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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 Chairman 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 Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm

- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon

- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library

- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center

- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center

- Dunbar/Mantahan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Mantahan 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 Hunt Elementary

- Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cafeteria

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## Racism's Role in LA Gang Case Rekindles Debate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal prosecutors called their sweeping indictment of the Varrio Hawaiian Gardens gang the biggest takedown of its kind in U.S. history.

That was sure to grab attention, but details buried in the court documents were bound to touch a raw nerve: One of the Latino gang's primary motivations was hatred of black residents.

It's the third time in recent years federal prosecutors have investigated a gang and found racism in its DNA, reopening a thorny debate that has publicly divided the region's top cops.

In dueling newspaper opinion pieces last year, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca maintained that race fueled gang violence while Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton said skin color was seldom a factor.

"If you do a survey within the African-American community ... you are in constant fear that your young male offspring is



Federal authorities call the case against the Varrio Hawaiian Gardens gang, accused of systematically trying to purge black residents from the predominantly Latino city in south Los Angeles County, the most egregious example of racially motivated gang crime in years.

going to be killed because of the color of his skin," Baca said in an interview after his piece appeared in the Los Angeles

Times. In an area both proud and sensitive about its diversity, Continue on Page 8



## Minister T. J. Patterson, Jr. Youth Revival Speaker

The Youth Department of the Bethelham Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting the 5th Annual Youth Revival which will be held June 15, 16 & 17, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

"We are looking forward to having a great time again this year," said Rev. Ray E. McCoy, pastor.

"If you haven't been to one of our youth revivals, you don't know what you are missing. Our youth put all they have learned during the past year into one package as some may say we don't just come to church as we are the church," he continued.

Guest speaker for this year's revival will be Minister T. J. Patterson, Jr. He serves as Manager of Legislative Affairs, Governmental Relations Department for the City of Fort Worth.

He is a graduate of Dunbar High School, and North Texas State University at Denton.

He also received his JD degree from the School of Law at Texas Southern University at Houston.

Minister Patterson is a mem-

ber of Bethelham Baptist Church of Mansfield, and serves under the leadership of Pastor Michael Evans.

Minister Patterson is familiar with young people, and this is why he was chosen as speaker. He is able to get down to their level. He will also have a message for adults in attendance.

The theme for this year's revival is "Challenges to be Faced." II Timothy 3:14-15.

The dress code for the revival will be casual, and the colors are: Monday, Baby Blue; Tuesday, Lime Green; and Wednesday, Purple.

According to Pastor McCoy, "Our goal is one hundred children each night."

Bethelham Missionary Baptist Church is located at 2402 23rd Street. For more information, call (806) 762-4001.

"We are inviting all churches of the community to support by letting your youth attend," said Lakiesha Johnson, Youth Director.

"There will be good singing, praise dancing and great preaching," continued Ms. Johnson.

## Nashville Native Walks For Crohn's

"Former Miss North Carolina talks about living with an incurable disease"

Nashville, N. C. ... (Special) ... For three years, Vera Morris didn't know what was wrong with her. The Nashville native began experiencing various symptoms and went from doctor to doctor trying to find out what was wrong with her. In September 2008, she finally got her answer. She was diagnosed with Crohn's disease.

Crohn's disease is an incurable disease that causes inflammation in parts of the gastrointestinal tract. It can affect various parts of the body and has a multitude of symptoms.

"After being diagnosed, it took a while to sink in," Morris said. "After three years of not knowing, you're happy you know but at the same time, it's an incurable disease."

Morris said she didn't know much about Crohn's disease and went online to research the disease. It was there she came across information on NFL Quarterback David Garrard and his struggle with Crohn's. Garrard grew up in Durham and played football for East Carolina University before playing in the NFL for the Jacksonville Jaguars. He was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease in 2004. From there, she found an online support group for Crohn's.

"I just clicked on it and signed up," Morris said. "I just felt like it would be therapeutic to know about it and get to know other people."

Because many of the symptoms of Crohn's disease may be



Vera Morris

embarrassing to talk about, many people live with the disease and go undiagnosed. Morris said she hopes the fundraiser, Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis, which is set for Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the Lake Crabtree County Park in Morrisville and will feature a two-mile walk. This event, however, is more so geared to get the word out about Crohn's Disease and Colitis and to raise money for researching the two diseases.

Morris has been working hard to raise money for the event. She said her parents, Willie and Glessa Morris of Nashville, and her home church, Union Hill Baptist Church, have been very supportive in her endeavors.

Ms. Faye Brown, president of Each One Reach One of Lubbock, heard about Morris as she is the God daughter of Luther Barnes who has frequented Lubbock over the past few years. "We just wanted to help get the word about this dreaded disease," said Ms.

## Roberta Celebrates 80th Birthday

A very happy citizen of Lubbock is Mrs. Roberta Hightower. You see, she celebrated her 80th birthday on May 9, 2009.

Not only was this a blessing, but she was able to attend the Hightower & Francis Reunion which was held Friday and Saturday, May 22 & 23, 2009, at the Parkway Neighborhood Center. This was the second time it has been held in Lubbock.

Ms. Hightower was the oldest sibling in attendance. She will tell you that it is only because of the goodness of God! Happy Belated Birthday!!



Ms. Roberta Hightower "What a mighty God we all serve, she will tell you!"

## Lubbock TarHeels Need Your Support



2009 Lubbock TarHeels Basketball Team

The Lubbock TarHeels have qualified to compete in the National AAU Tournament which will be held in Hampton, Virginia, July 2 thru 5, 2009. They will compete in the 12 and under 6th grade division as they represent Lubbock and West Texas in their quest for a national championship title. These

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor Vacation Bible School June 9 through 12, 2009, from 6:30 p. m. until 8:30 p. m. The theme will be "Riders for God Wanted."

Sister Elurd Devenport is coordinator and Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor.

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is accepting project ideas on the internet to be considered for a possible bond election. Anyone interested in submitting a project idea can do so by visiting the City of Lubbock website (www.mylubbock.us) and clicking on the Citizen Advisory Committee link located on the homepage.

Wednesday, June 10th will be the last day project ideas can be submitted online. The CAC will present its findings to the City Council no later than June 30th.

The Citizen Advisory

Committee was appointed by the Lubbock City Council to study the need for capital improvements for the City of Lubbock.

South Plains College Law Enforcement will offer Basic Telecommunications Certification Course June 8-12 for police officers who need continuing education courses. The course is offered at no cost and will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Interested participants should contact Debbie Hale at (806) 716-2291 to indicate intent to register. The course will fulfill requirements set up by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of our community. Among them include Mr. Al

Caviel, who is recuperating nicely at Heritage Oaks. Your prayers will be most appreciative.

Of course, there many others who we may not know. Remember your precious will travel any where.

Also, the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Heenan Johnson, II, Dana, is recuperating nicely after surgery. Remember her's well.

One our own, Ms Vivian Cooke, will be sponsoring an Art Exhibit June 4 through 29, 2009. This exhibit will feature "Drawings and Bronzes" of her collection at the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center, 511 Avenue K.

There will be a reception Friday evening, June 5, 2009, from 7:00 p. m. until 9:00 p. m. For more information, call O. B. Brooks at (806) 0940.

Congrats, Ms. Vivian Cooke!

## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, May 31, 2009, church services got started once again with excitement at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: "Armed For Battle" with the text coming from Ephesians 6:10-18.

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the praise team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "O' I Want To See Him." The responsive reading read by Rev. Lee and the text came from Psalm 34:1-22. The altar prayer was led by Rev.

Jackson with the choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus"

Sis. Rochelle Hood read all the morning announcements and told all the up coming events that will be taking place. All birthdays were acknowledged for the week. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "Beause He Lives" and "I Know It Was The Blood". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "You Can Make It" with the scripture text coming from Isaiah 53:5 & Galatians 5:1.

A selection "I Will Trust In The Lord" was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several went up for prayer.

Visitors were acknowledged by Sis. Mosley. Pray for the weekly meetings held throughout the week in various churches.

**Scripture For The Week:** "For John truly baptized with water but you shall be baptized with the holy spirit not many days from now. And he said to them it's not for you to know times or seasons which the father has put in his own authority.

But you shall receive power when the holy spirit has come upon you and you shall be witnesses to me in jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the Earth."

Acts 1:5, 7, & 8



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## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### BLACK AND WHITE CHECKS

This season, you are going to see more and more checks in many beautiful bright colors, but especially, black and white. Ladies don't go through the entire

summer with out styling something in checks. Your choices are exciting and amazingly plentiful...handbags, head bands, tops, pants, shorts, you name it, it can be found in checks. Jeans are also emerging in black and white checks.

### NOW YOU TELL ME LADIES, HOW GREAT IS THAT.

Remember a few checks, will take you a long way... ENJOY THE SUN AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN!



Fashion tip...always wear a smile.

Fashion...just for the fun of it

## LISD Valedictorians and Salutatorians for 2009

Here are the names of the 2009 LISD Valedictorians and Salutatorians:

### CORONADO

Valedictorian: Justin James Nail is the Valedictorian for the class of 2009. His final grade point average is 4.833 Justin's parents are Ronald and Angi Nail. Justin plans to attend Texas A&M, where he has been accepted into the Mays School of Business and the Business Honors program.

Salutatorian: Heather Kathryn Baumann is the Salutatorian for the class of 2009. Her final grade point average is 4.781. Heather's parents are David and Kathleen Baumann.

Heather will attend Texas A&M where she will study biology and has plans to enter medical school.

### ESTACADO

Valedictorian: Justin A. Bedford, son of Aaron and Tegan Fullerton, is the Valedictorian at Estacado High School for the 2008-09 school year with a GPA of 4.66. This fall, he will attend Texas A & M University at College Station where he plans to pursue a degree in Biomedical Sciences.

Salutatorian: Jennifer DeShae McGrew, daughter of Robbie McGrew, will be graduating as Salutatorian of her class. Jennifer has a 4.61 GPA and plans to attend Dartmouth College in the fall with a \$50,000 academic scholarship to major in neuroscience and history.

### LUBBOCK HIGH

Valedictorian: Lubbock High School has named Menaka Yadav as valedictorian for the Class of '09. Menaka, daughter of Dr. Surya and Mrs. Sheela Yadav of Lubbock, graduates with a grade-point average of 4.84. She plans to attend Rice University and major in Biomedical Engineering.

Salutatorian: Lubbock High School has named Jennifer Wang as salutatorian for the Class of '09. Jennifer, daughter of Dr. Xiaochang and Mrs. Xianling Wang of Lubbock.

### City of Lubbock Health Department Vital Statistics Office Closed on Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The City of Lubbock Health Department's Vital Statistics office, which is responsible for issuing birth and death records, will be closed on Tuesday, June 16, 2009. Birth and death records will not be available on this date. The Vital Statistics staff will be hosting and attending a Regional Vital Statistics Conference in Lubbock at the Holiday Inn located at 801 Ave Q.

City and County registrars from across the region will be attending this one-day intensive Regional Conference, one of four being hosted in Texas, will provide an intense learning experience for hospital and birthing center staff, midwives, local registrars, county clerks, justices of the peace, funeral directors, funeral home staff, and medical certifiers. Special focus will be given to use of Texas Electronic Registrar (TER) for online registering of births and deaths. Full services will resume on Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

Congratulations, Class of 2009!

graduates with a grade-point average of 4.80. She plans to attend the University of Washington at St. Louis and major in Biomedical Engineering.

### MONTEREY

Valedictorian: Monterey's valedictorian for the Class of 2009 is Ross' Michael Brock, son of Mark and Suzette Brock.

Ross' GPA is 4.827. He will attend Texas Tech University in the fall and major in accounting.

Salutatorian: Salutatorian is Jace Landon McKenzie, son of Jimmy and Jana McKenzie. Jace has a GPA of 4.8103. Jace also will attend Texas Tech University this fall and major in business administration and economics.

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# Church News



## FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

### "Post-racial America, Yet To Come!"

A few mornings ago as I entered the elevator going to my office I spoke gentlemanly to a man that was entering at the same time saying: "Good morning, Sir!" He looked at me with a savage look and didn't part his thin lips.

This gentleman who was dressed down while I was dressed up, looked at me as if I had a barnyard smell while I noticed a pair of boots that lacked professional care and was not the leather of an upper-classman. I become fearful that if he opened his mouth ignorance would not be forgiving and swallow the whole interior of the elevator. As the elevator stopped on my floor, I exited and entered the world of intellectual superiority. And like a similar saying about antacids: "O what a relief it was!"

There is great truth in the saying: "A leopard cannot change its spots." Black Americans need not be reminded for it is commonplace knowledge that 'post-racial' America is alive and well. The election of Barack Obama by young white Americans possessing intelligence above the norm only exasperated or excited the anger against African Americans who have been struggling to endure or surmount the cause of negative racism.

Leonard Pitts Jr., a columnist for the Miami Herald painted

the picture well in a recent commentary entitled: 'Post-Racial' America isn't here yet.

Leonard noted the National Urban League's recently released 2009 State of Black America report quantifying racial inequities in employment, housing, education, criminal justice, health and other arenas will be about as welcome as graffiti on the Lincoln Memorial among those Americans who convinced themselves in November the country had entered a "post-racial" era.

Those Americans will be overwhelmingly white and will resist with mighty determination the report's implicit argument: that we have not yet overcome, not yet reached the Promised Land, not yet come to a point where race is irrelevant, Barack Obama notwithstanding.

Leonard noted years spent engaging Americans on the knotty conundrums of race leave him confident in that prediction. Also does a 2008 Gallup poll in which 46 percent of non-Hispanic whites said there is no widespread racism against blacks.

A Yale University study helps Leonard to see why some whites feel that way. Leonard noted that blacks and white tend to use different yardstick in judging racial progress. Whites use the yardsticks of how far we have come from the nation we

used to be while blacks use the yardsticks of how far we have yet to be the nation we ought to be.

Leonard conclusion was the most complete picture requires both measures: The black yardstick which leaves black people no obligation other than to demand justice and equality from white people. Plus, the white yardstick which requires of white people only that they exhort black people to become more self-reliant and take more responsibility for their own problems.

Leonard concluded that African Americans have not yet reached the Promised Land and African Americans have a moral responsibility toward that goal. However, before African Americans can fulfill that responsibility, they must learn to speak the same language where race is concerned, and to mean the same things when we do.

African Americans in Lubbock, Texas are encouraged to reach for the top of the mountain. Allow no one to look down on you because of the color of your skin! You MUST! Not you are trying too. You MUST stand on TOP of the mountain! You must not succumb to negative racism!

(Editor's Note: This is a re-run as Rev. Smith had surgery last Friday, May God bless him and family.)



## We Thank God for Jesus "America God's Worst Vineyard"

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

**Mark 12:1b** - Jesus said, a certain man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and dugged a place for the wine yet, and built a tower. And let it out to husbandmen, and wet into a far country.

America is like that, God Blessed it with His very Best. OIL, COTTON, WHEAT, CORN, CATTLE, AND THE BIBLE FOR OUR REST!!!

**Psalm 66:1-2** - MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all you lands: Sing for the honor of his name: make his Praise glorious.

God Blessed America to the moon, and do all kind of transplants of all kinds. She thanks she has done it ON HER OWN. SHE IS OUT OF HER DAMN MIND!!!

**Psalm 100:1-2** - MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presence with singing. Know you that the Lord, He is God. It is He that has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people, and The Sheep of His pasture.

America thinks she is the WORLD'S MOST CHRISTIAN LAND. BUT SHE'S OUT OF STEP WITH GOD, AND OUT OF HIS HANDS!!!

**Isaiah 55:8-9** - The Lord said, for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord, for as the heavens are higher

than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

America doesn't want any one to tell her about changing HER WICKED WAYS. SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE SHE IS GOING TO FALL, AND IT'S ON ITS WAY!!!

**Matthew 23:37-38** - Jesus said, O Jerusalem (Church), Jerusalem (Church), you that kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered my children together, even as a hen gathers her chicken under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolated.

\*\*\*\* YES, CHURCHES ARE WITHOUT GOD!!! \*\*\*\*

America has become very proud and high minded, and left the LORD'S WORD, IN HER COURTHOUSES, SCHOOLS, GOD'S WORD IS NOT TO BE HEARD!!!

**Matthew 7:21-23** - Jesus said, not every one that said unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into 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 have cast out devils? And in your name done many wonderful works? And

then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.

America gave her children their RIGHTS. DON'T USE GOD'S NAME INS SCHOOLS, TO USE GOD'S NAME INSIDE THOSE WALLS, IT WOULD BE AGAINST THE RULES.

**Roman 1:18-21 & 22** - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

AMERICA USTO-USE THE DEATH PENALTY TO CORRECT AND REPAY, AND TO REBUILD. NOT USING THE DEATH PENALTY. NOW THERE IS NO FEAR, AND KILLINGS ARE FOR THE THRILL!!!

**Genesis 9:6** - The Lord said, whoso sheds man's blood, by man shall, shall his blood be shed: for the image of God made he man.

\*\*\*\* AND FROM GOD'S BLESSINGS, IT HAS TURNED INTO HIS CURSING!!! \*\*\*\*

**Deuteronomy 28:15-20** - God said, it shall come to pass, Continue on Page 8

# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, May 31, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Church services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The morning lesson, "Armed For Battle," Ephesians 6:10-18,

was taught by Rev. Walter D. Jackson.

The key verse was: "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

It was another wonderful learning experience for those who were in attendance. God is so good, and He loves all of us. Just think about that during each day!

The morning worship hour got underway with the Women Missionary Society in charge. Sister Shirley Davis and Sister Annie Onasanya were at their post of duty.

The Senior Choir of St. Matthew Baptist Church marched in singing "We've Come This Far By Faith."

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Walter D. Jackson. His sermon was entitled: "What Was Not Now Is."

His scripture was Romans 9:25 and Hosea 1:10.

The Song of Inspiration was "Because He Lives."

Rev. & Mrs. Edward Canady were out-of-town last Sunday morning. The congregation really appreciates the efforts of Pastor and Sister Canady May God continue to bless them in all they do.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then please con-

sider becoming a member of the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our doors are always open for those who want to attend.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. We will continue to ask if there are if there are anyone in the community who are interested. If there is anyone interested, contact Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445. We know there are those who are

interested.

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Thought For Today: "No Service for Christ goes unnoticed by Him."  
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"Prayer"  
Loving Father, we thank You that You gave us just the right priest, who is really able to remove our sins and make us presentable to You. We offer our thanks in the name of the one who is Your appointee, eternal and utterly perfect, Jesus Your Son. Amen.

you and came back at you. Sudden dread!

Later as an adult you see in your rearview mirror those flashing blue lights while you are driving. You look down: you are speeding. A ticket means inconvenience, a fine, and higher insurance rates.

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

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Jehovah God is our light and protector. He gives us grace and glory. No good thing will be withheld from those who walk along his paths. Mark 11:23 says: "If you have faith in God, this is the absolute truth. You can say to this mountain, rise up and fall into the Mediterranean and your command will be obeyed. All that's required is that you really believe and have no doubt. Listen to me! You can pray for anything. And if you believe you have it, It's Yours."

Let's not use God's will so loosely. Sometimes it's the will of the flesh and the will of the devil. It's not God's will that you be sick, hungry, burdened down with problems. Think of these scriptures as they are real

and true. So often, we pray for things we already have. Such as give us more love for one another. Just think about it. Some will not even speak to their Sisters or Brothers, not even a handshake. And ask for more Faith. Use a little common sense. Use the faith you have. The more you use it, the more will be given to you. Let God work through you. The Lord told Nicodemus, you must be born again. Study the word and learn what the will of God's will is.

We've never read in the scripture where he said his will was for you to be sick. Burdened down with problems. He came that you might have life abundantly. He came to heal

all our sickness and diseases. His will is that you prosper and be in health!

A Few Thoughts: "Saints, if you want a change in your Church, you pray for the change."

"Are you telling people who Jesus is?"

"Are you lifting up pastors in prayer?"

"Don't touch God's anointed."

"Hate is too heavier burden for any man to bear, so don't struggle with it in 2009."

Prayer  
"Dear God, this year brings all the hungry people food. All the lonely people someone to love. All the confused people a clear understanding of God. All the sick people a Freedom from Pain. In your name we pray. Amen."

Let's pray for the Leaders of Our Nation. "Just Pray Saints!"

We will have another excit-

ing monthly meeting on Saturday morning, June 6, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a. m. at the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood, 2132 East 30th Street.

### Thought Of The Week

Do you remember a time when you were overcome by a sudden sense of dread? Perhaps it happened when you were young, out on a playground. For some reason, an older, bigger kid threatened you. When he turned his back, you stuck your tongue out at him. But he saw

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# Obsequies

## James Bibbs, Sr.



ters; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for James Bibbs, Sr. were held on Friday afternoon, May 29, 2009 at 1 Agape Temple COGIC.

Burial followed at Peaceful Garden Cemetery of Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Bibbs went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

Left to cherish his memories are, Eloise Bibbs, his wife of 66 years; his 12 living children; four surviving brothers; two sis-

## Rev. J. C. Kennard, Jr.



Funeral for Reverend J. C. Kennard, Jr. were held Saturday noon, May 23, 2009, at the NewBibleway Baptist Church with Pastor J. C. Kennard, III, officiating.

Interment was held in Cedar Hill Memorial Park in Arlington, Texas under the direction of Gregory W. Spencer Funeral Directors, Inc. of Fort Worth.

He passed away Saturday, May 16, 2009. He is preceded in death by his parents, J. T., Sr. and Willie Mae Kennard, and his granddaughter, Jasmine Kennard.

He was born February 2, 1933, to the parentage of J. T. Kennard, Sr. and Willie Mae Sharp Kennard in Abbott, Texas.

He met and married Louise Blocker. They shared a loving marriage of fifty years at the time of his demise.

After relocating to Fort Worth, he became the Pastor of the New Bibleway Baptist Church, where he served faithfully until his retirement. He faithfully served there under this son, Pastor J. T. Kennard, III, until his demise.

He supported his family as an owner and operator of the Kennard & Sons Excavating Company. He made his family members proud to work as a family and be proud to carry on the legacy of the company.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a loving wife, Mrs. Louise Kennard; children: Jackie Haliburton and husband, Albert, Pastor J. T. Kennard, III and wife, Delicia, Emma Frances and husband, Kenneth, Jean Chawick and husband, Howard, and James Kennard and wife, Davina; sisters: Bonnie Faye Shaw, Ruth Bell and Bertha Anderson; twelve grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends.

A brother-in-law, Willie Blocker of Lubbock, attended the funeral services.

## A Silent Growing Epidemic of Child Abuse

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(BlackNews.com) - 80% of young adults who have been abused met the diagnostic criteria for at least one psychiatric disorder by the age of 21. Mental illness isn't a fad for young adults; it is true and real. Untimely deaths result from physical assault and/or severe neglect. Unfortunately, society isn't saddened about child abuse but they know it exists. Truth is, children are abused everyday all over America because society doesn't pay attention to the cycle. Reality is society thinks child abuse is something to lament, especially if it is not happening to them.

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## Kathy Sue Miller



Austin, Texas - Funeral services for Kathy Sue Miller were held Tuesday afternoon, May 26, 2009, at the St. James Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. B. W. McClendon presiding.

Interment was held in the Wright Cemetery in Austin under the arrangements of King-Tears Mortuary, Inc. of Austin. She passed away Tuesday morning, May 19, 2009.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles Williams and Eunice Mirl Williams, and a host of uncles and aunts.

Miller was born December 16, 1957 to Charles and Eunice Mirl Williams in Wichita, Kansas. She was the only daughter.

Although Kathy was born in Kansas, her roots were nurtured in Lubbock, Texas, where she attended Wheatley Elementary School, Alderson Junior High and Estacado High School. She was baptized at Mount Gilead Baptist Church.

While a student at Estacado High School, Kathy chose dance

and the band. Kathy was a member of the Estacado Matador Marching Band where she played the clarinet. After her graduation, Kathy became a mother of Famicha Shonia Williams. She pursued an education at Texas Tech University where she majored in Business Administration.

While a student at Texas Tech University, she met and married Dave Allan Miller of Austin. After five years of marriage, this union gave birth to her second daughter, Dawona Lakesh Miller. After receiving her father's blessing, she relocated to Austin where she completed her education in Business Administration at the Austin School of Business. While in Austin, they became parents of two children, Jherikia Shantelle Miller and Dave Allan Miller, III.

Kathy was employed by the State of Texas at the Texas Department of Health. While employed there, Kathy became acquainted with Toni Martin. They became as "Two Peas in a Pod." Kathy finally got the sister she had never had. Through their friendship, Toni invited her to attend worship services at her grandfather's church. Shortly then, she joined the St. James Missionary Baptist Church family and had a member since then.

She is survived by three daughters: Famicha Williams of Austin, Dawona and Lafayette Miles and Jherikia Miller, all of Houston; a son, Dave Allan Miller, III of Austin; five brothers and four sister-in-laws: Charles Ray & Clemmie Williams of Flower Mound, Kenneth & Oran Williams and Neal Williams, all of Lubbock, and Daniel & Nicole of Fort Worth; three grandchildren: Charunice Pbagans, Trinity Blair and Frevon Johnson; her mother's youngest sister, Lackie Johnson; her father's youngest brother, Richard Williams; three God children: Brana Martin, Eleah Wilson and Regis Wilson; a host of nieces, nephews and adopted children.

Through the friendship of Toni Wilson, Kathy inherited the entire Martin family; Bill and Evelyn Martin as God parents; Toni Wilson-Martin, Lori Martin-Rollins, Lisa Martin-Curtis, William Martin, and Terry Martin.

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**LET'S SUPPORT THE LUBBOCK TAR HEELS!** **THIS N THAT** ... had an opportunity to visit with young ladies who are working hard to help the **LUBBOCK TAR HEELS** ... have the funds they need to make a trip to **HAMPTON, VIRGINIA** ... July 2 thru 5, 2009 ... to participate in the **NATIONAL AAU TOURNAMENT** ... These young fellows will be afforded an opportunity to compete against ... other young people ages 12 and under through the 6th grade ... from all over these United States of America ... At this time ... according to their coach ... **REENA JOHNS** ... who is a graduate from Texas Tech University and played for the Lady Raiders ... and during her tenure re ... she was chosen as **MVP** ... twice ... Also ... she will be receiving her Doctorate degree shortly from Texas Tech ... Surely ... because of what she has done

... there are those who want help this group of young fellows make the trip to the National AAU Tournament ... If there those who want to contribute ... regardless ... contact either Ms. Jones at (806) 577-0361 or ... Timo Lucero ... assistant coach ... at (806) 252-8113 ... This group of dedicated young men have represented us well ... so why not show them you **SUPPORT THEM** ... Will you help them? Hope so!!

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "DON'T FORGET** ... what the **19TH OF JUNE** ... really stands for ... it has a very significant history."

**DON'T LET THE PRAIRIE DOGS TAKE THE PATTERSON LIBRARY!** **THIS N THAT** ... is asking that the ... City of Lubbock not allow the **PRAIRIE DOGS** ... take over the lawn of the **BOBBIE GENE & T. J. PATTERSON BRANCH LIBRARY** ... Surely this can

be handled as t his library is a prize possession in our community at 1836 Parkway Drive ... Not only does we need to find a way to ... **GET RID** ... of the not want ed Prairie Dogs ... but we need to find a way to mow or cut the grass a frequent schedule ... This is not only a concern of **THIS N THAT** ... but people in District Two are calling the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST OFFICE** ... Why not help us ... **CITY OF LUBBOCK!**

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## THINK ABOUT IT!

You Cant Oppose What You Don;t Know!

by Eidsie Richardson

When the proposed animal shelter was proposed for McAllister Park and Clapp Park, the word went out loud and clear no, no not here! And you better know it was not put in their areas or parks. District One and District Two council persons printed information on city logos and letter heads opposing the animal shelter in Clapp Park, and even attended opposition meeting at Clapp Park. Funny thing is Councilman Floyd Price is the councilman for both Clapp Park and McKinzie Park. The question is why would he fight so hard to keep the shelter out of Clapp Park and support it in McAllister and McKinsey Parks? Is it the people who live in the Clapp area vs the people who lives in the McAllister McKinsey area? That's a good question and the constituents need to know.

There never was any real fore warning about the McAllister and McKinzie Parks areas so to speak to give the citizens a chance to group and give their opposition. It was as usual, the answer was let's give them what others don't want and make them happy and glad to get what the rest of the city does not want. "What's wrong with them keeping up all that noise when we are giving them a state of the art animal shelter which will be economic development for the area," said Councilperson Linda Deleon. What kind of economic development, Linda?

One thing that is very important in this writer's opinion is the fact that some of the council persons that voted for the shelter would have voted different if the council persons in the affected districts would have voted to oppose it we probably would not have this situation but through it all the Mayor and Councilmember John Leonard hard the people and respected through wishes. How could Floyd Price not know the people

were upset about the McKinzie Park park area when the people in the other areas did not want it or is he a part of the good ole boy net work give them what we dont want and make them happy and why did he not show up at the public hearing and face the music? At the public hearings, one of the dog shelter supporters made the statement to make the opposition look bad like we were after the fact crying. When she said this is six months old, where were they then? Six months ago, the McAllister and McKinzie Parks were not a known issue. Clapp Park, this was as far as the citizens knew. As usual, I no one else wants it and lets put it over there. Anyone can bet their last dollar, if the people would have known about it six months ago, there would have been as much opposition as was in the other areas. Linda and Floyd, why did you not do what you did in Clapp Park?

### In Cinque

by Renetta Howard




Howard

In times like these, more people are becoming members of various churches. Times are hard and many people are not just looking for a church home, but in essence, a welfare station. Others want some kind of support system for their general well being. With the media on a fast track to let us know that this deep recession in which we are experiencing has not hit a turning point just yet, makes one wonder just how much harder times are ahead and how long hard times will last.

Discussions of cut backs on employment opportunities as well as current jobs, paints a bleak picture for the new college graduates. Because of this, we will probably see an increase in graduate school enrollment, which is good for the future outlook on employment. This will be a positive aspect of the lack of employment opportunities.

Current employees, white collar and blue collar are experiencing difficulties on their jobs as employers know that there are probably hundreds of possible employees for every job that they have. Bosses are pushing a hard line since they are aware that they have the upper hand. Some have even put themselves in a position to make decisions about life or death situations of some employees. As an example, a lady whose husband died, took off a little time from her job to bury her husband, take care of his business which needed attention and miss her lost. She was away two weeks and when she returned to her job, she no longer had a job. She was told that she was away too long. Her boss was a staunch churchgoer and choir member.

In another instance, a middle-aged lady who is a receptionist at her job, has a daughter who is in intensive care because she had a difficult pregnancy which threatened her life and caused her physicians to have to deliver her fetus prematurely in hopes of saving her life. As a result, the lady's daughter and grandchild are both in intensive care. Because workers whose job description it is to do back-up for this lady when she is absent from work, do not want

to do it, her boss does not want her to have time off, though she has accumulated sick time, annual leave and compensatory time which is available for her to be off from work with pay. In times like these, the church goes and hallelujah hatters seem to have forgotten their god-fearing, god-loving ideals and heart-felt empathy for their co-workers. "Friends" are complaining about co-workers to their bosses instead of speaking with their 'friends' about the quality of their work. Care and concern are lost in the work place. We need to get 'in cinque' and practice the love we preach in the workplace.

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## Danielle Galloway: Positive Example that Anything is Possible with Hard Work

While she may not have a medical diagnosis, IEP, or disability, Danielle Galloway is still an incredibly inspirational special needs child. The seventeen year old who is the oldest of six kids has grown up in and out of homeless shelters, has been bounced around 10 different schools, has seen more hardship than most people will ever know, has not had a tangible relationship with her father, and was molested by her step father. She had every reason why she could have just given up and said that the odds were stacked against her and that she could not do well in school and life.

She could have easily become a statistic. However, she had done exactly the opposite.

Danielle Galloway is graduated last Friday, May 29, 2009, from North Atlanta High School in the top twenty five percent of her class. Furthermore, she has earned a full scholarship to Boston University and has dreams of running "a foundation that will provide mentors to homeless and low-income children" according to the AJC. Her motto is "if she can get through math, she can get through life." According to the AJC "she thinks she wants to study math at Boston University. She's also

considering a career in child advocacy law. Still, she worries about her siblings, four of whom live with their mother and her boyfriend in College Park. The second oldest, Roderick, 14, is an eighth-grader at a boarding school in Rabun Gap. But, for now, Galloway is on her way."

This is a child who has had a very rough life but yet she has managed to thrive. Her school's guidance counselor saw her potential, took her under her wing, found her a more stable living situation, and helped her to thrive. There is a parallel here between Danielle and other special needs kids: These kids have the odds stacked up against them. They have every excuse to throw in the towel and to not reach their fullest potential. Danielle had someone behind her who saw her potential and supported her. No matter what the limitations, every child can do amazing things as long as

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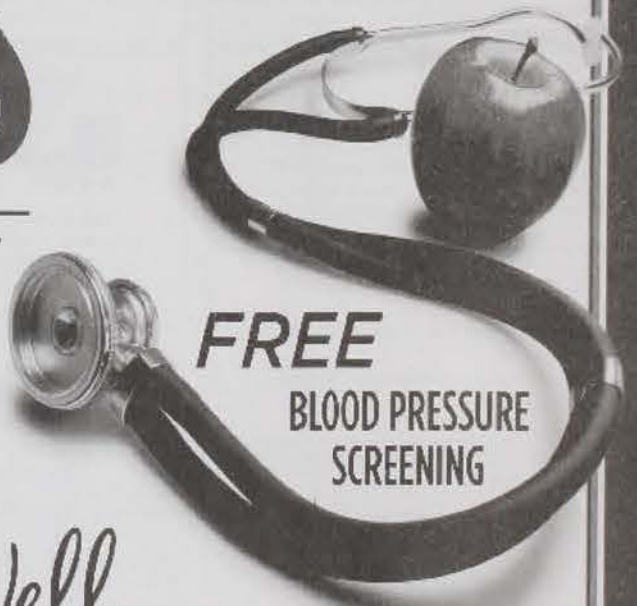
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## Police Mobilizing for 'Round the Clock Seat Belt Enforcement

By Karen Peoples, TxDOT

During the national Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization, local and state police will be stopping vehicles with unbelted drivers or passengers, adding a new emphasis on nighttime during the stepped-up enforcement activities.

In 2007, there were nearly 30,000 people killed in passenger vehicle traffic crashes. Of those, 3,363 were in Texas. Additionally, nearly two-thirds of those killed at

night were not wearing seat belts. The Click It or Ticket campaign uses intensified enforcement to remind drivers to make a conscious decision to buckle up every time they are in a vehicle. Regular use of seat belts is the best defense for drivers and passengers when in a traffic crash.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, seat belt use by African Americans is estimated to be at 75 percent, compared to

83 percent for the overall U.S. population (2008 rate) and (91.2) percent for Texas. The National Safety

Council estimates that 1,300 African American lives could be saved and 26,000 injuries prevented in traffic crashes each year if all buckled up. African American teens are especially at risk, nearly twice as likely than other teenagers to die in a motor vehicle crash. Low seat belt use is a major factor in fatal teen crashes. In 2007, 4,540 passenger vehicle occupants ages 16-20 were killed in motor vehicle crashes, and more than half were not buckled up.

Crashes happen every day, but they don't have to be fatal. In 2007 alone, seat belts saved 15,147 lives! Choose to buckle up. It will save you the cost of a ticket during this intensified enforcement period, and more importantly, it just might save your life. Click It or Ticket, day and night.

## Racism's Role In LA's Gangs

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racial tension has been at the heart of some of its ugliest chapters: from the zoot suit riot beatings of Latinos by white sailors in the 1940s to the deadly Watts riots in 1965 to the riots that erupted in 1992 after four police officers were acquitted in the videotaped beating of Rodney King.

So-called brown-on-black or black-on-brown violence has

been a long-standing concern in neighborhoods where black residents are being supplanted by Latinos. Acknowledging it, however, has political implications and officials often downplay the tension.

"Saying gangs make targeted racial hits can add a great deal of fear of communities," said Joe Hicks, vice president of Community Advocates Inc. and



Pictured above are Black Pilots who were in attendance at a 30th year Reunion held at the Science Spectrum last weekend, May 29 & 30, 2009. They re-visited Lubbock for the first time in more than 30 years. At one time, there were no Black Pilots at Reese, but this group recognized and remembered.

## American Junior Golf Association Returns

Texas Tech University welcomes top junior golfers for fifth year

BRASELTON, Ga. — The field is set for the 2009 Randy Smith Classic presented by the Lubbock Sports Authority. The nation's top junior golfers, ages 12-18, will play at The Rawls Course at Texas Tech University, June 15-18.

In total, 120 junior golfers from 10 states, China and Mexico will compete. The home

state will be well-represented with 68 Texas natives competing. Last year's Boys Division champion, Kraig McLeod, will return to Lubbock to defend his title. McLeod, of Pebble Beach, Calif., rounded out the 2008 season with his victory at Lubbock and a 14th-place finish in the Mayakoba Junior Golf Classic. This will be his second AJGA event of 2009.

For more information, please contact Kelly Willis (kwillis@ajga.org) in the AJGA Communications Department at (678) 425-1791.

## Saved2Serve Brotherhood Will Sponsor Free Food

An interdenominational group of Pastors and Ministers will be sponsoring a Saved2Serve Brotherhood on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the Booker T. Washington Park, from 12 noon until 5:00 p.m.

According to Pastor Chris Moore, there will be Free Food, Free Fun and Free Fellowship.

"So, let's all come out and take part in this event," says Pastor Moore.

For more information, call Pastor Moore at (806) 544-3726.

"God is so good to all of us, and He makes every thing possible for each of us," he continued.

## Lubbock TarHeels Need Your Support

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young men have worked very hard very hard to earn this honor, winning all 4 tournaments that they have entered which were held in Austin, Denver City, Amarillo, and the district qualifier which was held in Lubbock.

Team members are Davierre Johnson, Jaleen Tension, Devin Danford, Bryan Glosson, Carl Willard, Russ Harrison, Speedy Lucero, Devondrick Traylor, Jesse Johns, and Kenaris Jackson.

Sponsorship in any form such as donations, no matter what size, is greatly appreciated. Any person or business that donates \$50.00 or more will have their name displayed on

the back of a team t-shirt that says: "We support the Lubbock Tar Heels." This shirt will be worn at tournaments, to schools, and all over the community of Lubbock as a way of thanking the sponsors and as a way of advertisement for their businesses.

Reena Johns has been coach for four years. She graduated from Texas Tech and was a Lady Raider for 4 years.

Tino Lucero is assistant coach, and is a graduate of South Plains College.

For more information, call either Ms. Johns at (806) 577-0361 or Mr. Lucero at (806) 252-8113.

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**FRIDAY, 6/11**  
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**SATURDAY, 6/12**  
Juneteenth Annual Health Walk 8:30 am - Veterans Hall  
Anniversary Banquet & Gala Open - Elm English Ballroom

**SUNDAY, 6/13**  
A.M. Worship Service - South Temple Community Church  
Cancer & Education Fair - Elmwood High School

**TUESDAY, 6/15**  
Book: Miss Anne St. College Scholarship Fashion Show - The Bridge of Culture

**WEDNESDAY, 6/17**  
South Day Open 9-12 - Elmwood Community Center

**THURSDAY, 6/18**  
Delta Sigma Theta Society  
Men/Women of Year Awards - Elmwood Community Center

**FRIDAY, 6/19**  
Delta Epsilon Gamma Dinner - Civic Center Theater  
Anniversary Prayer Breakfast - First United Church

**SATURDAY, 6/20**  
Senior Citizen Breakfast - Elmwood Community Center  
Anniversary Fashion Parade - Elmwood Community Center  
Park Festivities - G.A. Riggs - Adjacent to Lubbock Park  
"A Change is Coming" Stage Play - Civic Center Theater

For more information please call 806.262.2888 or Log on to www.juneteenthlubbock.com

## Thank God For Jesus

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if you will not listen unto the voice of the Lord, your God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command you this day, all these curses shall come upon you, and you, and overtake you: Cursed shall you be in the fields; Cursed shall be your basket in your basket in your stores. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your land, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. The Lord shall send upon your cursings, vexation, and rebuke, in all that you set your hand to do, until you be destroyed, and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings, whereby you has forsaken me."

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