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Community Meetings

* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.

* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

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

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

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.

* 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 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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Black Community of
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Estacado High School Matadors Named Number 42 In Nation "Only Texas School In-3A Named"



Estacado High School Matadors

The Estacado High School Matadors made history last week when they were ranked Number 42 in the ESPN Rise Powerade Fab 50, which ranks the top 50 boys basketball programs in the United States of America.

The Matadors was ranked Number 1 in Class 3A by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. At this report, the Matadors are 23-1, 2-0 in 2-3A District play.

Estacado debuted in the poll at Number 42, coming in three spots ahead of Houston Westbury Christian, which is the team the Matadors defeated 55-51 in the championship game of the FiberMax Caprock Classic recently. Estacado is the only Class 3A team in Texas ranked in the poll.

Other teams in the poll include Number 13 Garland Lakeview Centennial, the only team to beat Estacado this year, Number 32 Flower Mound Marcus, Number 38 LaMarque and Number 40 Dallas Kimball.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Gives Awards

The following Lubbock citizens were named as winners in the Martin Luther King Awards Ceremony, on Monday evening, January 17, 2011, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist

Church, Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor: Outstanding Minister, Rev. Edward Canady; Professional in Education, Mrs. Bobbie Gean Patterson; MLK Member, Gwen Titus; Outstanding Athlete,

Larry Isaac, a former running back in 1976 Red Raider Football team; Outstanding Law Enforcement, James "Buster" Tucker; and Community Service

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President Obama Gives Exciting Speech In Tuscon

Tucson, Arizona (CNN) -- In between consoling those touched by Saturday's Arizona shooting and warning the nation against politicizing the tragedy, President Barack Obama delivered some good news in his address at a Tucson memorial event on Wednesday, January 11, 2011.

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona has opened her eyes for the first time since being shot four days ago.

"There is nothing I can say that will fill the sudden hole torn in your hearts," Obama said. "But know this: The hopes of a nation are here tonight."

The attack killed six and left Giffords fighting for her life.

Obama told a crowd of thousands that he visited Giffords earlier on Wednesday and that her husband told him that shortly after the president left her room, "Gabby opened her eyes for the first time."

"Gabby opened her eyes so I can tell you know she knows we are here, she knows that we love her and she knows that we are rooting for her through what will undoubtedly be a difficult journey," Obama said.

Obama and his wife, Michelle, sat next to Giffords' husband, astronaut Mark Kelly, throughout the ceremony, and next to Daniel Hernandez, an intern in Giffords' office who tended to the congresswoman's wounds after she was shot.

Obama called Hernandez a hero in his speech Wednesday, though Hernandez rejected that description in an earlier speech at

the memorial event.

The president spoke at the University of Arizona's McKale Memorial Center, which the school said held just under 14,000 people on Wednesday night, with an overflow crowd of 13,000 outside.

Obama spoke about Giffords and briefly eulogized each of those killed in the attack before moving on to warn Americans against assigning blame for the attacks to those other than the gunman.

"At a time when our discourse has become so sharply polarized

-- at a time when we are far too eager to lay the blame for all that ails the world at the feet of those who think differently than we do -- it's important for us to pause for a moment and make sure that we are talking with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds," Obama said.

"Scripture tells us that there is evil in the world, and that terrible things happen for reasons that defy human understanding," he said. "... Bad things happen, and we must guard against simple explanations in the aftermath."

"What we can't do is use this tragedy as one more occasion to turn on one another," he said later.

Obama's speech was frequently punctuated by applause and cheers from the crowd, at times seeming to belie the somber reason for the memorial.

But Obama sounded an uplifting tone, saying of the victims: "Our hearts are broken by their sudden passing. Our hearts are broken -- and yet, our hearts also have reason for fullness."

Beyond Hernandez, the presi-

dent



Nicole Stewart

Stewart Chosen For All Region 16 ATSSB Band

Estacado student Nicole Stewart was selected 4th chair tuba in the All Region 16 ATSSB Band. She also qualified to audition for the Area Band.

Rev. L. C. Moore, Jr. Named Unit Manager, Phea Boys & Girls' Club

As of Monday, January 3, 2011, Rev. L. C. Moore, Jr. was named the Unit Manager of the Theodore Phea Boys & Girls' Club. He is also pastor of the Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church.

Rev. Moore says, "This opportunity is just another mission for me."

Rev. Moore continues by saying, "I want to be a part of



Rev. L. C. Moore

positive input into the lives of boys and girls, and be able to create a world of works so they can begin to make decisions of what they want to do with their lives."

Heals says he will develop an Advisory Committee to come up with ideas which will hance the Theodore Phea Boys & Girls Club. "You see, there is so many talented individuals, and we need to tap into the many ideas they have which will help young boys and girls," he continued.

According to Rev. Moore, this advisory committee will have between 7 and 9 working members who wil enhance the club.

He will tell you that there is a dynamic need for parents and grandparents to help with the development of our young boys and girls through this effort. "As an old African proverb states, 'It takes a village to raise a child,' this same principle will apply to the enhancement of the Theodore Phea Boys & Girls' Club.

If there are those who are interested in talking with Pastor Moore, one may do so by calling him at (806) 473-8980, or (806) 76-0204. His email is: lmoore@lubbockbgc.org.

Boys and girls, between ages of 6 and 18, are welcome to join. The club is located at 1801 East 24th Street. The club is open from 7:00 p. m. until 11:00 p. m.



Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Welcome Home John Washington!



100 Black Men of West Texas' 16th Annual Scholarship

Gala will be presented on January 29, 2011, from 7:00 - midnight at the beautiful Overton Hotel and Conference Center. The honored guests for the evening will be former Red Raider and current San Francisco 49er, Michael Crabtree; former Lubbock Independent School Administrator and current Assistant Superintendent for the Garland Independent School District, John Washington; and, recently graduated Red Raider, Baron Batch. Also, a special tribute will be given to recently deceased Lubbock Legend, Eddie Richardson. The cocktail reception and silent auction will

commence at 7:00 p.m. and the dinner and program will start at 7:45 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the West Texas' top band, Element, and then fun will continue until midnight.

Let's pray for those residents who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr., who is a patient at the University Medical Center, Room 511. Your prayers will be most appreciative.

Congrats to the MLK Commemorative Committee for a job well done!

Keep up the good work, as this is very important!!

President Obama Speaks In Tuscon

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president praised those who tackled the gunman as he stopped to reload and the medical staff who treated the wounded.

"These men and women remind us that heroism is found not only on the fields of battle," Obama said. "They remind us that heroism does not require special training or physical strength. Heroism is here, all around us, in the hearts of so many of our fellow citizens, just waiting to be summoned -- as it was on Saturday morning."

"It was pretty much what the nation needed to hear at this time," said Lorenzo Cotton, a retired architect who attended the speech.

"Tucson is a great place with a lot of great people," Cotton said, adding that Obama's speech "put Tucson back in a positive light. It is a community and it is a place where we all get along and, together, care for each other."

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson AFTER CHRISTMAS SALES!!

Ladies this is the time to just go crazy! sells are everywhere. If you are serious about saving some money, this is what

you been waiting for. Items to look for..non seasonal clothing is really the way to go. Fashions that you can wear all year, pieces that are lightweight and comfortable. Stick to the basics and limit yourself to fashions that are in today and gone tomorrow. Take time to really search for accessories that will give your already wardrobe a different twist.



A simple scarf, maybe a wider stretch belt, long!! See You Next Time!!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, January 16, 2011 service got started at New Light Baptist Church where Rev. Kenneth O. Jason is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "Putting The Past Behind and its printed scripture text coming from Isaiah 48: 14-19, 21 & 22. Breakfast was served afterward to those who was in attendance. Morning worship started at 11:00 a. m with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "O, I Want To See Him". There was the Responsive Reading that was led by Rev. Lee which came from Psalm 75: 1-10. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "O, How I Love Jesus."

Sisters Rochelette Hood read all the announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sung "Don't Get In The Spirit Like We Use To" and "Have You Tried Jesus?" The theme song of the church "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "What An Awesome God We Serve" and it's printed text coming from Isaiah 1: 15-20.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended to the church and several went up for prayer also the lord continue to add to the church as he sees fit.

Let us continue to pray that

do nothing but with him all things are possible.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Fret not thou self be- Continue on Page 6

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LUBBOCK

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

Date: February 14, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Lubbock Housing Authority
1708 Crickets Ave. Lubbock, Texas 79401

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain input from the city residents in reference to the revised Lubbock Housing Authority Section 8 Administrative Plan and revised Criminal Policy. All residents are encouraged to attend this hearing. Copies of both the Section 8 Administrative Plan and Criminal Policy will be available for review from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from January 3, 2011 February 14, 2011 prior to the public hearing at the address above. Both documents may also be found at www.lubbock.org. Persons can also submit written comments prior to public hearing to the Compliance Officer at the address above:

For further information please contact Dave Miller, Compliance Officer at (806) 762-1191.

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Tony Brewer

Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Does the Constitution Allow Discrimination Against Women?

Does the United States Constitution allow discrimination against women? According to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia the constitution does not bar government discrimination against women period!

According to "Outside the Beltway" Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is once again stirring up controversy with an interview that he gave to a California Lawyer in which he said that there is no Constitutional bar against government discrimination against women or anyone other than African Americans for that matter:

In 1868, when the 39th Congress was debating and ultimately proposing the 14th Amendment, I don't think anybody would have thought that equal protection applied to sex discrimination, or certainly not to sexual orientation. So does that mean that we've gone off in error by applying the 14th Amendment to both?

Yes, yes. Sorry, to tell you that...But, you know, if indeed the current society has come to different views, that's fine. You

do not need the Constitution to reflect the wishes of the current society. Certainly the Constitution does not require discrimination on the basis of sex. The only issue is whether it prohibits it. It doesn't. Nobody ever thought that that's what it meant. Nobody ever voted for that. If the current society wants to outlaw discrimination by sex, hey we have things called legislature and they enact things called laws. You don't need a constitution to keep things up-to-date. All you need is a legislature and a ballot box. You don't like death penalty anymore, that's fine. You want a right to abortion? There's nothing in the constitution about that. But that doesn't mean you cannot prohibit it. Persuade your fellow citizens it's a good idea and pass a law. That's what democracy is all about. It's not about nine superannuated judges who have been here too long, imposing these demands on society.

In rebuttal Marcia Greenberger, founder and co-president of the National Women's Law Center, called the justice's com-

ments "shocking" and said he was essentially saying that if the government sanctions discrimination against women, the judiciary offers no recourse.

"In the comments, Justice Scalia says if Congress wants to protect laws that prohibit sex discrimination, that's up to them," she said. "But what if they want to pass laws that discriminate? Then he says that there's nothing the court will do to protect women from government-sanctioned discrimination against them.

And that's a pretty shocking position to take in 2011. It's especially shocking in light of the decade of precedents and the numbers of justices who have agreed that there is protection in the 14th Amendment against sex discrimination, and struck down many, many areas on the basis of that protection."

Greenberger added that under Scalia's doctrine, women could be legally barred from juries, pain less by the government, receive fewer benefits in the armed forces, and be excluded

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We Thank God for Jesus I Ain't No Slave No More!

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

John 8:31-32 -- Jesus said, if you continue in my word, these are my disciples indeed: And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.

When the **GOD BLESSED** America: she had faith and plenty of love. But it's now under the Curse; of I have my Rights; and now look at the land of **BLOOD**.

Isaiah 1:4a -- Yes, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are Corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord.

It all started when the Christians marched; to give mankind **THEIR RIGHTS**. They disobeyed the **LAWS OF THE LAND**; now the children do it, **DAY AND NIGHT!!!**

II Peter 2:19-20 -- While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servant of corruption; for when a man is overcome, of the same he is brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome,

the latter end (last state) is worse with them than the beginning.

The Christians follow a man: not **THE WORD OF GOD, BUT A MAN'S DREAM**. America is over run with the **HEARD OF SINS: AND THE NIGHTMARE IS NO DREAM!!!**

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

***** YES, DREAMERS ROB GOD!!! *****

Then **ONE LADY** came with **HER RIGHTS** and took

PRAYER OUT OF SCHOOLS! Now **SCHOOLS** have **DRUGS, KILLING, AND GUNS**; and I ask **WHO'S THE FOOLS??**

Romans 1:21-23a -- Because That, when they (**CHRISTIANS**) knew **GOD**, they glorified him not as **GOD**, neither were thankful, but because vain in their immigrating (dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise, they (**CHRISTIANS**) became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man (**M.L.K.**)

***** YES, CHRISTIANS ROBBED GOD!!! *****

I BILLY "B. J. FOLLOWS THAT DREAMER, thinking I have MY RIGHT! Then one day that all changed, when I met **JESUS CHRIST!!!**

Proverb 13:20-21 -- He that walks with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Evil pursues sinners, but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, January 16, 2011, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Putting The Past Aside." The scripture text was Isaiah 48:14-19. The Unifying Topic was "I Am Your Redeemer."

The teacher of the morning

lesson was Sister Barbara Johnson. The review was give by Pastor Canady. What a wonderful lesson for all to hear.

The main thought of our lesson was: "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins; return unto me; for I have redeemed thee." **Isaiah 44:22.**

The morning worship hour begun at 11:00 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Ethel Williams.

The St. Matthew Choir sung out of their hearts and souls.

What a blessing it is to have these choir members sing God's praises!

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "It's Not What Goes In, But What Comes Out." His scripture text was Matthew 15:7-11.

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

The Mission meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

The Brotherhood meets at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesdays.

Bible Study meets at 6:00

p. m. on Wednesdays.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday mornings.

Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Barbara Johnson.

Let us remember to pray for all of our sick and shut-in of our community.

Among them include Sister Bernice Hameed.

Brother Albert Wilbon who

is a patient at the University Medical Center, Room 549.

If you're looking for a Church Home, please visit us at St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street. You will be glad you did!

January Birthdays: Rev. Edward Canady. Rev. Canady received an award last Sunday evening, January 17th, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church from the MLK Commemorative Committee. It was for being an Outstanding Minister. The members of St.

Matthew Baptist Church, his family and friends are very proud of him. God bless you, Rev. Edward Canady!

Remember, there is a treasure you can own, that's greater than a crown or throne. This treasure is a conscience clear, that brings the sweetest peace and cheer.

Thought For The Week: "If God's word guides your conscience, let your conscience be your guide."

May God continue to bless you!!!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Here is a scripture for each of you. **I Corinthians 12:12** --

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many are one body, so also is Christ."

"Paul wasn't an educated man, but sometimes God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary jobs for Him. We do need the Holy Spirit to do things of God effectively. If God gives you the gift of speaking, use it. And any other gift the He blesses you with. All are important. WE are one body, one body, one body in Christ.

Thought: "The answer. There is a disease so emended or rooted, no body so badly decayed, no matter the color. God love is color blind. His love can reach out and rescue you who ever you are; wherever you are. No matter the problem. He said He will heal this nation. The answer is JESUS! Read II Chronicles 7:14."

Evil volunteers itself. Have you noticed a field of weeds will grow without any effort on your part, but you try growing a garden without any effort. Evil grows and multiplies with little or no effort. To sit Christians and do nothing, you are growing a field of undesired crops and these such fields are all over the city, people. On last week, there was a glimpse of the vast and wide spread fields of evil and sin infested crops. The scripture said what. (Matthew 16:19): You bind on earth will be bound in heaven, what you loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven. WE are concerned Lubbock!

We have the keys: Prayer will make a difference. It's making a difference in this city. We will continue to walk by faith and not by sight.

Let's get Prayer constructed people. We are truly believing God!

Just spend a few minutes in prayer for this cause daily. Thanks in advance.

When you pray to God, have a definite clear-cut idea of

just exactly what it is, an idea of just exactly what it is you want of God, and ask Home for that definite and specific thing, and if you meet the other conditions of prevailing prayer, you will get that definite specific thing which you asked. God's answer will be just as definite as your prayer. The Holy Spirit is dependent upon in al our prayers. If we are to receive anything by our praying. Having problems?? Can we

help??

Father, thanks for that precious gift of your darling Son who shed His blood on that Cross for mankind.

Come and meet with us on February 5th. For location, call 762-3347.

Sister Dorothy Hood, President; Sister Christine Burleson, Vice President; and Sister Elnora Jones, Teacher.

Bible Believers

The Bible Believers Class meets every Thursday from 1:00 p. m. until 2:00 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community.

The teacher of the class is Rev. Jimmie Brown.

The classes are taught strictly from the Holy Bible. Only the Word of God is taught. There is no social teachings -- only the True Word.

Sister Carrie Cox is the Assistant Instructor, Brother Jerril Nathan is Deacon.

Rev. Brown also is the director of the Dateview Apartments, 2310 Date Avenue. Vacancies Are Open.



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Obsequies

Annie Francis Simmons Boldon

Graveside service were held for Annie Francis Simmons Boldon Friday morning, January 7, 2011 at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Boldon, 55, of Lubbock passed away at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas on Sunday, January 2, 2011.

She was born August 27, 1955 to Melvin Jonas and Clytee Simmons Woodall.

She was preceded in death by her father, Melvin Jonas.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Trina Simmons; two grandchildren, Ashnashequa Lee and Tavonte Simmons; two brothers, Earnest Ray Simmons (Ruby) and De-



wayne Simmons (Debra); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Edith Margaret Fields

Slaton -- Funeral Services were held Friday afternoon, January 7, 2011 at Triumph Baptist Church in Slaton.

Interment followed at Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

Fields, 71, of Lubbock passed away Thursday, December 29, 2010 at Covenant.

She was born April 16, 1939 to Harvey D. and Pearl B. Fields in Farmersville, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harvey D. and Pearl B. Fields and two brothers, Harvey Fields, Jr. and Roosevelt Fields.

She leaves to cherish her memory, two daughters, Joyce Powell (Tyrone) and Lachelle Barnes (Roger); two brothers, Leroy Fields (Mary) and Danny Fields (Robbie); two half brothers;



two half sisters, Louise Johnson (Leroy) and JoAnn Ford; two special cousins; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Wilma J. Carthen

Funeral services were held for Wilma J. Carthen Thursday afternoon, January 13, 2011, in Ossie Curry Funeral Chapel.

Carthen, 59, of Lubbock died Jan. 6, 2011, at her residence.

Survivors include her father, Johnny Bailey; mother, Ms. Johnnie Mae Franklin; son, Arice Pittman Jr. and wife Suzette; brothers, Johnny Slaughter Sr., Larry Franklin and Billy Bailey; sisters, Early Mae White, Corette Bailey, Barbara Robinson, Linda Childres and Emmie Mooring; and grandchild, Jaylen Pittman.



Willie Pendgraft

Funeral services were held for Willie Pendgraft Saturday afternoon, January 15, 2011, at Church of the Living God.

Burial was held in Peaceful Garden Cemetery in Woodrow, Texas under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pendgraft was born June 6, 1917, to the parentage of Mr. Carter and Mrs. Mabelle Pendgraft in Navarro County.

He died January 7, 2011, at University Medical Center at the age of 93.

Pendgraft was married to Mrs. Mario Pendgraft for 69 years. To this union nine children were born.

Willie accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of the deacon board. He worked faithfully under the leadership of his father-in-law, Elder B.A. Russell Sr. He was a member of Church of the Living God, Temple #92, until his health began to fail. He worked for Plains Co-op Mill for 29 years and Bolton's Gas Station for 20 years.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; one sister; his son, Petty Officer, 1st Class Police Officer Billy Pendgraft (1983); and his daughter, Willie Todd (2008).

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Marion; children, Rose Pillow, Jessie McGruder, Wilma (Leroy) Calicuit, Royal Pendgraft, Anthony Pendgraft, Clovis Pendgraft and Arnetta Smith; one



sister, Ruthie Mae Harper (Fort Worth, Texas); 25 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Robert R. Pitts



Funeral services were held

Umpire Training Set Here January 23rd For Softball

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Training for umpires begins on January 23, 2011, and for scorekeepers on February 20, 2011. Additional training will

be provided during the "Shut Up and Play" Softball Tournament to be held on March 5 - 6, 2011. Training and dues must be paid to the West Texas USSSA and Texas Amateur Athletic Federation before beginning actual umpiring. Once training is completed and you are scheduled for games you will receive \$14 per game to umpire and \$9 per game to scorekeep.

Attached is the full training schedule with dates, times, locations and topics covered in each session. For more information, contact O.J. Williams at 775-2672.

for Robert Pitts at Saturday morning, January 15, 2011, at New Hope Baptist Church, with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock. Pitts, 73, of Lubbock passed away Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at his residence.

Pitts's life began on July 8, 1937, to the parents of Fletcher

and Luella Pitts in Matador, Texas. Robert attended Matador Public School. He later moved to Lubbock, Texas, where he was a truck driver for over 35 years, driving for various trucking companies, after which he retired from Groendyke Transportation with 20 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Josephine Pitts of 45 years; four sons, Robert Earl Pitts, Sammy,

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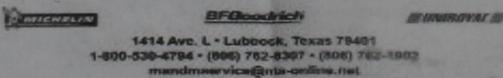
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EDITORIALS-COMMENTS- OPINIONS



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

THANKS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FOR A JOB WELL DONE! THIS N THAT observed that when trouble had arose for the **40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION** a committee of citizens came together and did a splendid job..... Those officers and members are**L. V. ANDREWS, PRESIDENT; DEBORAH DEARY, VICE PRESIDENT; TRACEY JACKSON, SECRETARY; FRANCES BELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY; DIANNA THOMAS, TREASURER; AND GWEN TITUS, BOARD MEMBER!** ... If there are hardworking people then there is no task which can't be accomplished as you proved to us this year..... May God continue to bless you with this important program in the

community.....

OUR BLACK YOUTH & OTHER YOUTH NEED TO KNOW WHY WE CELEBRATE MLK DAY! THIS N THAT hoping there is a means to advise and teach our **BLACK BOYS & GIRLS WHY WE CELEBRATE MLK DAY! THIS N THAT** is praying that one day and it won't be long when our young **BLACK BOYS & GIRLS** as well as others will understand why we celebrate **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY** and why it is a **NATIONAL HOLIDAY**..... This is not only **BLACK HISTORY** but is **UNITED STATES HISTORY**..... There is no doubt about it **BLACK PEOPLE** have come a long ways because we are **GOD'S PEOPLE**..... Further more re-

member **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** is **GOD SENT** and don't you ever forget that!!
CONGRATS TO MLK WINNERS! THIS N THAT wants to say **CONGRATS** to the following citizens who received an award from the MLK Committee last Monday evening January 17, 2011 at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church..... They were **OUTSTANDING MINISTER -- THE REV. EDWARD CANADY; PROFESSIONAL IN EDUCATION - BOBBIE GEAN PATTERSON; MLK MEMBER - GWEN TITUS; OUTSTANDING ATHLETE - LARRY ISAAC; LAW ENFORCEMENT- JAMES "BUSTER" TUCKER & COMMUNITY SERVICE - MINISTER LARRY JONES, ST. LUKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR FEEDING YOUNG PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY.**

PENNY HASTS THE BARNER SAYS: "THE BEGINNING doesn't count it's the **END** which makes a difference!"

Reverend Billie Parker
Sergeant First Class



Jonesboro, Georgia -- Funeral services were held for Reverend Billie Parker, Sergeant First Class, Saturday afternoon, November 11, 2010, at Hattie C. Watkins Memorial Chapel with Reverend Dion Smith, Associate Pastor, officiating.

Final arrangements were under the direction of Watkins Funeral Home Jonesboro.

He was born in Bryan, Texas on May 19, 1924 to Olivia Thompson and Henry Parker of Caldwell, Texas in a cotton patch on his Grandmother Darcus Maize's land. Billie died on November 7, 2010. He was also

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Parson Smith
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from state—run schools—all things that have happened in the past, before their rights to equal protection were enforced.

More on Supreme Court Justice Scalia's position like: "What kind of a bizarre mind could read the unqualified assertions in the Amendment, and somehow read into them qualifications based on his speculation as to what the writers were thinking at the time? I guess, by logic, that we should accept that "all men are created equal" really does refer only to white, propertied males.
...to be continued

Pitts Funeral
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Rogers, Robert Lee Pitts and Robert Pitts Jr.; one daughter, Sandra May; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

The Lena Baker Story: Moral minority

Racial injustice, poverty and morality

Writer/director Ralph Wilcox's debut, The Lena Baker Story, is an earnest and sympathetic portrayal of racial injustice in 1940s southwest Georgia. The film is based on the true story of Baker (Tichina Arnold Hates Chris"), an African-American who, in 1945, became the first and only woman sentenced and executed in Georgia's electric chair for killing a white mill owner (Peter Coyote).

As with most stories involving race and history, Baker's tale proves far more complex, involving alcoholism, poverty, criminal justice, interracial relationships and interdependency. Wilcox tries gamely to cover all of these issues, and if he fails to sustain the narrative through its 140-minute duration, it isn't for lack of effort. He worked from a 120-page book on Baker by one of her relatives and threads a biblical David and Goliath metaphor throughout the film. The drama feels like an endless cycle of abuse, resignation and defeat, with a sprinkling of defi-

ance and redemption to break up the proceedings.

The movie itself is a bit of a David and Goliath proposition, too. Wilcox became a filmmaker a few years back, started his own production company and today is the director of the Southwest Georgia Film Commission. (The movie was filmed in nearby Colquitt.) More local talent came from a crew that included film editor Hunter M. Via of Atlanta's Lab 601, which handled the post-production work.

Lena Baker was born in 1901 into sharecropping near Cuthbert, Ga. She tried early on to break free from the cycle of poverty, initially turning to prostitution and alcohol, which earned her a 10-month stretch in a brutal Georgia prison workhouse. No sooner does she return home to her mother (a steely Beverly Todd) than a local (Chris Burns) practically forces her to work for his hobbled drunk of a father, Eliot Arthur (Coyote). The old man remembers Lena from her drinking and whoring days, and exploits both

as he forces himself on her and ultimately makes her his sexual slave.

Arnold infuses a sense of dread and hang-dog sadness into her role, her perpetual frown only momentarily broken by pockets of happiness as when she gets to see her children. (How the three kids have come to be in her life is one of a few irksome plot holes in Wilcox's script.)

Coyote's Eliot is so besotted that it's hard for him to generate much beyond general loathing, which is a shame considering the actor's trademark wild eyes. Booze hangs so heavily over their scenes together that at times it feels like a racist Sid and Nancy.

The abuses go on under the nose of the frustrated town sheriff (Michael Rooker). Rooker's a savvy casting choice; he hit the scene in 1986 as the title killer in Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer and stirred up audiences as one of the Klansmen killers in 1988's Mississippi Burning. Here he

inflicts on African-American teens and adults is a crisis that cannot be ignored.

Adolphus Cleveland, a Tobacco Prevention ention Specialist, Managed Care Center for Addictive/Other Disorders, Inc.

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African-Americans And The Devastation Caused By Tobacco

by Adolphus "AC" Cleveland, Tobacco Prevention Specialist

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids presents some startling information. Each year, approximately 45,000 African-Americans die from smoking-related illnesses. Smoking-related illnesses are the number one cause of death in the African-American community. This surpasses all other causes of death including AIDS, homicide, diabetes, and accidents. Other statistics show disproportionate

harm to African-Americans from smoking.

In 2007, there were 7,387 African-American homicides victims in the United States. This figure shows that cigarette-related deaths exceed weapon-related-deaths by over 37,000.

The devastation that tobacco

MLK Award Winners

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Award, Minister Larry Jones, St. Luke Baptist Church.

The Awards services concluded the 40th Anniversary of the Martin Luther King Celebration.

Friday evening, January 14th, Youth Night was held at Alderson Middle School., with Tracey Jackson as Chairperson Saturday night, January 15th, was Gospel Night at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church. Frances Bell was Chairperson.

Sunday evening, January 17th, the Annual Citywide Services were held at the New Hope Baptist Church. Guest speaker was Rev. B. R. Moton.

The Board Members and Officials are; L. V. Andrews, President; Deborah Deary, Vice President; Tracey Jackson, Secretary; Frances Bell, Assistant Secretary; Diana Thomas, Treasurer; and Gwen Titus, Financial Committee.

"We did our very best, and will be back next year for another outstanding program," said Mr. Andrews..

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By Renetta Howard

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"Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive." Life throws a lot of curves to us and some of them are ill-conceived. Some of these curves result from the tangled lives that we live. Tangled lives are often wedded in deceit and often would not be tangled if we were true to ourselves and especially family members with whom we live and associate and affiliate.



Personally, I believe in calling a spade, "a spade." I have no hidden agendas and attempt to keep my life open, clean and free. The clutter that I have does not bother me or anyone else. It represent my sentiments, dear only to me, and once I have gone on to the great beyond or classroom in the sky, the value will disappear, whether it is today or tomorrow. There is nothing in my life that I have done which should or would cause anyone I have professed to love to think any less of me and perhaps to think better of me for not leaving them the kind of garbage that so many of us leave an undeserving family when we no longer grace this earth.

because you care. Your reward comes from God's grace because you do what you do out of the goodness of your heart. If by chance you are not mentioned in the distribution of your beloved's earthly properties, you have a clear conscience that you did what you could when you could. There is no need to cry and feel betrayed, even if you should have been entitled to some wealth. You made it before the passing and you can still prosper after the passing, because ill-gotten gains will not make the holder as happy as they think they will be.

Parents, especially have a tendency to favor one child over another. Too often, this is deceitful and causes unthinkable problems after a parent passes among siblings. Parents who love their children, equally or not, should consider the fallout of their actions when they pass on. Parents, get 'in cinque' and do not cause your children to wish you were cremated alive.

This past year, 2010, I lost a total of twenty friends, associates and relatives. I have observed the remaining families and they all have my deepest and heartfelt sympathy. Some are truly saddened by the passing of a loved one whom they cherished and will sorely miss and some are as angry as can be, mostly about "What he/she left me!"

A good rule to follow is to do what you can for whomever you choose to do it with no expectations of some kind of reward when your beloved passes on. Do for, care for or be there for someone you care about simply

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100 Black Men Of West Texas, Inc. Presents Its 16th Annual Scholarship Gala

On Saturday, January 29, 2011 the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc. (100) will present its 16th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser and Gala at the beautiful Overton Hotel and Convention Center. The 100 is proud to announce that the honored guests for the evening will be former Red Raider and current San Francisco 49er, Michael Crabtree; former Lubbock Independent School Administrator and current Assistant Superintendent for the Garland Independent School District, John Washington; and, recently graduated Red Raider, Baron Batch. Also, a special tribute will be given to recently deceased Lubbock Legend, Eddie Richardson. These individuals were selected because of the outstanding example that they have displayed as stellar role models and leaders. The cocktail reception and silent auction will commence at 7:00 p.m. and the dinner and program will start at 7:45 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the West Texas' top band, Element, and then fun will continue until midnight.

This year's gala motto is: "What They See is What They'll Be". This is also the national mentoring motto for the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. Once again, the 100 will serve as the host of Lubbock's 2011 kick-off of the African American history month celebration. Proceeds from this year's gala will be used to issue college scholarships to current high school seniors who will attend college in the fall, and, to current college students. Thanks to the unprecedented success and public support from last year's gala, a record breaking 13 scholarships were issued to deserving and outstanding students. With the help of supporters of this year's gala, the 100 seeks to, once again, increase its' scholarship grants in 2011. It must be noted that the 100 provides assistance to youth of varying ethnic, racial, and economic backgrounds.

Many West Texans will recall reading about how on June 18, 2010, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the National Convention of the 100 Black Men of America, the West Chapter was selected as the Top Chapter in the Nation for Leadership in Mentoring. This was a groundbreaking event and the seminally defining moment in the 17 year

history of the West Texas Chapter. The 100 Black Men of America's national leaders commended the West Texas Chapter for its outstanding mentoring and leadership programs and most especially for its amazingly successful and now nationally renowned Annual Kids' Fishing Derby. This is the event that is held on the first Saturday in June of every year at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock Texas. It is a partnership with the Texas Game Warden's Association. The 2010 Fishing Derby YouTube presentation may be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFBjoBftsD>.

The 100 extends a very special thanks to the 2011 Golden Headline Sponsors: Lubbock Power & Light and Water (LP&L); Alderson Enterprises; Texas Tech University School of Law; Terra Bella Salon; Glasheen Valles, Inderman & DeHoyos, LLP; Lubbock Regional MHMR; and McLaurin & McDonald, Attorneys at Law.

Individual tickets prices are \$40.00. This price includes admission to the Gala; a gourmet steak dinner; access to the 100's silent auction, the pleasure to help honor four outstanding African American role models, the privilege of contributing to the education of young people, and last but not least, the enjoyment of top notch entertainment. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. To obtain tickets or to become a sponsor, please contact Chad Grant at (806) 789-3526, or Dwight McDonald at 741-1103.

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cause of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: FRET not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off but those that wait upon the lord, they shall inherit the earth. Psalm 37:1, 8-9.

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South Plains College to host spring 2011 registration this week

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host spring 2011 registration in Levelland, Byron Martin Advance Technology Center, Plainview Center and Reese Center campus locations.

Spring classes begin Jan. 18. SPC Plainview Center, located at 1920 W. 24th St., will offer spring registration from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday (Jan. 11) in the Main Office.

The Levelland campus will offer registration from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday (Jan. 12) in the Technology Center.

Registration at the Reese Center for Reese and Byron Martin ATC classes will be from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday (Jan. 13). Registration will be in SPC Building 8.

City Parks & Recreational Department Offers Fitness Programs

Parks and Recreation is ready to help you achieve your New Year's resolutions! On Saturday, January 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., four community and senior centers will host open houses to introduce the public to their lifestyle fitness areas located within each center and to provide information on other health and fitness opportunities. There will be door prizes, demonstrations and refreshments, and admission is free. Equipment varies at each site, so the public is encouraged to go by all of the centers to find one that meets their fitness needs. There

is no cost to use the equipment, but patrons must complete an orientation packet with annual waiver and be instructed on how to use the equipment prior to their first workout.

Parks and Recreation is dedicated to helping Lubbock citizens maintain a healthy lifestyle and offers many activities at low or no cost including Zumba, Martial Arts, Tai Chi, Yoga and Dance. All of these activities are listed in the 2011 Spring Recreation and Leisure Guide, which is available online at www.playlubbock.com or by mail by calling 775-2685.

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plays against his villainous image. Just as Lena feels trapped between her captor, her alcoholism and sense of duty to her family, the sheriff walks a fine line between community and family pressures. For a man with a badge and a gun, this sheriff is remarkably impotent.

Lena's plight is no surprise. Her independent spirit is increasingly deadened by alcohol and the dual inability to challenge a sexual and racial oppressor. For a black woman back then, could "no" ever really mean "no"?

The Lena Baker Story tries to be a story of redemption and courage, although the payoff, given the results, might not satisfy the average viewer. Baker's 2005 pardon is too little, too late. Perhaps in Wilcox's eyes, we take what we can get.

THANK GOD FOR JESUS

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I LET JESUS HAVE MY RIGHTS, now my life is ever so SWEET! JESUS GAVE ME HIS RIGHTS to put the DEVIL UNDER MY FEET!

John 8:12 -- Jesus said, I am the light of the world; he that follow me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

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(JESUS WAS OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME: I WAS NEVER, NEVER A SLAVE TO THE WHITE MAN!!! ONLY TO SIN! IT ENSLAVED ME BUT NOW I AM FREE!!)

Didn't **NOBODY** have to get **BIT** by the policeman's **DOGS. MY FREEDOM** came from Calvary on that **OLD RUGGED CROSS!!**

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Galatians 4:6-7 -- Because you are sons. God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father. Wherefore you are no more a servant, but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Billie Parker Continued from Page 5

also the grandson of Last Comanche Chief Quannah Parker.

He was loved by his children: Rabbi Tommy Lee Parker, Lucile Green, Olivia Parker, Carolyn Parker, and William Parker, deceased. Billie came from a large, caring, farming family with ten sisters and brothers. Billie was married to Grace Wofford Bard for twenty years; his wife in love and the Lord during the last phase of his earthly life before Grace passed in 2003.

Reverend Billie Parker was preceded in death by his parents, his wives; his son; and his siblings -- Henry, Dorothy, Ernest, John, A. J.

He leaves to cherish his memories -- his children; his four grandchildren, and his siblings: Marva, Marie, Shelton, Ruthie; and a host of other relatives, friends, and fellow laborers in the ministry of the Lord.

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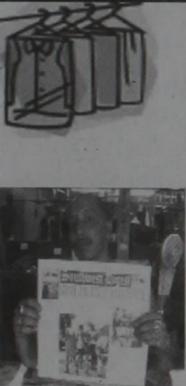
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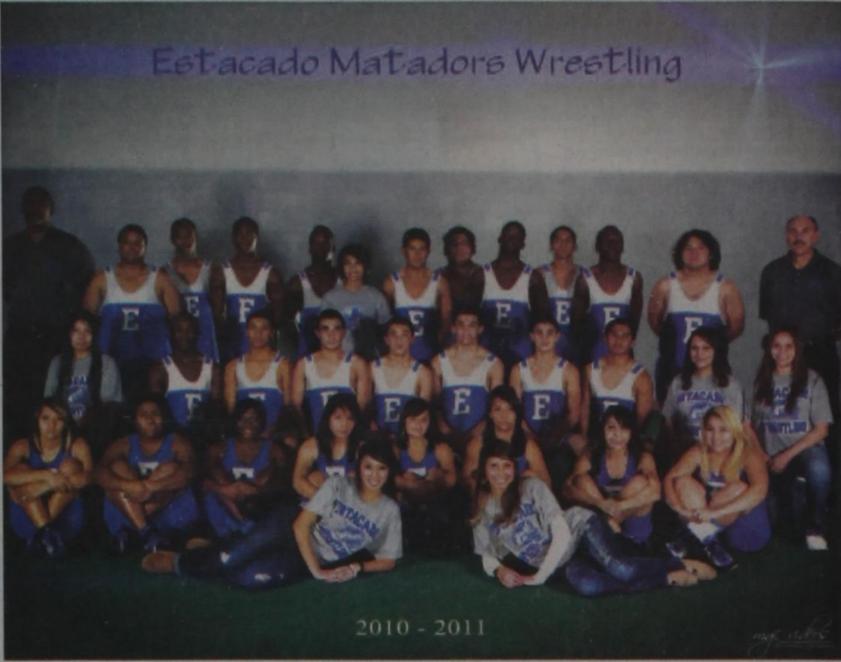
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Estacado Matadors Wrestling Team



Estacado High School Matadors Wrestling Team

Pictured above is a photo of the Estacado High School Matador Wrestling Team. This team has done a splendid job this academic school year.

In the very near future, the *Southwest Digest* will report the year's record of these young people who has done well representing the Lubbock Independent School District, and the entire Lubbock Community.

If you know the names of these young people, the *Southwest Digest* would like to know

their names.

It is just great to see young people doing outstanding things in our Lubbock Community.

This photo was done by Glen Cranford, owner of MGC Videos, who also has photographed many other activities at Estacado High School.

In the future, the *Southwest Digest* will have stories of well these young people, boys and girls, are doing in competition.

As far as we are concerned at the *Southwest Digest*, these

young people are still winners.

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The Lewis Sisters

Lewis Sisters Celebrates 20th Year Reunion

Our Lewis Sisters' Reunion was held in Lubbock this year. Like always, the Lewis Sisters had a blast!

First of all, we want to thank everybody who celebrated with us at their 20th year Reunion Banquet. Words can't express describe how much fun we all had. We had a tribute from our children, our Dad and Mama

Rose.

We played a game called "How Well Do You Know The Sisters?" The children and our visitors learned stuff about us they didn't know.

We showed a video of the Lewis Sisters from 1990 to 2009. Man, how time brings about a change!

We went to Rose's Nails for Manicures and Pedicure. We had to pamper ourselves.

The Lewis Sisters visited the Hope Deliverance Church on Sunday morning.

Even though we are getting older and older, it doesn't stop them from having fun!

Hopefully, what we are doing will encourage other families to get closer together.

Just in case some of you don't know the reason we started our Lewis Reunion. Well, before our Mom passed away here, the sisters got together with sisters only, no husbands or no chil-

dren. So in honor of our Mom every year, the Lewis Sisters come together. This year was the 20th year!

A special thanks to our Dad and Mama Rose. You see a Family is a bad thing to lose! Always cherish your Parents, Sisters, Brothers and Kids! Give each other flowers while they live. Just know that when we are dead and gone, we can't hear those kind words or see the flowers. Let's give them all we can while they live!

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