Polk Continued from Page 1

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1990 to 1993: Worked sales position in Midland, Texas.

Pastor Polk was born in Wortham, Texas. He is married to Carolyn Ann Green-Polk, and is the father of five children.

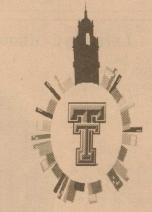
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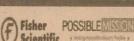
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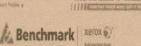
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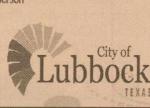
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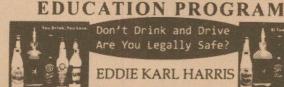
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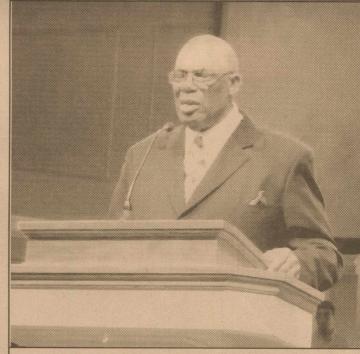
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