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Shilah Phillips becomes first African American to win Miss Texas pageant

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American Idol's loss is the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant's gain.

Miss Frisco, Shilah Phillips, who was unsuccessful in her bid to win the popular reality TV show this year, was crowned Miss Texas on Saturday night at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Theater.

"I'm very excited about it because I have reality TV experience," the 24-year-old said moments after being crowned. "I was actually kicked off American Idol, so I'm looking forward to Miss America."

Her new title comes with a \$10,000 prize and the chance to compete for the Miss America crown. In addition to being the first African-American Miss Texas, she will be the first to participate in a reality version of the traditional Miss America Pageant.

Miss America contestants will be filmed in a group living situation, and the program will be broadcast on the CMT network in January with viewers getting a chance to vote for finalists. The Miss America Pageant, which began in 1921 in Atlantic City, was switched to Las Vegas for the first time last year.

First runner-up to Miss Texas was Miss Woodlands, Molly Hazlett; followed by second runner-up, Miss Southlake, Shea Yarborough; third runner-up, Miss Houston, Brooke Webster; and fourth runner-up, Miss Plano, Heather Hodges. Others named to the top 10 were Miss Central Texas, Brooks Bennard; Miss Concho Valley, Madison Dwert; Miss East Texas, Melissa Griffin; Miss Lufkin, Adrianna Nelson;

and Miss Texarkana, Dawn parent preliminaries last week.



Phillips was crowned as the first African American Miss Texas in Fort Worth on Saturday night.

Hughes. In an era when many of the contestants enter the Miss Texas pageant multiple times before winning, Phillips won on her first try. "I'm not a pageant girl," she said, though looking the part in an ivory evening gown with a cascade of ruffles, holding the traditional bouquet of yellow roses. Phillips won both the talent and swimsuit competitions during

her daughter's vocal talent early and had her in the church choir at the age of 3.

"We knew she had it in her, but we didn't know when the world was going to see it," Janie Nicol said while waiting backstage to congratulate her daughter.

Choosing the new Miss Texas was a panel of judges made up of Mignon Merchant Ball, a former Miss Oklahoma; Amy Parker Cook, Miss Texas 1992; Hugh Copeland, producer and director of the Miss Virginia Pageant; Dinah Day, sports broadcaster and actress; Nathan Gooden, a concert pianist and business executive; Dana Phillips, executive director of the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program; and David Weinoek, an actor with TV and film credits.

This is the first year the Miss Texas pageant has been held in conjunction with the Miss Texas Outstanding Teen Pageant. Preliminaries for both pageants were conducted Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday last week, with the teen finalists announced Friday morning.

Named Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen was Miss Southlake, Kendall Morris, a 15-year-old sophomore at Ennis High School. Her talent at playing Libero's Chopsticks earned her the right to compete at the second Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant next month in Orlando, Fla. Megan Miller, a Beaumont native, won the first-ever national teen pageant last year.

Other top five finalists in the teen competition were teens representing

Wichita Falls, Erika Hatcher, first runner-up; White Settlement, Lea Ciskowski; Plano, Erin Hunt; and Burleson, Brittany Barnett.

The new Miss Texas replaces Morgan Marlock, who won last year's title representing Fort Worth.

Putting Arts in the Picture: Reframing Education

Shilah believes that involvement in quality arts learning is a key factor to helping children. It is a proven and valuable tool for engaging students and for improving their performance. No matter the socio-economic background of a student, music, for example is a language spoken in every culture and walk of life. Shilah is a living testimony to the value of arts education. Her interest and participation in school arts programs provided Shilah with a sense of empowerment that carried over into every aspect of her education. Her interest in the arts led to acceptance by (and the respect of) others and significantly improved her self-esteem along with developing her self discipline and teaching her accountability. She knows first hand when a young student participates in educational arts programs it is proven to be an effective strategy to motivate them in the educational process, and to participate more fully, not only in school, but community activities as well. Because of her good fortune, her musical gifts and her arts education, Shilah is compelled to give back to the next generation and knows putting arts in the picture is essential to the education of all children.

Community Meetings

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturday, 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, Mac Simons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.
- Chautau Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Elementary Cafeteria.

Bush's address to the NAACP fails to win over members



President Bush is introduced by NAACP President Bruce Gordon, left, to make remarks, Thursday, July 20, 2006, at the NAACP Annual Convention in Washington. It was Bush's first time speaking to the group since taking office, after rejecting the civil rights group's invitations for five straight years.

It's not often that a man who has been in the same job for more than five years gets to do something new, but George W. Bush has just managed it twice in 24 hours.

The first opportunity came last Wednesday afternoon, when, for the first time, he exercised his right to veto a bill that had been approved by both houses of Congress.

The bill would have lifted a ban the president himself placed on government funding for most research on embryonic stem cells, which many scientists believe could lead to treatment for serious diseases.

The following morning, Mr. Bush addressed the annual con-

ference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - the nation's leading African-American civil rights organization.

He had turned down their invitations since becoming president, and looked like he could become the first sitting president since the 1920s to refuse to address the NAACP. But two short days before the event his spokesman had announced that he would do so for the first time since he was a candidate for president back in 2000.

Difficult ride
In typical fashion, he con-

fronted the controversy head-on with a joke as he began his speech.

He praised the courtesy of NAACP leader Bruce Gordon, who had introduced him, adding: "I thought what he was going to say was, 'It's about time you showed up.'"

The audience laughed, and cheered when he followed up with: "And I'm glad I did." But Mr. Bush got a more difficult ride for the rest of his 30-plus-minute speech, including a murmur of dissent when he said he came from a family that supported civil rights, and outright boos when he talked about charter schools.

He tried to link his support for religious organizations to the groups that fought for civil rights and was met with stony silence. Courtney Patterson, a convention delegate from North Carolina, said he came to the president's speech with an open mind - and left disappointed.

"There were a lot of things in his speech that indicate he's not abreast of the real problems of the African-American community," Mr. Patterson said.

"There were no specific commitments. How are you going to do the things you promise? What specific policies will you put in place?" he demanded. As the president's speech ended, he characterized the standing ovation Mr. Bush received as "cordial".

"When Bill Clinton was here, there was a lot more applause - but he had a record behind him," Mr. Patterson said of the former president.

Electoral considerations
Gerald Martin, an NAACP activist from northern California, said political considerations had forced Mr. Bush to come address

the organization at last. "I expect his advisers told him he couldn't be the only president in 80 years not to address the convention," Mr. Martin said.

"It's in his best interests, and in the best interests of the Republican party."

African-Americans overwhelmingly vote for Democrats. Only one in ten voted for Mr. Bush in 2000 and 2004.

Mr. Bush acknowledged that



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in his speech, pointing out that the first Republican president was the man who ended slavery in the United States.

"I consider it a tragedy that the party of Abraham Lincoln let go of its historic ties to the African-American community," he said.

"For too long my party wrote off the African-American vote and many African-Americans wrote off the Republican Party."

But Carol Swain, a political scientist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, said Mr. Bush could not turn things around with a single speech.

"It's too late into his presidency to expect to neutralize how African-Americans feel about the Republican party," she argued.

She said he would have to make a truly grand gesture if he wanted his party to win African-



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American votes - apologize for slavery.

"He's the born-again Christian, he should be the one to press Congress to pass bipartisan legislation that would be a national apology for slavery," she said.

"It's the right thing to do at this point in history. For some African-Americans it would persuade them to vote for the Republican party."

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If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

In Remembrance

Leonard J. Crowder

Funeral services for Leonard J. Crowder were held Saturday morning, July 22, 2006, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of

Griffin Mortuary and Funeral Home of Lubbock

Mr. Crowder died Saturday, July 15, 2006, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Amarillo.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Crowder; two daughters, Yolanda Crowder and Zanetta Braswell; a brother and sister, Charles Crowder and Nancy Moxley; and three grandchildren.

Cecile Joyce Graves-Hunter

Yorktown, Virginia (Special) Family and friends gathered at the New Bethel Baptist Church for the funeral services of Cecile Joyce Graves-Hunter last Saturday morning, July 22, 2006 with Rev. Ernest Chambliss, Jr. officiating.

Interment has been set at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow at a future date.

She was born to Lucille Sugar Barton-Graves and Julius Caesar C. Graves, Jr. April 7, 1948 in Wichita Falls.

She attended her first year of school at Ellis R. Hess Elementary School in 1954. After her parents founded and established the Mary & Mac Private School in 1975, she attended her school years and graduated in May, 1966, and became the first graduate. She continued her education at Bishop College in Dallas, where she was an honor graduate in May, 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Integrated Social Science. She later furthered her education by receiving her Masters of Arts and Elementary Education from the University of Houston.

After completing her education, she returned to her Alma Mater, Mary & Mac Private School, where she taught for several years. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Cecile married the late John Chester Hunter, and they were the proud parents of a son, Timothy Dwayne.

Later she moved to Odessa with her husband and was property manager for 15 years with Holiday Mobile Home Park. She became a member of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, and remained a devoted member. After the death of her husband Christmas Day, 2000, she returned to Lubbock to live with her best friend, as she would say, Uncle Robert Anderson.

After her health failed her, her niece, Norma Faye Anderson-Ashcraft, who she accepted her as her very own daughter, moved her to Richmond, Virginia to live with her. She lived with Norma and two sons, Zachaeus and Michael.

Cecile passed away Tuesday afternoon, July 18, 2006.

She leaves to mourn her death: her son, Timothy Dwayne (Brenda) of Midland; her beloved brother, Julius C. Graves, III of Midland; devoted niece, Norma Faye Anderson-Ashcraft and grandsons, Zachaeus and Michael, all of Richmond, Virginia; a loving Uncle Robert Anderson of Lubbock; a special cousin, T.J. Paterson, Sr. of Lubbock; step-daughters: Anita

(OB), LaDonna, Tony and Henry, all of Lubbock; nine other grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Memorial services are being planned for August in Lubbock.

Robert G. Hooker

Funeral services for Robert G. Hooker were held Monday afternoon, July 24, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating. Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away Thursday, July 20, 2006 at Bender, Texas.

He was born in Ben Franklin, Texas on April 24, 1956. He was employed by Lubbock Truck Sales for many years before his illness.

He is survived by his wife, Charlie Hooker of Lubbock; a son, Tony Hooker of Austin; parents, Hosen and Ruby Lee Hooker of Lubbock; six sisters; eight brothers, four daughters and 16 grandchildren.

Callie Mae Benson Howard

Funeral services for Callie Mae Benson Howard were held Wednesday morning, July 26, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Howard passed away Friday, July 21, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside.

She is survived by her husband, John Howard, Sr.; and children: John Howard, Jr. (Beverly) of Hawaii, California, A. J. Howard (Lesa) of Richardson, Texas; Howard of Houston, Ollie Howard of Lakewood, California, Calvin Howard of Brent, California and Marion Wright (Rennie) of

Pearland.

Memorial services for Joseph L. Lee will be held at 11:00 a. m. Saturday morning, July 29, 2006, at the Hope Deliverance COGIC, 2812 East 4th Street, where Edward Charles Tanner, pastor, officiating.



Joseph L. Lee went home to be with the Lord Friday, July 14, 2006, at Valley Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

Joseph was born May 7, 1958 in Lubbock. He was a graduate of Estacado High School, and attended Texas Tech University. Joseph became a licensed ordained minister in Denver, Colorado. He moved to Seattle, Washington where he was a pastor of the "Walk of Faith Ministries." He also worked at Valley Medical Center where he was employed as a Chef Cook. He touched many lives in both of his fields of work.

Immediate survivors are his wife, Treva; a son, David; father, Matthew Lee; mother, Vinia Thompson; two brothers, Matthew Lee and Garnett Lee; and two sisters, Shirley Lee Pratt and Doris Lee Hall of Kansas.

The family requests memorials be made to the Providence Hospice of Seattle, Washington, 425 Pontis Avenue N., Seattle, Washington 98109.

Memorial: Elsie Marie Hodge

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Some people have a thoughtful way of living, a happiness they bring to every day. In her helpful things they do for other people, she smiles they share, the caring words they say. In every happy time or treasured memory, it seems they've played a very special part. Some people have a thoughtful way of living that comes from always giving from the heart.

Keep spreading the love
Your Family



By Doris Reynolds

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor a Jubilee Praise & Worship on Sunday afternoon, July 30, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. Members of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church will be also be present. Rev. Eddie L. Everline, Jr. is host pastor.

Let us not forget those who are sick and shut-in this week. The list grows each week, and if you know them, don't forget to pray for them. Among them on the sick list include Undre Baker, who is a patient at the University Medical Center. Your prayers are most appreciated for this young man.

Let us keep the Ervin family lifted up with our prayers. They include Clarence Ervin, Joan Y. Ervin, Deborah Ervin and Tyrone Ervin.

Let us not forget Brother Lester and Sister Bobbie Brown who have been ill for sometime. Also, Brother Rudolph Belvin who remains ill and shut-in. Your prayers are need for Sister Marie Taylor and Brother Tommy Graves. Also Brother Tommy Cagle. God is able.

Among our families who lost loved ones include the family of Sisier Colie Mae Howard who

was funeralized Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church.

Also, a longtime resident, Cecile Joyce Graves Hunter, passed away last week in Richmond, Virginia, and services were held for her there Saturday morning, July 22, 2006.

Let us not forget the annual picnic of the New Hope Baptist Church will be held Saturday afternoon, August 5, 2006, at the Booker T. Washington Park, across from the church, beginning at 5:00 p. m. This is a wonderful way to fellowship, young and old.

It is about that time again when the Women Missionary Society of New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor its Seventh Annual Prayer Retreat Friday and Saturday, August 18th and 19th, at the Ark in Amherst, Texas. Rev. Theaha McClendon will serve as the Clinician. Sister Joan Y. Ervin is president, and rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. The group will travel via bus. More on this next week.

The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church where The People really Care," and Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope. You will be glad you did so.

The morning worship got underway with Meditation and Prayer last Sunday morning, and followed by the Praise Team singing and testifying about the goodness of God! What a time! Minister B. McCutcheon read the morning scripture and Deacon E. Swain offered a fervent prayer. Praise God!

The New Hope Choir sang several selections out of their hearts and souls. Among them was "Hold Out" and "Jesus Will Take care of You!"

Minister Charles Wilson delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "God's Word Spoken Frequently Is Not Heard." His scripture text was Matthew 13:3-13. He made it known that we should read God's word. By reading the Holy Bible, we grow, and God's will is recognized in the word. It was a very good message for all in attendance.

After the invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by Sister LaVerne Williams, and all visitors were welcomed by Brother Darrell Phillips.

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with Shirley Roberson

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Church News



We Thank God for Jesus Lord, The New Church Game

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

Matthew 16:18a - Jesus said, upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail (overrun) against it.

Lord, for some reason the churches are changing, and it's for the public sake. They're trying come on in here. This is the friendly and a loving place.

Revelation 2:2-4 - Jesus said, I know your works, your labor, your patience, and how you cannot bear them which are evil; and you haven't tried them which say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars. Nevertheless, I have some what against you, because you have left your first love.

Lord, but when you get in that church, your word does not take first place. It is like the man kissing himself in the mirror. The place is truly a disgrace!!!

Colossians 1:18 - He (Jesus) is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead that in all things he might have the preeminence (rank first).

Lord, the churches have a new thing: go kiss and hug five people in this place, but when there is sickness in your family, then is when you can't find one face!!!

James 1:27 - pure religion

and undefiled before God and the father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Churches have the tithing lines so as to shame other Sisters and Brothers. They sing, Lord, Bless The Tither. Then is it a cursing to be put on the other???

Romans 1:21-22 - Because that when they (The Church) knew God, they glorified him no as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves (The Church) to be wise. They became fools.

Lord, some churches are like Samson, they're strong, but is so weak. They're like Samson was when he lost his strength. He was fast asleep!!!

Isaiah 55:8-9 - The Lord said, for my thoughts are not your thoughts. Neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord.

When the church has a Deacon who runs a night club and sells alcohol. The Pastor of the church knows it, but he loves his tithes and offerings and all!!!

Mark 11:17 - Jesus said, is it written, my house shall be called of all nations the House of Prayer? But you have made it

a den of thieves.

Lord, we can see the nation going down hill and it's going very fast. We're raising up America's children of evil doers, and we know that won't last!!!

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

Lord, the church and the preachers put the people in a \$20, \$50 and \$100 prayer lines. They say, God said to give your last like the widow in Zar'ephath. But he's lying.

*** Yes, The Preachers Will
Rob God!!! ***

(Here is wisdom, if the Lord has blessed you with your rent money, and you go to church and give it, and you get put out. That is your fault! And if the Lord bless you with your light bill money, and your lights are out off. That is not of God!!!

1 Timothy 5:8 - If any provide no for his own, and especially of those of his own (your) house, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel (an unbeliever).



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Black males - Staying the course in troubled times - Part II

In my previous article, we encouraged Black males to stay the course in the troubled time that we live and we continue in this article to promote this idea. We were encouraged by a vote of 78-0, the Senate approving a 25-year extension of the Voting Rights Act and President Bush reaction to the Act. Such actions should inspire and stimulate Black males to become model citizens in the United States.

We must never forget that Southern states especially within the United States did not protect the ability of minorities (Blacks especially) and the disadvantage to cast ballots. Texas was one of those states and the action of former U. S. House leader Tom DeLay in the redistricting of the state for party-line purpose is an indicator that the Voting Rights Act is still necessary.

Black males in particular must get a grip on their negative behavior toward society as a bold and pay homage to those who paved the way for their freedom by achieving in academics, finance, politics and becoming PRODUCERS instead of CONSUMERS. Black males must remember that blood, sweat and tears were a process in helping eradicate the rampant discrimination that spurred the

enactment of the law in 1965. Black males must remember that possession of a felony charge on your record is one way white southern males can stop you from voting and compel that you always be subservient and serve to them. Follow the "rule of law."

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act bill into law only after violent attacks on civil rights marchers who demanded that Americans Blacks and other races had the right to vote.

It is worthy of note that Civil Rights leaders praise the Senate action and called on President Bush to send a strong signal to the Justice Department the measure must be strongly enforced. The chief law enforcement officer in the Justice Department is Alberto Gonzales, a Mexican American nominated by President Bush who has the appearance of being more loyal to his boss than to enforcing the "rule of law."

Case in point: Under Title 8 Section 1325 of the U. S. Code, "Improper Entry by Alien," any citizen of any country other than the United States who enters or attempts to enter the United States at any time or

place other than as designated by immigration officers; or

• Eludes examination or inspection by immigration officers; or
• Attempts to enter or obtains entry to the United States by a willfully false or misleading representation or the willful concealment of a material fact; has committed a federal crime.

Each year it is noted more than a million people flagrantly violate the rules of the United States borders by unlawfully crossing to work, receive public funded services, often with the aid of fraudulent documents.

There are some estimates of more than 20 million illegal immigrants live in the United States. Five million of these are overstayers. The Immigration Nationality Act Section 237 (a)(1)(B) says "Any alien who is present in the United States in violation of this Act or any other law of the United States is deportable."

Mr. Gonzales does not appear by his action to be doing his job. All Americans must follow the "rule of law" in these trouble times. Black males are once again encouraged to follow the "rule of law." Following the "rule of law" will legally empower you!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

If My People Would Pray

II Chronicles 7:14; James 5:13-14; Mark 11:22-26

If the real Christians would pray, our God will heal this land. In Mark, we put our faith in God. Whatever we ask in his name, he will give it to us, but first we must believe, forgiving anyone you're holding a grudge against. James says, "Is there any sick among you???" We are able to bring relief to those who are hurting through Jesus Christ. The prayers of a Righteous Man rise you up, if it's done by Faith through Jesus

Christ. Do you have Faith enough to believe the word of God??? Don't brag and get you a \$50 healing line. It's not about you. It's all about Jesus. We're only instruments. In his hand, we do what he says you can do and give him the Glory. These scriptures are important. Read them over and over!

Thoughts:
• The enemy is trying to keep us focus on small things, so we can't see Jesus.
• Racism is a learned behavior then why do people keep teaching it.
• Some people say there is no hell. I want to live like there is one, and I don't want to go there.
• Don't forget to pay for your

people, especially your Family, the Church Family and the Community. Do a drive by prayer and you don't have to stop.

For our families who have lost loved ones, remember God specializes in things that seem impossible, and he will do what no other power can do, just call him.

We will meet the 5th of August, 2006 in the home of Sister Annie McBride at 9:00 a.m. at 402 Walnut Avenue. Mark your calendar and come! Thanks for reading, Saints.

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

Rollison earns certificate for social work

Congratulations to Ms. Carolyn Rollison, Case Manager with Harris County Social Services Department's Senior Assistance Program, for earning the prestigious certificate in Human Services and Gerontology from the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work. The Graduate College of Social Work offers a program leading to a certificate in Human Services and Gerontology (HSG). This program is comprised of required foundation (core) courses [The Bio-Medical Aspects of Aging, The Social & Cultural Aspects of Aging and The Psychology of Aging] and a number of optional

courses chosen in order to meet certificate requirements.

Rollison says of the program, "The content and subject matter for each course was invaluable, and the classes have assisted me greatly in working with the older adult population that I assist as a case manager in the senior assistance program."

Gopie and Johnson to marry Saturday

Wedding vows will be exchanged Saturday evening, July 29, 2006, between Alma L. Gopie and Virgil L. Johnson at the Holiday Inn in DeSoto, Texas, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, July 23, 2006. Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor. Pastor Canady reminds all of us of pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. God is the answer to all of our problems. If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with St. Matthew Baptist Church. You'll be glad you did so!

Ann Hereford and Sister Annie Onasanya. The Senior Choir sang out of their hearts. Pastor Canady delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "For The Battle In The Lord." His scripture text was 1 Samuel 17:42-47. Thanks for the word, Pastor Canady.

Let us continue to pray for

our sick and shut-in citizens. Among them include Sister Betty Titus. You may know of others, so pray for them as well.

Thought For The Week: "God's teaching may not always make a sense, but it's always senseless to think we know better."

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a. m. with Assistant Superintendent Sister Oretta Moore in charge. The morning lesson was entitled "All For One." The scripture text was 1 Corinthians 12:1-13. It was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady. It was another wonderful lesson.

The worship got underway at 11:15 a. m. with the morning devotion led by Sister George

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Annual Minter & Reed Family Reunion held here

With the theme "Healthy & Happy Spreading With The Love," the Minter & Reed Family Reunion was held at the Lou Stubbs Park, 38th & Avenue J, July 9 & 10, 2006. There were approximately 100 family members in attendance.

With the family motto, "Only The Strong Survives," family members traveled many locations including: Clovis, New Mexico, Dallas, El Paso, Austin, Denton, Snyder, San Angelo, Cedar Hill, San Antonio, Amarillo and Fort Worth, McNeil, Arkansas, and Columbia, Maryland.

Special guests were Ungra Andre Murray, Broderick Minter, Louie Williams, Tremekin Thomas, Aaliyah Young, Geraldine Scott, and Austin Abigide.

T-Shirts for the 2006 reunion were brown & white.

Both parents of the Minter family preceded their children in death. They were the parents of six daughters and a son. Their mother was Rosie Lee Minter, and their father was Maxie Eugene Minter. Also, a daughter, Emma Jean Benson, passed away February 23, 2001. She was the mother of Effie Nelson.

Family members are praying this year for the death of an uncle, Huland August Benson, whose life expired December 4, 2003.

A special thanks to Patricia Minter who was the sponsor of the music and Andre Murray who was the disc jockey. A special thanks to Alfredo who works so faithfully. Again, special thanks to Velda and Valarie for building and ordering our T-shirts. Double thanks to our precious cooks for 2006. Thanks to Patricia Harvest for the hot water combread. We were thankful for these precious cooks. The meats were prepared by our cousins, and our fruits were responsible for the vegetables.

Our menu consisted of the following: Fried Chicken, Ribs, Brisket, Hot Links, Pork Chops, Barbecue Chicken, Wieners and Hamburger Patties, Nacho & Chips, Green Chili Casserole. Bread included: White Bread, Combread, Hot Dog and Hamburger Buns, and Hot Water Combread.

The Delicious Vegetables were: Red Beans, tossed Salad, a variety of Potato Salads, Vegetable Trays, Peppers, Tomatoes, a variety of trimmings and dressings. Of course, we can't forget the drill slices.

Mouth watering cakes were: Sour Cream Pound Cake, Pineapple, Italian Cream, Chocolate, Cream Cheese, and Lemon. Drinks were: Dasani Water, Tea and a variety of sodas.

We are just thankful to have had those of you who were responsible for preparing your favorite dish and to use

Benefit planned for South Plains Food Bank

Several artists will display their work and numerous bands will participate in an Acoustic Battle in a joint venture to raise funds for the South Plains Food Bank. The inaugural event is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 6, from 2-10 p.m. at the Wild West Night Club in the Depot District.

The purpose of the event is to increase awareness of the South Plains Food Bank, which provides food for the needy throughout the South Plains region.

Over 60 artists from around the world have submitted items for purchase that will be displayed at Wild West. Admission is \$1 per person and children 13 and younger will be admitted free. After 6 p.m., ages 18 and up will only be allowed entrance. A discount cash bar and BBQ plates will be available for purchase.

In addition to the displays of artwork, 12 bands will provide entertainment throughout the event as part of Lubbock's first Acoustic Battle. The top three groups and/or individuals will receive cash prizes and gift certificates. Artists wanting to register for the event can do so by attending Thursday night's meeting at Wild West at 9 p.m. or 7 p.m. at the NY Life building at 1212 13th St # 300, (727 & 803). Each artist will pay a refundable \$30 deposit and will be given a 10-square foot cubicle in which to display their work. Jewelry makers, sculptors, etc. will be given a pool table on which to display their items. Pieces of art which are not suitable for viewing by minors will be displayed in an adult-only room.

Additionally, those whose works of art are inscribed on their skin can compete in the Body Art Contest for a \$5 entry fee. Cash prizes and gift certificates will be awarded for the top three places.

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delicious bake deserts. Saturday, July 8th, there was a Fish Fry at our Aunt Katherine Gilbert's residence, 3609 East 14th Street. There were approximately 50 family members present. The menu included: Fish, French Fries, 1/2 and 1/2, Bread, Tea, Soda and Water. Our Lubbock family members welcomed our out-of-town family members. There were plenty of hugs and kisses to go around for everyone present.

The reunion got under way Sunday, July 9th, with the opening prayer which was led by every one repeating the "Lord's Prayer." An opening prayer was given by Uncle Willie L. Minter, Sr. A welcome was done by the 2005 officers. Food was served from noon until everyone was fed which included 100 people. During the meal, music was playing as well as a variety of games were played including: Dominoes, Kickball, Spades, and Little People's Pool at the park under the supervision. Family members took time for a little run.

Congratulations were in order for our new members: Treyvon Santos, Nina Johnson, Q'Dayn Thomas. We are expecting more new members in 2006-2007: Jessica Rodriguez, Jennifer Ruby, and Tremekin Thomas.

Also, congratulations to our 2006 graduates: Sasha Smith, Monterey High School, who will be attending South Plains College this Fall; Candra Raven, Estacado High School, who will attend South Plains College in the Fall; and Chanel Gilbert, Cedar Hill High School, who will be attending Prairie View A&M University in the Fall.

More Congratulations: Aunt Katherine who had all of her six children present for the reunion; Bener Nelson who will attend the first grade this Fall; Uncle Willie who was the first person to send his payment of dues.

Congratulations for Geraldine Scott for being a first time attendee; Aunt Mangallene had four great-grand babies born between 2005-2006.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Gilbert for becoming grandparents.

Our hats are off to July 2006 birthday family members. The 2006 plaque was passed from Aunt Earnestine Minter to Aunt Lorine Minter in 2007 for their sister Emma Jean Benson.

Photos were taken on the spot. Family members were able to have all kinds of pictures taken. Pictures were taken of each generation which included photos of Aunts and Uncles of Minter children. The family reunion was video taped last year by Uncle Willie L. Minter and Cousin Fredrick Boyd.

For family members who were unable to attend this year's reunion, may Jehovah God bless you to attend the 2007 reunion. We missed seeing so many of you this year. Anthony Thomas, Craig Scott and Lornita Raven, we want you to know we missed you all. Keep in mind, our family love all of you. God hears your prayers every minute in an hour. God is able.

Another year has gone by. We want to know our Aunts and Uncles: Thelma Lje Jackson, Willie L. Minter, Sr., Katherine Gilbert, Margallene Thomas, Earnestine Minter, Lorine Minter and Emma Jean Benson who have gone to glory. These are the children of Maxey and Rosie Lee Minter.

We want to thank the City of Lubbock for use of the building.

Thank you, Southwest Digest and Staff for supporting the Minter/Reed Family Reunion with a summary of our reunion as news in your newspaper. You have been a blessing to the Minter-Reed Family. Our news is nation wide. You have been behind our family every year. Thank you so much.

We want to thank Patricia Minter for coming home this year to the family reunion. She was elected as vice president in 2005, but she had to depart from Lubbock because of a job opportunity. She had been with the family reunion for 13 years.

This year, there were two family members who had to go to the hospital. They were Aunt Katherine Gilbert and Aunt Effie Nelson. It is a blessing when family members come home to give support and are ill. We want to thank everyone also with prayers.

Remarks were given from our president, Velda Gilbert, who thanked everyone for coming home this year, 2006. Everyone looked so cool and beautiful in their dark brown and white T-Shirts. Next year's T-Shirts will show the year 2007 with the colors of purple and white.

A special thanks to each family

member for helping us to get the family reunion together by ordering T-Shirts, preparing food, keeping the building clean and outside, decorating the building, getting the music set up, keeping trash together, getting building keys to the building, and turning keys back to the proper place.

The officers for 2006: President, Velda Gilbert; Vice President, Cynthia Pierce; Assistant-to-Vice President, Richard Gilbert; Secretary, Effie Nelson; and Treasurer, Valarie Gilbert.

Sunday morning, July 10, 2006, there were 40 people present. Prayer was offered by Uncle Joe Jackson. Breakfast was served to everyone in attendance. The menu was: Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Orange Juice, Donuts, Cereals, Coffee, and Pancake.

On this day, everyone was dressed in different color T-Shirts, which included those from 1990 to 2006 of T-Shirts which were ordered by family members. So on that day, it was a Rainbow and Shirt Day. How wonderful everyone looked. More pictures were taken and addresses were exchanged. It was about 1:00 p.m. when family members begin to depart from Lubbock. Music was played, games were played, and by 7:00 everyone was out of the building.

The women in the family went to give a special "Thank You" to the men who are in the family. Thanks for staying around and helping with everything. Uncle Joe, you keep coming back. The family wants to express and

give their blessing to Jehovah God for bringing our family together for this happy occasion, July 8, 9, & 10, 2006.

Again, we want to thank everyone for coming home for the 2006 Minter-Reed Family Reunion. We continue to give our blessing to Jehovah God. It will be 365 days before our next family reunion.

We learned that all family members returned home safe and sound!

Information will be sent out in January, 2007 about the family

reunion for July, 2007. Keep in mind, we need a theme for the July, 2007 Reunion. Contact Effie Nelson if you have any ideas. We give our blessing to Jehovah God. Family members, let's keep praying for each other. Remember, a family that prays together, stays together. Keep our prayer line open, and stay connected with God. We have an awesome God. Draw in power. God is good all the time!

Minter Family, God is smiling on our family!

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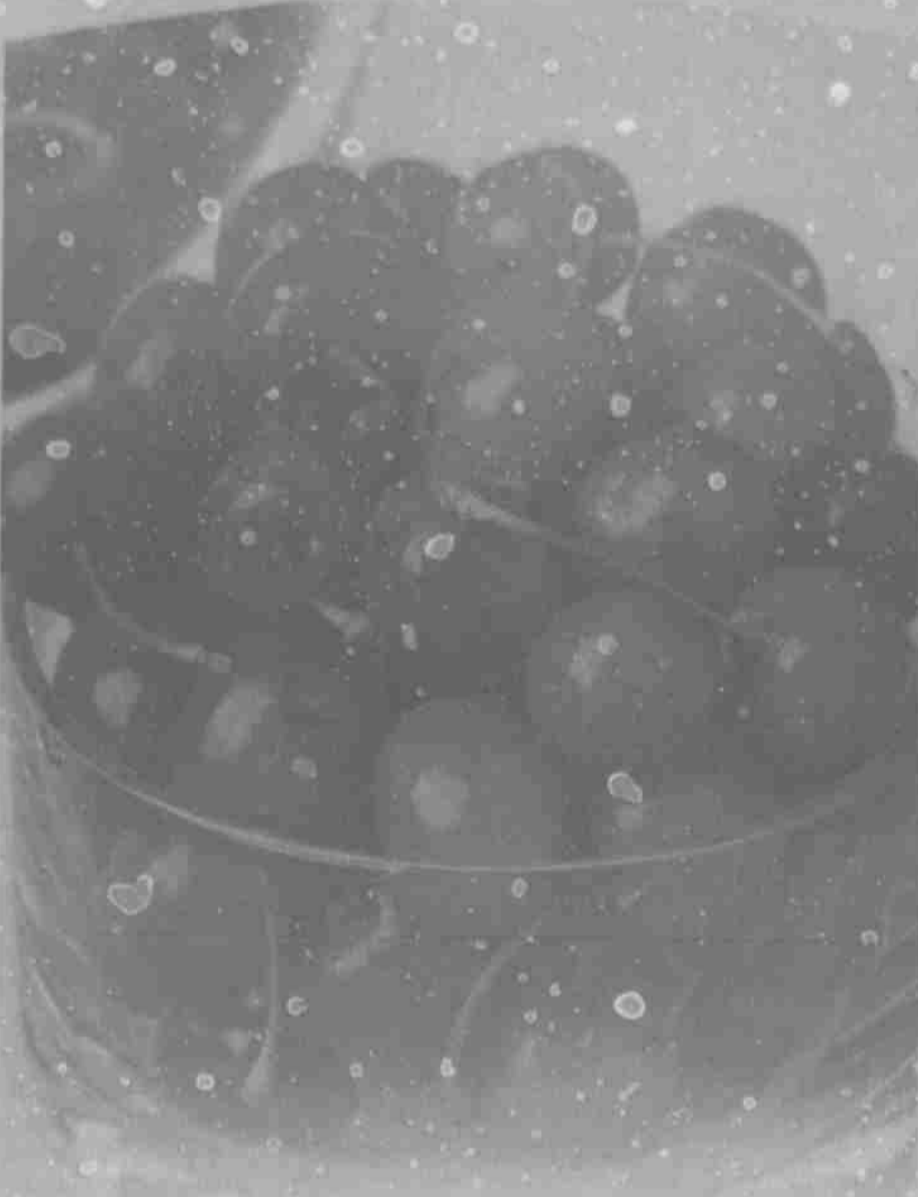
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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

THANK GOD FOR A PRAYING BODY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS! THIS N THAT was pleased to see that MAYOR DAVID MILLER and the Lubbock City Council have recognized who is in control of all. With the shortage of rain in Lubbock and West Texas, it is just refreshing to know there are ELECTED OFFICIALS who are willing to stand up and say the right thing these days as we live a world of personal possessions and know all the answers and in many cases we leave out the real power who can help us. This area of Texas has been labeled a drought area and appears as though water is becoming shorter than to be expected. But, THANK GOD for what Mayor Miller said, "WE ARE IN A SERIOUS DROUGHT IN WEST TEXAS AND WE'RE ASKING (GOD) FOR HIS MERCY AND HIS HELP."

This is very strong, and we hope as many as are able or willing, will bow their heads in prayer and ask the Creator for his blessings, but we must keep in mind that God DIDN'T BRING US THIS FAR TO LEAVE US! Yes, it is praying time!

SPEAKING OF DROUGHT AND CUTTING OFF OF ELECTRICITY! THIS N THAT learned that because of drought conditions in Texas, THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF

TEXAS approved an emergency rule that restricts electric providers from CUTTING POWER TO SOME NEEDY CUSTOMERS. The three-person commission VOTED TO PROHIBIT POWER SHUT-OFFS through the end of September for LOW-INCOME ELDERLY CUSTOMERS AND THOSE WITH SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITIONS. Those customers must pay at least 25% of their outstanding bill starting in October and the rest within five months. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THESE CUSTOMERS MUST CONTACT THEIR ELECTRIC COMPANY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. This was done because of drought conditions, and this will protect Texas' vulnerable citizens. THIS N THAT was glad to see this compassion shown by these commission members for Texas citizens. Who knows? This could affect one of your family members in Lubbock and West Texas.

LET THE INMATES WORK FOR TAXPAYERS! THIS N THAT was glad to see the City of Lubbock and Lubbock County combine their efforts to come up with a program which will allow LUBBOCK COUNTY INMATES to voluntarily work. The program will not involve dangerous criminals. While working, the inmates will be on an honor

system. According to the rules of the program, they would be supervised by two Sheriff's Deputies. This would be an advantage for the inmates as they would be in contact with people who could help them once they have served their time. Among the work would include working for the City of Lubbock picking up trash, mowing grass and trimming trees. Their offense must be either a Class A or Class B misdemeanor, and they must VOLUNTEER!

DON'T WANT TO LEAVE LUBBOCK! While visiting CAVIE'S PHARMACY, who is one of our advertisers and supporter one day last week, THIS N THAT talked to a very positive and personal employee, EDDIE LOVE, who said there were DUNBAR GRADS AND FORMER STUDENTS who had been in Lubbock since the Dunbar 7th All-Class Reunion, and they just DON'T WANT TO LEAVE! It just goes to show you that Lubbock is a good place to call home, and Dunbar High School really made a difference in their lives. Oh yes, there is also some good food at home and Mom can still cook some good chow. Anyway, stay as long as you can there is always room for each you

PENNY HAS'INGS THE BARBER SAYS, "WHAT A DIFFERENCE a day can make as it could be the BEGINNING OF SOMETHING GREAT in your life."



Think About It!

Denied, Overlooked, Ignored And Non-Caring!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Invisible people and events have us in a serious situation which brings about war, homelessness, medical disasters, cancer, diabetes, heart trouble and many bad situations. One of the biggest problems is the complex situation between the haves and have-nots.

When you really look into the situation, many of the problems stem from our society's denial of the real problems, along with overlooking, ignoring, and not caring by the general population. AS A whole, we have problems that are getting worse daily such as STD's in jail and prisons, unwanted teenage pregnancy, STD's, both by status quo, is not or should not be a reality, but they are happening and causing more unwanted babies. This also leads to more STD's and Aids, suffering and death.

As far as society is concerned giving clean needles to drug users, condoms to the inmates does not look good. But look good or not, many lives could be saved. You see in real life, these problems exist. If we admit it or deny it, playing religion or moral behavior while we are denying or ignoring the truth, lives are still being lost.

The root of most of the problems come from poverty, no hope,

deprivation and despair which causes low self-esteem, no respect for life even their own. No respect for property of other people, long with which leads to drugs, crime, and no hope for the future.

When you look at the haves' money and power, the control pharmacy companies making record profits while poor people are suffering and dying, because of the lack of funds or no insurance. Oil companies and others are getting millions of dollars to retire or not perform and receive large amounts for not working. Yes, these oil companies are making billions in profits while poor people everyday are using public transportation, car pooling, bicycling no because they desire to do so, but because they can't afford gasoline.

At one time, politicians were committed for the people, but now a large number of them appear to be for the money and power while the people suffer. People in the inner city and ghetto can't be classed with people of the suburbs or middle class America. Low that's where the problems really lie. The one size fits all posture doesn't work because of different cultures, life styles, heritages and values. This is why you must take

people for who they are and once we accept all people for who and what they are and give them the respect they deserve. Everyone will be better off and live together in harmony, no matter the race, creed, class, religion or cast. Then we can all be and truly understand we all are Brothers and Sisters, and are a creation of God.

Closing Thought: "It is better to deserve honor and not have them and not deserve them." "The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read."

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She is the niece of Mary J. Wilson of Globe Ave., and Odessa Felder of E. Colgate Ave., both of Lubbock, Texas.

Williams is a 2000 graduate of Estacado High School.



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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



In times like these, the average American does not know whether to 'gee or haw.'

Every day for the past month or so, there are personnel changes in the national configuration of our government, especially in the inner circle of President George W. Bush. Many of these movements are tending to move on out of the front door.

Movements are not unusual in government posts, but one would tend to feel that the leaks and wiretaps in the not so long ago past is causing many seats to be too hot to sit in without getting a burn. It appears that those who have a chance to get out of the mix are trying as hard as they can to do so. Since self preservation is the first law of

nature, we can understand when no one wants to stay on a sinking ship by the captain's side.

When the individual who are the keepers of our government cannot be found to be trustworthy, what is the average American to do? What can we do about the wiretapping of our telephones and computer hacking and personal record thefts? How will these types of events affect our voting choices in the coming years? Who can we trust?

It is obvious that many employees in the federal government have no regard for the average citizen or veteran, especially when an employee earning \$91,000 plus finds it necessary to take vital personal electronic data on U. S. veterans to his home to have to report it stolen. This theft affected as many as 26.5 million veterans (*Washington Post*, 5/31/06.) After reporting the theft, which allegedly took place on May 3, it was May 10 before the Deputy Secretary was told

about it and May 16 when the Veterans Affairs Secretary learned of the theft and May 22 when the public was informed. Of course, the employee who was responsible for taking the vital data home has been informed that he is being terminated for taking the data home as this was expressly against policy.

Was this theft what it seems to be? Was there some ulterior motive for these actions? Why veterans? Does it have any connection to the war in Iraq? How will it affect homeland security? What price could data like this fetch? How could anyone other than the employee know that he had such sensitive materials in his home, especially since he was violating agency policy? Is simply losing a job going to be the end of this, even if the FBI discovers the whereabouts of the data? Americans need to get 'in cinque' and keep a close watch on the goings and comings of our government.

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By James Clark and Dave Walker

The KKK will rally in Amarillo soon. One member tells us the group is different now. "We're kind of like the NAACP," she says.

We are less than two weeks away from a Klu Klux Klan rally in Amarillo. That's right, the Klan plans to rally at Amarillo City Hall on Saturday August 5th. We contacted the West Texas version of the Klan, called Empire Knights. Our question was pretty simple: Will the Klan also rally in Lubbock? Before we give you the answer, we want to tell you several interesting things about the West Texas Klu Klux Klan. It would seem they now see themselves as a civil rights movement in the same category as the NAACP.

Christi Bridges, the person who took out the demonstration permit in Amarillo on behalf of Klu Klux Klan tells NewsRadio 1420, "It's been pretty good. It's

nothing but, y'know how the people were... I know you hear people used to be, y'know. We don't do anything like that. We don't go out to our rallies in robes or anything like that. Robes are for ceremonial purposes only. We don't preach hatred when we're there."

Whereas most of us read in history books that the KKK targeted African Americans for torture or death after the civil war... as well as the civil rights era of the 1960's. Ms. Bridges talks of a kinder, gentler KKK.

Bridges went on to say, "We want to secure the White race. But we don't hate anybody. We just

want; we're kind of like the NAACP. They hate the Black people. And stuff like that. Y'know what I'm saying. That's all we're trying to do is help secure our race. I mean we're not out trying to hate people and kill people, and all that. That's totally wrong. We're a law abiding Christian organization. And you do have to be a Christian to join our organization."

We left you hanging on that all important question: Will the Klan rally in Lubbock? Not for now. After Amarillo, the Empire Knights plan to rally in San

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Carl Brashear, first Black Navy diver, dies

RICHMOND, Va. - Carl M. Brashear, a Kentucky native and the first black U.S. Navy diver, died yesterday. He was 75.

Brashear, who was born and raised in Sonora, was the inspiration for the 2000 film "Men of Honor," in which Cuba Gooding Jr. portrayed him and starred alongside Robert De Niro.

Brashear died at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth of respiratory and heart failure, the medical center said.

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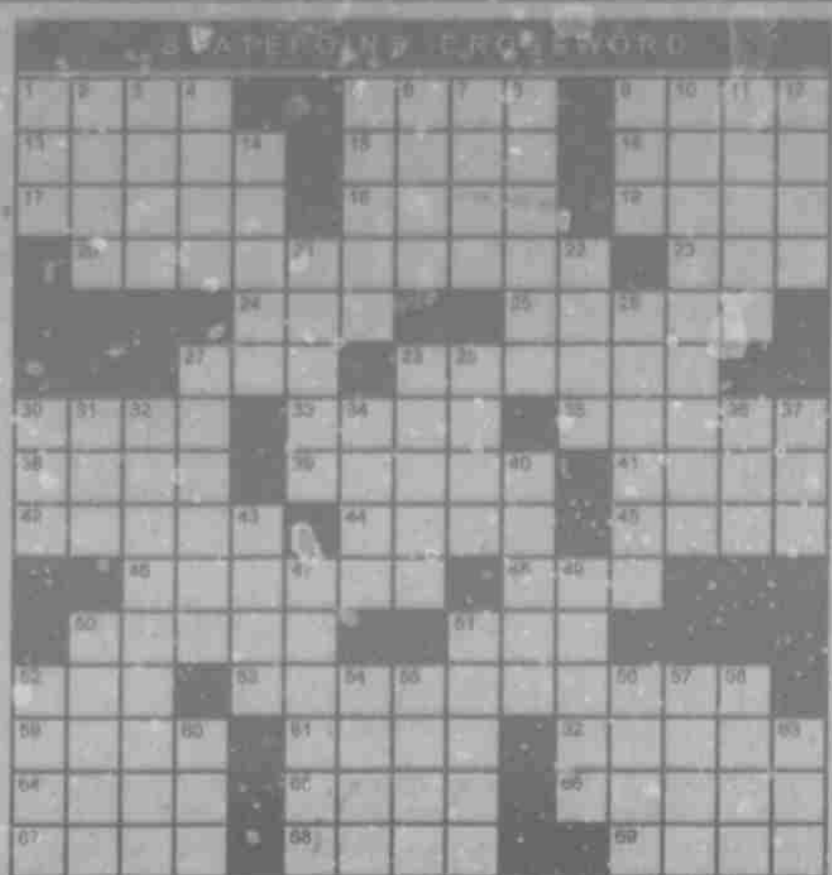
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 - Poetic although
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 - Make taut
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