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

**Meetings**

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 495 MLK Blvd., 806-771-1815
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Hub City Kwanzaa meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 1:00 pm
- Barker T. Washington, American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowstone 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 Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway Guadalupe & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hill Elementary.
- Chairman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hill Elementary Cafeteria.

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Ten South Plains College students have been selected to participate in the Community College Aerospace Scholars program at NASA Johnson Space Center. Shown seated, from left, Shirley A. Davis, assistant professor of mathematics at SPC; Meisha Loggins, Amanda Videtich and Allison Goss. Standing from left are Allen Miller, assistant professor of mathematics at SPC; Benjamin Canales, Jim Patrick Chavez, Dustin Dell, Jeremy Blair, Scott Kristinek and Kendrick Lange. Jessica Mendes is not shown. (SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)

**SPC students to visit NASA's Johnson Space Center**

**LEVELLAND** - Ten South Plains College students will participate in the Community College Aerospace Scholars program on April 3-5 at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Johnson Space Center in Houston. This is the fourth year that SPC has participated in the program. The Community College Aerospace Scholars program is part of the Texas Aerospace Scholars and was created by the state of Texas, in partnership with

JSC and the Texas educational community, to encourage community and junior college students to enter careers in science and engineering. During the two-day event, students will participate in a team project directed by NASA engineers, attend briefings, tour facilities and interact with students from across Texas. SPC participants are Jim Patrick Chavez and Amanda Videtich, both of Levelland; Scott Kristinek of Littlefield; Jeremy Blair, Benjamin Canales and

Meisha Loggins, all of Lubbock; Dustin Dell of Seminole; Kendrick Lange of Wall; Allison Goss of Whitharral; and Jessica McCrez of Wolfcreek. "This program opens their eyes to everything involved," said Shirley A. Davis, assistant professor of mathematics. "This shows them the importance of teamwork and this will encourage them to work for NASA or any other company. The sky's the limit." For more information, contact [canales@spc.edu](mailto:canales@spc.edu) or call 806-269-2699.

**5th Annual Educators Hall Of Fame Banquet Set**

The African American Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its 5th Annual Educators Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday evening, May 2, 2008, at the KoKo Palace, 5001 Avenue Q.

The induction ceremony and banquet will be held from 6:30 p. m. until 8:30 p. m. A byob mixer will be held from 9:00 a. m. until 1:00 a. m.

The 2008 inductees are: Dr. William Marcy, Dr. E. C. Struggs, EPA R. Iles, Percy Hines, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Julio Llanas, and Celestine Kyle. Persons interested in reserve their seat or table, contact Reggi Davis at (806) 535-8081. Individual tickets are \$25.00, each and reserved tables are a table of 8 is \$300.00. Checks may be sent to: AACCL-Hall of Fame, P. O. Box 1796, Lubbock, Texas 79408.



**Kendra Tyler 'March Teen of the Month'**

With a 3.5 grade point average, Kendra Tyler was named the 'Teen of the Month' at Alderson Middle School for March. "We are always pleased that our student at Alderson Middle School continue to enjoy academic success and perform at such a rigorous level," says George L. Love, Jr., principal. "In order to recognize these students, the school conducts a recognition assembly on their behalf," he continues. Kendra, 13 years of age, has been on the honor roll with

straight 'A's. She is also taking P&P College classes which are serving as a catalyst for future years. A very busy young teenager, Kendra is 1st chair plying the flute. She attends Kids Kingdom Church where she participates in many worthy activities. She will tell you she loves her community, church and school. She has two sisters and three brothers. She is the daughter of Brenda Griffin and Kenneth Tyler. Congratulations, Kendra Tyler! For a job well done!!

**HUD chief resigns amid ethics investigations**



HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson speaks at a news conference in December

**WASHINGTON (CNN)** - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson resigned Monday, amid multiple ethics investigations and criticism from top lawmakers.

Jackson said he will step down on April 18. He did not mention the allegations in his brief statement Monday, saying only that he wanted to attend to personal and family matters.

The resignation came after criticism from members of Congress, that Jackson has refused to respond adequately to allegations of impropriety.

No names have been floated as candidates to replace Jackson, a long-time friend of President Bush from their days in Texas.

One possibility would be to promote from within the department, given the short time remaining in the president's term and the hostility he faces from the Democratic-controlled Senate, which must confirm Jackson's replacement.

Speaking to reporters at HUD headquarters in Washington, Jackson said he had devoted his career to improving housing opportunities.

"As the son of a lead smelter and nurse midwife, and the last of 12 children, never did I imagine I would serve America in such a way," Jackson said about his Cabinet post. "I am truly grateful for the opportunity."

"We have helped families keep their homes, we have transformed public housing, we have reduced chronic homelessness and we have preserved affordable housing and increased minority homeownership," he said.

A Jackson adviser told CNN earlier that the secretary has been privately talking about resigning since late last year because he's grown weary over multiple ethics investigations that have sparked allegations that he cannot focus full time on the nation's housing crisis.

Earlier this month, Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Connecticut, and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington, demanded Jackson's resignation, saying the ethics allegations have distracted from the secretary's ability to handle the nation's housing crisis. The secretary has recently been accused in a lawsuit of retaliating against housing officials in Philadelphia for blocking a land deal with one of Jackson's friends.

The FBI has been investigating allegations that Jackson steered a federal contract to a golfing buddy based in South Carolina. Jackson has denied wrongdoing and White House officials have said for months that the president still has confidence in Jackson. No charges have been filed against him.

Jackson has been a key player in the Bush administration's efforts to handle the national housing and mortgage crisis.

Jackson, who ran Dallas housing authority for seven years and

then led a Texas power company, was confirmed by the Senate for the top HUD post exactly four years ago. He also was head of the Federal Housing Administration.

The resignation announcement came 10 days after the two senators called for him to quit.

"Secretary Jackson has repeatedly demonstrated that he is not in the position to provide the type of leadership that is necessary during these trying and difficult times," Dodd said in the statement. Dodd is chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. Murray is chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development.

White House spokesman Scott Stanzel responded to the senators then by saying that President Bush "continues to have confidence in Secretary Jackson. Our focus should be on helping responsible homeowners stay in their homes and overcome through this downturn in the housing market."

Dodd said an inspector-general's report recently stated that Jackson had advised staffers to "take political affiliation into account in awarding contracts," and "serious allegations about his impropriety" are under investigation in three cases, although Dodd did not name them.

The lawmakers said that at a Senate Banking Committee hearing, Jackson refused to answer several committee members' questions, and later did not respond adequately to a follow-up letter from Dodd asking for information "on the various allegations of impropriety he is facing."

"My subcommittee funds every dollar that is spent at HUD," Murray said in the statement. "We have an obligation to the taxpayer to see to it that those dollars are administered without corruption and favoritism. But we can't do our job if Secretary Jackson refuses to do his."

"This is a cabinet secretary who has consistently ducked accountability, and arrogantly refused to heed the public's calls for answers. Secretary Jackson should resign immediately and seek to clear his name as a private citizen." E-mail to a friend

**LISD Kindergarten Orientation Set Here For Children**

All LISD elementary schools will conduct Kindergarten Orientation at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. All parents with children who are five years of age on or before September 1, 2008, are encouraged to attend.

Parents who live outside the boundaries of LISD are also encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Nancy Sharp at 766-1062 or Della Frye at 766-0379.

**Photos of Bethel's Friendship Wedding Last Sunday**



# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Last Sunday morning, March 30, 2008, church were well attended at the New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with meditation and prayer. The Praise Team came forward with inspirational singing. The morning scripture and prayer were offered by the ministerial staff.

The morning musical selection were sung by the New Hope Choir.

Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was

"Your Obedience Is The Connection To Your Victory." His scripture text was Exodus 23:20-25.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Brother Darrell Phillips, Sister Mary Mitchell welcomed all visitors.

The following individuals will be responsible for reading the announcements and welcoming visitors for the month of April. Announcements - Sister Beverly Moses and Welcome - Brother

Bruce McKnight.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in. God loves you! God is able!

## Serving His Country In U. S. Air Force



Airman 1st Class Tyler Smith

Air Force Airman 1st Class Tyler B. Smith has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Rocky and Pamela Smith of 75th St., Lubbock, Texas.

The airman is a 2005 graduate of Roosevelt High School, Lubbock.

## New Light Baptist Church

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Light Baptist Church where the proud pastor is the Rev. Kenneth Jackson.

The responsive reading was led by Pastor Jackson and it was Psalm 136:1-14. Altar prayer was led by Pastor Jackson.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Rochelle Hood.

The morning selection were sung by the Senior Choir.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Lee.

The visitors of morning were welcomed by Sister Angela Johnson.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among those include Sister Lee Ann White, Sister F. Brown and family, Mother E. C. Jackson, Mother Moore, Brother Walter James Brown, Mother Hicks, Mother Mullins, Sister Leola Clark, and the Ray family. The goodness of God is we are

still standing here today. We thank Him for his Grace and Mercy.

The Fifth Sunday Fellowship was held last Sunday afternoon, March 30, 2008, with the New Fellowship Baptist Church in Tulla, Texas. What a wonderful all had with the fellowship.

God wants each of us to help others when we have an opportunity. Please try to assist someone during ring each day.

If you are looking for a Church home, then come and visit with us each Sunday morning. Come and just enjoy worshipping God with us. You will be glad you did so.

Prayer: "Loving God, make us aware of the needs of others. Let us serve them to glorify your holy name. AMEN."

Remember, God is Love and He loves all of us!

## Meet Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez Of The Church Of The Blessed



Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez

Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. "We are happy of how God is blessing us with our many Church Ministries," says Pastor Johnny Perez. For information, call 747-9430.

**YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!**

Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the family at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for service this week.

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## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### BABY DOLL TOPS

That's right ladies they're back! baby doll tops are beginning to surface rapidly. Stop traffic in these fun flirtatious blouses, they are the perfect style for summer. Loose fitting for beauty and comfort, bra-disguising straps give a peek of skin without worrying about support. Looks great with your favorite pair of pants, jeans, shorts, or mini skirt. Patterns and colors are endless.

**NOT HARD TO FIND, THEY ARE EVERYWHERE!**

Shirley Roberson

Fashion tip.. always wear a smile  
Fashion.. just for the fun of it

## Computer Classes at Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, is offering computer classes for adults on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. The Tuesday and Thursday classes will cover the same material—choose the time that fits your schedule.

**Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Basic PC

**Thursday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Basic PC

**Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Microsoft Word

**Thursday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Microsoft Word

**Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Microsoft Excel

**Thursday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Microsoft Excel

**Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Internet/Library Orientation

**Thursday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m.**  
Internet/Library Orientation

**Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m.**  
Review

For more information, contact Kathy Jennings at 767-3300.

## Water Restrictions In Effect As Of April 1st

Water restrictions go into effect April 1st that ban outdoor watering between the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The restrictions are part of the City's irrigation ordinance which applies from April 1st to September 30th each year, and are meant to minimize evaporation and conserve water. Violators of the ordinance may be fined up to \$500. Exceptions are allowed for newly planted grass or landscaping, soaker hoses, and watering by hand. Lubbock is also currently in Stage 1 of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan which restricts watering to 2 days per week with 1.5 inches of water per area of the yard. Significant runoff should be avoided while watering lawns.

## Prepare for Your Job Search at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, is offering a series of classes for teens (15 and up) and adults who are looking for summer jobs or permanent employment. On Monday, April 7 at 6 p.m., we'll discuss how to fill out a job application. Please call Christina at 767-3300 if you are interested in attending.

## Noon Tunes at the Mahon Library

In honor of Lubbock Reads 2008, the Ducks featuring guitarist Doug Stapp will give a free concert at the Mahon Library (1306 9th Street) at noon on Wednesday, April 9. Bring your lunch and enjoy some great music. For more information, call the library at 775-2835.

## Movie at Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker Avenue, invites children age 4 and up to "Movies & Popcorn" on Thursday, April 10 at 2 p.m. We will watch a movie based on a classic children's book. For more information, call 792-6566.

## Make a Difference in the World-Host an Exchange Student

World Heritage is seeking families, couples or single parents (with or without children at home) who are adventurous, fun-loving, responsible, and most of all caring, who are interested in hosting a high-school-aged foreign exchange student for the 2008-2009. Students who spend a semester or school year in the US are fulfilling a lifetime dream. American culture plays an important role all over the world. The English language is the international language of our times. Share your home for a year; enjoy a friendship for a lifetime! To begin this exciting cultural experience, please call Fatjon (Tony), at 1-800-888-9040 or visit our website at www.world-heritage.org.

## Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by invitation only. Boys and Girls ages 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 states and 10 foreign countries attended the 2007 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp Location include: Commerce, Tx., Prescott, Az., Thousand Oaks, Ca., Babson Park, Fl., Gainesville, Ga., Champaign, Il., Glassboro, N. J., Lebanon, Tn., and Blacksburg, Va. There is also a Summer Camp available for Boys and Girls ages 6 - 8 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 ANYTIME. www.tenstarcamp.com.

## First Annual Prayer Breakfast Set Here

The Women of Excellence Missionary Society of the New Zion Baptist Church, 1601 MLK Blvd., will sponsor its First Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday morning, April 12, 2008, from 9:00 a. m. until 12 noon. Guest speaker will be Sister Angela Saunders. The Women in Excellence are inviting all Missionary Societies to attend and fellowship with one another. They want to make known the importance for coming together. This could be a very informative breakfast, and all will have something to share with each other.

## Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

## "Lubbock Reads" Kickoff Program at the Godeke Branch Library

The Godeke Branch Library, 6601 Quaker, will kick off Lubbock Reads 2008 with the program "Nothing Else to Do," presented by Future Akins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8. Akins, an art professor and music historian, will discuss the history of West Texas music.

Lubbock Reads is a program to promote literacy and bring the

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Eradicating Racism"

Last week this writer shared with readers the stories on Rev. Jeremiah Wright, former pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois and former pastor of presidential candidate Barack Obama.

Rev. Wright has been cast as a bad actor on the stage of life by the media and those who believe words stated by men of color are not to emphasize the negative of white America. For a black leader to speak against the evil of American society toward black America by some racist thinkers or thinkers with object views means he is sympathetic with the political philosophy and theory based on the interpretation of Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels called Marxism. At the same time one of his so-called species can spread seeds of discord and he is recognized as one of the "good ole boys."

The issue of race is so embedded in the mindset of Americans that we forget who we are and why we are here on planet earth. We are so interested in the color of one's skin that we fail to see that America is quickly becoming a third world country. We are so obsessed with race that we fail to see CEO's of large companies

selling us out to countries like China. We are blinded like mules because of race by the lies and bull of people who make statements like the chairman of Microsoft to Congress to obtain visas for people from India and other countries while Americans remain unemployed.

Why is it in America it is said and becomes a movement by action and deed "If you are white you are right! If you are black get back"? Is it wrong for a black American to quote or illustrate in the black vernacular the Bible saying "The wages of sin is death"? Is it wrong for the black preacher to prophesy in the black vernacular "the sins of the father will fall upon the children"? Are we still slaves in America and must repeat only the words allowed by our white masters? I would think not!

The news media and talk radio host should stop and think for a moment on that old black saying: "I had rather be dead and in my grave than to be a slave." Those who are spreading the fires of separation in America had better get a grip on reality. We are owned economically by foreign governments like China, India, Saudi Arabia and other mid-east-

ern countries. We are looked on with disdain by most of the world for our arrogant and self-righteous attitudes - an attitude reflecting "its America's way or the highway."

Instead, of talk radio hosts and TV personalities kindling the fires of racial hatred they need to remember that Mexico has not forgotten the land it lost to the United States. 20 million illegal Mexican in America has helped cause a financial debacle on the social services and downward spiral of wages and a rise in property taxes. The white supremacists should not forget Native Americans being put on reservations on their own land. The holy-than-thou conservatives need to practice what they preach from the Bible. They need to look at the wrong of forcibly rape by their forefathers upon black women who were slaves and the creating of a great number of bastard colored or mulatto people who are identified as African Americans. They need to listen to the hymn of the slave trader John Newton who realized he had sinned against humanity and wrote "Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me." The

Lord, it's the Christians who are making the wrong decision once again. They think the person of flesh can save America from all their sin!!!  
**John 14:6** - Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes into the Father out by me.  
**\*\*\* Are You Following Jesus Or Obama???** \*\*\*  
It was the Christian who gave rights to America, and look at the shape we're in. Lord, you told them to go into the world and preach salvation from sin!!!  
**John 8:32-36** - Jesus said, you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Verily, verily I say unto you whosoever commits sin is the servant of sin, and servant abides not in the house forever, but the son abides forever. If the son, therefore,



## We Thank God for Jesus

"Blacks Voting The Wrong Man Again"

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

**Revelation 2:7a** - Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit said to the Churches.

**Matthew 28:19** - Jesus said, go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

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shall make you free. You shall be free indeed (Truly).

**\*\*\* Did Mr. Lincoln Or MLK Or Obama Or Jesus Who Will Free You???** \*\*\*

Most Blacks have come out to vote, because of the Blackness of the man. He can't do anything, because it's the Devil's world who runs the land!!!

**Micah 7:5-6** - Trust not in a friend. Put not your confidence in a guide. Keep the doors of your mouth from her who lay in your bosom. For the son dishonors the Father. The daughters rise up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemies are the men of his own house.

Lord, I remember when Jesse Jackson ran for that seat. Blacks did the same. Only to come out disappointed, and this time will be the same, only to come out disappointed, and this time it will be the same thing!!!

They voted for Jesse Jackson saying he's a goodman, and preached the truth. Jesse is like Jim Baker, Oral Roberts, and Jimmy Swaggert. None told the

truth!!!

**\*\*\* Baker Stole Money; Roberts Lied To God; Jesse Had A Child Not By His Wife!!! \*\*\***

**Ecclesiastes 1:9** - The thing that has been it is that which shall be, and that which is done is that which shall be done, and there is no new thing under the sun.

Now America is so full of sin. Everyday there comes a new sin of a thing. O' Christians who have been bewitched you, you need to be Shame, Shame, Shame!!!

**Galatians 1:6-7** - Marvel that you are so soon removed from him who are called you into grace of Christ unto another Gospel; which is not another. But there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ.

When the Christians pervert the Gospel, they do things they're not to do. They run around saying, 'I have a dream, and on earth it will never come true!!!'

**John 12:32** - Jesus said, Continue on Page 8

# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 30, 2008, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, with Rev. Edward Canady as the proud pastor.

Those who are looking for a Church home are invited to come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church. The doors of St. Matthew are always open to all who are

interested in attending.

Church services get underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:15 a. m. last Sunday morning with Pastor Canady teaching the morning lesson.

The subject of the lesson was "Ending Broken Relationships." The scripture lesson was II Chronicles 34:15, 18-21, 25-27, 29 and 31-33.

It was another outstanding which was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The Superintendent, Sister Luella Harris, is still recuperating from her illness. Our prayers continue go out to Sister Harris.

The morning devotion got underway at 11:05 a. m. with the morning devotion with Sister Shirley Jackson, Sister Ethel

Williams. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir again sang out of their hearts and souls.

Pastor Canady delivered a dynamic sermon. His subject was "The Watchman On The Wall." His scripture text was Ezekiel 3:16-21. What a wonderful message.

Sister Nina Davis delivered a splendid talk after morning services. It was Missionary Day at St. Matthew Baptist Church.

The members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church will have a "Bake Sale" on Saturday, April 5, 2008, from 8:00 a. m. until 12:00 noon. This event will be held at Kings Cash at East 19th Street and MLK Blvd.

The public is invited to come and participate in this event.

Just as the winter turns to spring,  
Our lives have changing seasons too;  
So when a gloomy forecast

comes,  
Remember - God has plans for you.

**Thought for the Week:** "We do not fear the peril round us, because the eye of God is

always upon us."

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Today, it may be them and tomorrow it could be you or I.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### "I Am The Flag"

(Editor's Note: This is continuation of last week).

I have my special day, Flag Day. June 14 is set aside to honor my birth. Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage, of heritage, of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow. I am your title deed of freedom, which is yours to enjoy and hold in trust for posterity.

If you fail to keep this sacred trust inviolate. If I am nullified and destroyed, you and your children will become slaves to dictators and despots.

External vigilance is your price of freedom.

As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are - no more, no less.

Guard me well, lest your freedom perish from the earth. Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand: "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I was created in freedom. I made my first appearance in a battle for human liberty.

God grant that I may spend eternity in my "land of the free and home of the brave" and that I shall ever be known as "Glory," the flag of the United States of America.

Can any good come out of Nazareth??

We thank you for America. On nation under God and through you are free. Give your people the strength to hold on to these principles that can make us strong.

How many you know - trouble comes your way. It is revealed in Psalm 93, in restless waves that surge and pound against the souls and break upon them with furious force.

"The flood have lifted up their voice," and they are deafing.

We must keep in mind that the Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea.

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# Obsequies

## Willie G. Johnson



Sunday, March 16, 2008, in his residence.

He was born February 26, 1939 in Sharp, Texas to the late Jinks and Mable Lee Johnson. He graduated from Evans High School in Slaton. After graduating, he joined the U.S. Army in 1957. He worked in the field of construction.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Herbert Johnson in 1999, and a niece, Mika Erin Wright on February 21, 2008.

He is survived by a daughter, Darlene Jones of Slaton; his mother, Mable Biggers of Lubbock; four brothers: Leroy Johnson and Irvin Ray Washington, both of Slaton, John Wayne Washington and Billy Wayne Washington, both of Lubbock; five sisters: Barbara J. Love of Slaton, Glenda Wright, Florence Turner, Clara Blakemore, and Ruby Moses, all of Lubbock; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held for Willie G. Johnson last Saturday morning, March 22, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Military graveside rites were held at Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Mr. Johnson passed away

## Longtime Resident & Retired Educator Died Here Sunday

A longtime resident of Lubbock and a retired educator in the Lubbock Public Schools died here last Sunday, March 30, 2008 at Whisperwood Nursing Home.

She was Mrs. Odessa Long. She was the owner and operator of the Odessa Beauty School which was located on Avenue A.

She was also a business person

in the East Lubbock community. She was the owner and operator of a juke box and recreation equipment.

Funeral services are pending at this report at the Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

A complete story on her funeral will appear in next week's edition.

## Maya Angelou at 80: "Life is Still An Adventure"

NEW YORK (AP) — It takes just seconds to leave behind this noisily Harlem side street and enter the parlor of Maya Angelou's brownstone, a step as bright and quick as a black and white film dissolving into Technicolor.

Pump sofas and armchairs in bursts of green and blue and red and yellow form a ring on spotless hardwood floors. Toward the rear, like a shy, well-dressed prodigy, a baby grand piano looks poised to stage perfection. By the piano, stained glass doors open to a red dining area centered by a mahogany table as big and round as the voice of Angelou herself.

Still close to her youthful height of 6 feet, the author-poet-dancer-singer-activist is ready to celebrate her 80th birthday, feeling, she says, like she's 60, wearing a dark blouse and jeans, sipping apple juice, singing hymns, reciting Latin, whispering, laughing, crying, missing lost friends or planning to make new ones.

"I don't know how long I'm going to live, but I still see my life as an adventure," says Angelou, who divides her time between New York and a house in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

She has filed six volumes of memoirs with her wild, tragic, unstoppable story: growing up with segregation as a child and motherhood at 17; strip clubs and brothels to nightclubs and Broadway; the assassinations of her friends Malcolm X and the Rev.

Martin Luther King Jr.; a classic memoir, Hallmark cards and the adoration of \*\* Oprah Winfrey.



Maya Angelou

Wealthy and famous beyond even her admittedly immodest dreams, she is no closer to settling down than she was decades ago. She is working on a new book, a collection of nonfiction pieces; travels the country giving speeches for which she earns thousands of dollars; and plans to spend part of the year studying at the Missouri-based Unity Church, which advocates healing through prayer.

"About three years ago, I was in Miami and my son (Guy) was having his 10th operation on his spine. I felt really done in by the work I was doing, people who had expected things of me," says Angelou, who then recalled a Unity church service she attended in Miami.

"The preacher came out -- a young black man, mostly a white church -- and he came out and said, 'I have only one question to ask, and that is, 'Why have you decided to live? God?' And I thought, 'That's exactly what I've been doing.'"

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## Officials seek Laws' ouster for racially-charged comment

A number of local elected officials are calling for the resignation of a Hays County official following the use of a following the use of a racially-charged term in a recent public agenda.

All six Austin City Council members along with Mayor Will Wynn, State Sen. Kirk Watson, State Rep. Eddie Rodriguez and Travis County Commissioner Margaret Gomez are expected to hold a press conference this afternoon to call for the resignation of Charles Laws, who serves as both the general manager of the Creedmoor-Maha Water Corp. and Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Mustang Ridge Mayor.

A recent public agenda for a meeting of the Creedmoor-Maha Water Corp. listed an item as: "Dempsey's proposed old Harmony Hills tract and possible holding pen for wetbacks." The item refers to a proposed detention facility for illegal aliens.

Laws says he has no plans to resign. He says he used the term "wetbacks" in the agenda and admits it was inappropriate.

"It's a term I grew up with out here," he says.

Austin City Council Member Mike Martinez is steering the call for Laws' resignation. Laws, who says he's apologized for using the word, says Martinez is nailing too much of the situation.

"There's no way I should resign," he says. "I don't work for the city of Austin."

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## King conspiracy theories still thrive 40 years later

One of many conspiracy theories revolves around the man kneeling over the body in this photo.

The name Harvey Lowmeyer was on the sales receipt for the high-powered .30-06 rifle left at the murder scene. John Willard rented the room across the street from King's motel, Eric Galt drove the white Mustang out of Memphis that night.

Then fingerprints showed all three names were aliases for the same man: James Earl Ray, a small-time criminal and Missouri prison escapee.

But 40 years later, conspiracy theories still thrive. A look at five of them:

**Conspiracy theory: The man in the bushes**

Solomon Jones, the volunteer driver for King on his Memphis visits, told police that night he ran into the street after the shot was fired and saw a man running away in the brush opposite the motel.

"I could see a person in the thicket on the west side of Mulberry with his back to me, looked like he had a hood over his head," said Jones, now dead.

His account became the starting point for many of the conspiracy scenarios that followed.

**Facts**  
All of King's closest aides interviewed by police said they saw no one in those bushes, which were directly below the second-floor rooming house where Ray was registered.

Among those witnesses: former U.N. Ambassador Andrew



One of many conspiracy theories revolves around the man kneeling over the body in this photo.

Young attorney Chauncey Eskridge, the Rev. Bernard Lee, and local minister Samuel "Bilby" Kyle, who was the closest person to King on the balcony when he was killed. All looked and saw no one in the brush across the way.

U.S. Justice Department investigators later decided what Jones probably saw were nearby police officers rushing toward the scene.

**Conspiracy theory: The second gun**

Lloyd Jowers owned Jim's Grill, a bar located directly below the section of the rooming house where Ray was staying. Years later, Jowers would say a man came in the back door of his bar -- from those bushes -- and gave him a rifle to hide. He changed his story at least twice as to who that man was.

Ray's last lawyer, William Pepper, filed a civil lawsuit against Jowers on behalf of Dexter King, the civil rights leader's son, and in 1998 won a jury's verdict that there was indeed a conspiracy involving Jowers, but not Ray.

**Facts**  
Jowers originally told police he "saw nothing unusual" that night. Police locked everyone inside the bar for three hours. No one could come or go. None of Jowers' customers said they saw anything out of the ordinary.

None of the prosecution's evidence was presented in the civil trial. Jowers, who has since died, did not take the stand. The only time he testified under oath, in an earlier case, he denied the story about a second gunman with a second rifle.

In fact, at one point, in a phone call to Memphis investigators, Jowers was tape-recorded saying, "There was no second rifle."

**Conspiracy theory: Military spies and a dramatic photo**

Pepper, the lawyer in the conspiracy case, said military intelligence agents had gone onto the roof of the fire station opposite the motel with cameras to spy on King and they captured a photo of

the real killer.  
"One of the guys, when the shot took place, took his camera and squatted it all the way around to the left, into the bushes, and he caught the shooter lowering the rifle. And he said it was not James Earl Ray."

However, Pepper never saw such a photo. He said he was told about it, tried to obtain it and was

rebuffed.  
**Facts**  
Agents from the 11th Military Intelligence Group had been sent into Memphis after a protest march ended in violence the week before. Two of those agents did go onto the firehouse roof. Fire Capt. Carthel Weeden took them there. But he said the agents decided the roof was too exposed. "If

you're up there," Weeden said, "anybody can see you from across the street. They walked around just a minute and came back down."

In fact, it was probably two days before the murder when the agents went on the roof. They definitely were not there when King was shot, he said.

## Here Is A Look At Brack Obama's Family



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This is Obama's Family photo: (bottom row, from left) half-sister Ann, her mother Kezia Obama, Obama's step-grandmother Sarah Hussein Onyango Obama and unknown; (top row, from left) unknown, Barack Obama, half-brother Abongo (Roy) Obama, and three unknowns. (Courtesy of the Obama Family)

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions

## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

MLK NEEDS YOUR HELP! THIS N THAT wants to remind all of us that the MARTIN LUTHER KING LITTLE LEAGUE needs all of our help. Last Saturday, March 29, 2008, was a very exciting day for the young boys and girls who are participating in this year's baseball season. Many came out for the RIBBON CUTTING & OPENING CEREMONIES, but now it's time get down to the REAL BUSINESS and make sure this is a very GOOD YEAR for these boys and girls. According to a spokesperson for the MLK League, there is a NEED for TEN PLAYERS in the automatic pitch area which are for boys and girls ages 7 through 9 and TEN PLAYERS are needed for the T-BALL PROGRAM which include the age 4 through 6. Surely there are those of you who are PARENTS OR GUARDIANS who can help fill these two teams. If you look back over your life, you may recall how someone older made it possible for you to have an opportunity to participate. Also, there is a dire NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

to help with this year's program. Again, remember when you were a little one and there were someone there volunteering so you would have an opportunity to play in an activity. Well, you can return the favor BY VOLUNTEERING! THIS N THAT is hoping one day there will be a LARGE GROUP OF BLACK MEN just sitting in the stands so these YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS will see that we care and stand ready to do what can be done to make things even much better for our young people. So let's GET INVOLVED and do all we can to HELP the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LITTLE LEAGUE! YOU'RE APPRECIATED FOR STANDING MLK LITTLE LEAGUE! THIS N THAT realizes that there are only a HANDFUL OF YOU MEN & WOMEN who have been standing by and really working for the MARTIN LUTHER KING LITTLE LEAGUE and THIS N THAT wants you to know you are appreciated. Just think, if you hadn't stood tall for this program, it could have been lost and another

league would have benefited over what has been accomplished, but you stood tall and for that OUR YOUNG BOYS & GIRLS will benefit. Just driving by and seeing another league using the old MLK Field on East 24th Street & MLK Blvd. they are practicing because of their field is being remodeled. THIS N THAT reminds the MLK LITTLE LEAGUE is moving in the right direction and there should be some good things happen this year!!

FOUR WHEEL VEHICLE NEEDED! THIS N THAT is asking if there are anyone in the community who has a FOUR WHEELER which could be used for DRAGGING THE NEW LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS for the MARTIN LUTHER KING LITTLE LEAGUE. If you do have one and want to help a VERY GOOD PROGRAM then contact one of the officers of the little league. This is a needed piece of equipment.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "RUNNING with patience is perseverance in the LONG RUN!"

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## Think About It!

### Are Boys Smarter Than Girls? Are Girls Smarter Than Boys?

by Eddie P. Richardson

This is an age old question depending on the setting and the situation as to the answer you will receive. And who you receive it from we will have an all girls school here in Lubbock this coming school year it will be interesting to observe as time passes on. There has been studies on this situation for years and many times and versions, one of the most recent ones by Dr's David and Myra Sadker.

Are boys really smarter than girls?

The perennial question has been tossed into the air by parents dragged through the mud by educators and beaten to death by lawmakers. Although they all have their own opinions and valid points to support their conclusions, researchers have yet to determine which is the smarter sex. Perhaps the answer lies not in

wants to take this opportunity and say THANKS to the dedicated members and officers of the FEDERATION OF CHOIRS for the plaque presented to the SOUTHWEST DIGEST on last week. It stated "FOR YOUR DEDICATED SUPPORT AND OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE... WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPLENDID WORK AND ENCOURAGEMENT" Again THANKS for your concern and thoughtfulness. May you have a glorious 55TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR!!

the genetic make up of the child but rather in the instruction that gives the child identity: our national school system.

Through a recent study of elementary school classrooms in five states, Dr David and Myra Sadker have begun to unlock the mysteries that have plagued psychologists for decades: Why do boys perform better than girls in math and science, while girls outshine boys in the creative arts? Why do boys usually out number girls in classroom participation? According to the Sadkers, the answers are in the sex-differentiated used to teach children, who are taught the same material but under different pretenses.

The Sadkers revealed four very pronounced teaching patterns, which found teachers to unwittingly favor male students over female students. Although the bias is generally unconscious and unintentional, its presence is powerful enough to segregate the weaker girls from the "stronger" boys thus developing a sex-role stereotypes at a very tender age.

In every one of the 100 classrooms observed, the Sadkers noticed that of the attention was

given to boys. Not only did teachers call on boys more often than girls, but most of the praise as well as the criticism was lavished on the boys—even when their work was comparable to or less than girls.

That difference in involvement in the learning process is crucial, says Myra Sadker Dean of The School of Education at the American University. This is very interesting research. More to come more next week. We will be watching the all girls' school in Lubbock.

### LAMACC Organized In Lubbock

The Lubbock Area Mexican American Chamber of Commerce (LAMACC) will be conducting a media briefing regarding the formation of this new chamber of commerce at the LAMACC Offices, 1114 10th Street, beginning today, Thursday, April 3, 2008.

LAMACC is a newly formed chartered Hispanic Chamber. LAMACC partners up with individuals, young professionals, non-profits, and small businesses.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

because they feel that they are superior to the masses, both in intellect and social status, whether they have the finances or not. As my grandmother used to say, "They have the air, but the millions are not there!" This is not an ethnic group or race thing. There are people of every social status who have this notion. These are also the people who wish to think in their hearts and heads that history never happened. Only what happens today matters to them and how they want things to be. They do not want to know of the trials and tribulations of their ancestors or anyone else's. They do not want to know how history has affected the lives of others. The Holocaust and slavery do not exist in their vocabularies. They personally have not experienced either disaster, nor do they know or care about anyone who in any way has.

Today, we are raising a generation of brilliant but insensitive individuals. When you speak of the Holocaust, they think of The Diary of Anne Frank. It was a

novel to them; nothing to believe that they can in any way relate, though they may have worked side-by-side with someone with a number tattooed on their arm and wondered why they always wore long-sleeved shirts. When they hear the word 'slavery,' they think of something that happened a long time ago to Black people in America who are now free. They see Roots as a novel; nothing to be taken seriously. Little do the so-called liberals of this day and age have any idea of the frustrations of a people and their descendants whom have suffered these experiences, unless they have read Black Rage by Grier and Cobbs, two Black psychiatrists.

Brown v. The Board of Education has not made anything equal, or more accessible for that matter. It has opened some doors for Black Americans, but not enough. We cannot legislate morality, sensitivity, love and brotherhood. Only when we look deep into our hearts and realize that the things of the past that were unpleasant when they occurred and continue to be unpleasant when we talk or think about them now, or try to do

### Housing/Worker Shortage Solution on Horizon

Fort Stockton, Texas - The Fort Stockton housing and worker shortage has city leaders looking for a solution.

However, the answer might be legal migrant workers.

A San Antonio businessman has proposed bringing in Mexican workers legally to solve the labor shortage.

At the same time he revealed a lofty plan to solve the housing shortage for American workers.

Fort Stockton's potent economy has caught the attention of San

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something about it, will not go away because we try to ignore them. Ignoring the truth only keeps us ignorant and prejudiced. Ignorance is NOT BLISS! We need to get 'In Cinque' and see to it that our youth know about their past and the effects that it has had on the current generation and will have on future generations. Too many mistakes need to be rectified.

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**Housing/Worker Shortage In Fort Stockton On Horizon This Week**

Antonio based company Business Staffing Incorporated.

Fernando Von Rossum of Business Staffing Inc. said: "There's too much business here, too much growing that this is the place to be."

They identify where there's a worker shortage, and then use immigrants to alleviate the need.

"We pre-qualify them in Mexico and we go to immigration to do all the paperwork," Von Rossum said.

According to Von Rossum, the wheels are already in motion using the H2-E Visa program.

"Those VISA's allow them to come for 10 months and go back for 2 to see their family and then come back," he said.

Mayor Ruben Falcon says that should help with the labor shortage, but housing for American workers is still a major issue.

"Of the 4,000 thousand people working here, they are all going back to somewhere, where their wife and kids are spending their check and we want them here," Falcon said.

Von Rossum said he's also got that aspect covered. He brought in business contractor Ed Teeple from Fort Worth, who is planning an aggressive construction project to serve American workers.

Ed Teeple said: "One house a week, start it and go to 2-3 houses a week maybe 10-15 start ups a month."

He says in two years there could be 200 new houses and further down the line the sky is the limit.

"I can see 1000 houses in the next 19 years," Teeple said.

Teeple said construction is set to begin in a matter of weeks. If you are interested in having a home built in Fort Stockton call 432-290-2225.



*Pictured above are photos of the 'Opening Ceremonies' of the Martin Luther King Little League last Saturday afternoon, March 29, 2008. Mayor David Miller was on hand to read a Proclamation from the Lubbock City Council. Also on hand was City Councilman Floyd Price encouraged all the boys and girls to continue to do the right thing. He also saluted the parents of all the young people playing. The new field is located at East 19th St. and Aspen Ave. (Photos Courtesy of Hillary Hutchinson)*

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if I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me.

\*\*\* Are You Lifting Jesus Or Are You Lifting Flush???

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\*\*\* Christians Remember, God Said, If My People Which Are Called By My Name!!!

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Luke 9:62 -- Jesus said, no man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

**Parson Smith**  
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perpetrators of racial hate should remember that Hugo Chavez is an Indian and see the plight of Native Americans and Latinos. As Americans we need to change our hearts and attitude toward those who do not look like we look. We need to come to grip with the fact that we are all of God's children.

Rep. John Lewis suggested Sunday, March 30, 2008 that the controversy over Sen. Barack Obama's former pastor has reignited a conversation about race that could ultimately be beneficial for the country.

"The civil rights movement has the power to...what I call bring the dirt, the filth from under the American rug out of the cracks and corners, into the light so we can deal with it...just maybe, just maybe, what is happening now will bring something out, so we all can be educated and semi-tized."

"During the past few days, the issue of race and the need for reconciliation has emerged through the presidential campaign. We know, and we all know, it's not a secret America had a dark past of division and separation...but if few are to emerge unscathed by hate, we must learn to understand and forgive those who have been most hostile and violent towards us."

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