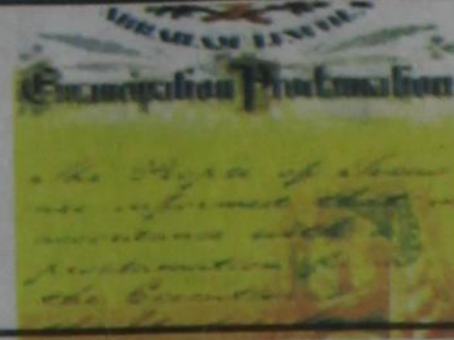




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## Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

\* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, 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.

\* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Patterson Library, 1834 Parkway Drive, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

\* 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.

CITIS (Creating Inspirational Thoughts in Singles) meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2404 23rd near Avenue X at 7:00 pm

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## Travis Threats Receives Letter From President Obama



Travis Threats

If you would ask Travis Threats, how did he have an opportunity of receiving a letter from President Barack Obama, with his signature, he would say "I've worked hard this year in school."

An eighth grade at O. L. Slaton Middle School, where Glen Teal is principal, Travis received the President's Education Awards Program certificate for his outstanding achievement.

Travis has achieved a GPA between 3.50-3.99, during the 2013 academic school year.

President Obama, in his letter, said, "I am pleased to join your family, friends, and teachers in recognizing this tremendous achievement."

Continuing President Obama said, "Your future is in your hands, and as long as you stay focused on your studies, there is not a single thing you cannot accomplish."

He also stated, "By earning this award, you have shown the discipline and drive to excel academically, and I encourage you to carry those qualities forward in all that you do."

He also received recognition and congratulations for his effort in two classes, namely; Pre-AP English Language Arts and Reading, and Future Problem Solving.

He is the son of Loretta Threats, and they are members of The Church of the Blessed, Johnny Perez, pastor. Travis sings on the Praise & Worship Team.



Bishop Vashti McKenzie

## Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie Will Visit Bethel A.M.E. Church On Saturday June 8, 2013

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, who serves as the 117th elected and consecrated bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, will visit Rev. Eddie Williams, pastor, and members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Her historic election in the year 2000 represents the first time in the over 213-year history of the A.M.E. Church, a woman had obtained the level of Episcopal office. Currently, she is honored to serve as the presiding prelate of the 10th Episcopal District, which includes the great state of Texas.

She previously served as the presiding bishop of the Thirteenth Episcopal District, Tennessee and Kentucky and the Eighteenth Episcopal District in Southern Africa. In each district she initiated innovative ministry from building three group homes for children orphaned by AIDS in Swaziland to Believe, Inc a faith-based non-profit to

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Genesis Tates

## Genesis Tates Elected Evans Student Body Prexy

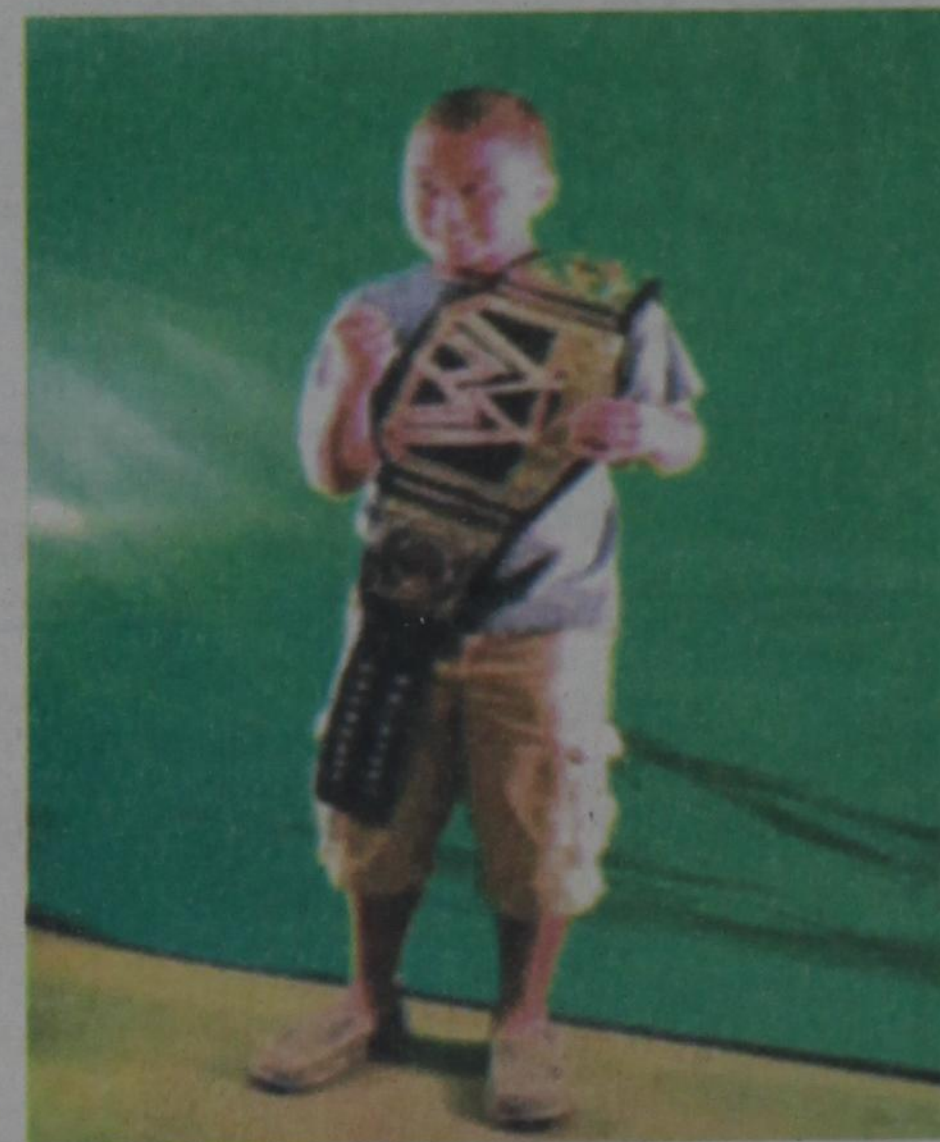
Genesis Tates, seventh grader at Evans Middle School, has been elected as Student Body President of Evans for the 2013-2014 school year. Chris Collins served as campaign manager for Tates.

Genesis is a member of the National Honor Society, All Regional Band, and Full Orchestra at Evans, and participated on the Girls Basketball B-Team this year. She was a member of the Girls Basketball League -- team elites.

Genesis attends Agape Temple Church of God in Church with her family, where she sings in the choir and on the Praise Team. Genesis also sings with other members of the family in the group, Tates 6.

Genesis is the daughter of Eddie and Dorsita Tates.

## Watch Out For Upcoming Champion Wrestler!



Kaleb Dunn

If you would ask Kaleb Dunn, age 9, he would tell you with enthusiasm that he was learning how to become a wrestler. He would probably tell you he practices during the week, and is excited about learning all that he can.

He is the son of Dedricke Dunn, and the grandson of Faye Brown.

He attends Cooper Elementary School. He will be a fourth grader for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Mehcad Brooks.

Congratulations and here's to 40 more years of weekly service, being the voice of voter education, civic responsibility and community support. Cheers!

Young Dunn wants to become a veterinarian when he becomes an adult

## Free Breakfast and Lunch Served At Dunbar This Summer!

Aramark will provide breakfast and lunch for anyone under 18 years of age at Dunbar College Preparatory Academy.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a. m. until 8:30 a. m.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m.

This special program will be held from June 3, 2013 until August 8, 2013.

This is a blessing!

## The Angelic Christian Girls of Greater St. Luke



The Angelic Christian Girls

The Angelic Christian Girls of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church gives all honor and glory to God performed at the 92nd 92nd Church Anniversary at the Greater eater St. Luke Missionary Church, where the pastor is Rev. J. H. Ford.

Pictured above, from left to right are: Jayla White, Pretazia Dial, Olivia Sanders, Micah Maranha, Kalynn Nickerson, and Kalila Jackson.

The group is under the direction of Mrs. Gee Evans, center.

## Truly An Evening Of Stars

By Angela Wyatt

Austin, Texas -- Celebrating a milestone of achievement and success is always a glorious moment. Saturday, May 11, 2013, was definitely a night you did not want to miss. Countless Austinites and distinguished dignitaries congregated at the Sheraton Hotel at the Capitol for an evening of Black, White and Read All Over, commemorating the Villager Newspaper on their 40th anniversary. Tommy Wyatt, Publisher, was honored with an iconic roast, toast and tributes by Austin's most noted citizens.

In attendance was Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Former City Council Member (Hon.) Charles Urdy, Chair of National Newspaper Publishers Association Cloves Campbell, Vice President of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (DDCE) at the University of Texas at Austin Dr.



Wyatt & Cloves

Gregory Vincent, Attorney James Belt, Sr. of the Texas Publishers Association, U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett and Yaphet Smith, Former Youth Brigade Member.

Taking the podium one by one, they shared stories of their fondest memories and unforgettable encounters with Wyatt. Honorary hosts were the Honorable



Wyatt & Cong. Doggett

Berl Handcox, (Hon.) Wilhelmina Delco, Larry Jackson, Willie Mae Kirk and Ada C. Anderson. Live entertainment and musical tribute were performed by the Pamela Hart Quintet and an amazing accolade duet by former Youth Brigader Tayla Terry and mother Cheryl Terry. Also in attendance was Austin native and celebrity, actor



## Twins Graduate From Spelman as Co-Valedictorians in the Class of 2013



Kristie and Kirstie Bronner are identical twins with identical grade point averages of 4.0 that recently graduated as co-valedictorians in the class of 2013 at Spelman College in Atlanta. It's the first time in the school's history that this has happened.

Both are music majors, have a relentless work ethic, and are determined to reach their goals at any cost. They insist that "what you know is not as important as how determined you are when it comes to succeeding in both life and academics."

Kirstie Bronner comments, "Before we came to college we prayed that we would keep 4.0s all the way through but I don't think we ever really expected it."

Her sister Kristie, comments, "We learned how to have a balance to life and then to be able to appreciate the journey of college and be more healthy and be more happy."

Congratulations to them both, and big praise for being exemplary role models to communities all across the nation!

## Municipal Pools Opened Tuesday, June 4

It's just about time again to cool off at Lubbock's municipal pools as they open for the 2013 season on Tuesday, June 4, at 1:00 p.m. Hours of operation are Tuesdays through Sundays 1:00-6:00 p.m. Entrance fees are \$2.00 for youth (17 and under) and \$2.50 for adults, and group rates are available for groups of 35 or more. Pool rentals are available for parties Thursday-Sunday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. by calling 775-2673.

Clapp Pool, 46th & Avenue U, 767-2736: Amenities include a 90' water slide, concession stand, lifeguards, showers, diving boards, and shade umbrellas. All pools are ADA accessible. Mae Simmons Pool, 24th & MLK, 767-2732: Amenities include a 90' water slide, concession stand, lifeguards, showers, diving board and shade umbrellas.

Maxey Pool, 4007 30th Street, 767-3739: Amenities include a concession stand, lifeguards, showers, diving boards, shade umbrellas and shade trees. Montelongo Pool, 3200 Bates Street, 767-2734: Amenities include a 90' water slide, concession stand, lifeguards, showers, diving boards, shade umbrellas, a separate wading pool, and zero depth entry into main pool.

For those who want to swim Continue on Page 6

## Lauryn Hill Sentenced to Three Months In Prison For Tax Evasion



Lauryn Hill

Grammy-winning singer/rapper Lauryn Hill has been sentenced to three months in federal prison for failing to pay taxes on nearly \$2 million in income.

The ruling also requires the 37-year old entertainer to complete an additional three months under house arrest, and nine months of supervised release. She also has to pay a \$60,000 fine. Her sentencing will begin on July 8th, and she will likely serve her time in the state of New Jersey where she resides.

Hill pleaded guilty last summer to three misdemeanor counts of tax evasion, admitting that she intentionally failed to file tax returns in 2005-2007 because she had withdrawn from society and was not working as an artist. She faced a potential prison sentence of one year for

each of the three counts, but her attorney sought probation in the case.

"I needed to be able to earn so I could pay my taxes, without compromising the health and welfare of my children, and I was being denied that," Hill said.

**Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed.**

Proverbs 16:3

### Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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### New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, June 2, 2013, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson for the adults and Sister Lacey Thompson taught the lesson for the young teens. Breakfast was served to those in attendance afterward.

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

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. He read the responsive reading which came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was also led by Rev. Jackson with the song "What A Friend" being sung.

Sister Linda Green read all the morning announcements and told of all the up coming events that would be taking place. All birthdays was acknowledged. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The choir song, The Lord Is Blessing Me" which was led by Mother Sudall Cavanaugh, and "How I Got Over" which was led by Sister Ambra Jackson. The theme song of the church, "Amazing Grace" was song before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled:

"You Can't Do Your Own Thing." The scripture was Roman 10:1-10. A song was sung after the sermon.

It was another dynamic sermon, and was well received. Praise God for what he is doing and will continue to do.

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

There is no question about it,

Prayer changes things. It is hard to stumble when you are on your knees. Pray in the morning noon and night.

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**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:** Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye land. Psalm 100:1.

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Let us not forget to support the 2013 Juneteenth Celebration!

### Lillian Lucille Jackson

Funeral services were held for Sister Lillian Lucille Jackson on Wednesday morning, June 5, 2013, at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Jackson, 88, of Lubbock, passed away on Wednesday, May 29, 2013.

Lillian was born on August 6, 1924, to the parentage of the late Lee and Winnie Knighten in Greenville, Texas. Lillian attended school in both Lone Oak and Greenville school districts and graduated from St. Paul High School. She attended Jarvis Christian College where she earned her cosmetology certification.

In January 1945, Lillian's family relocated to Lubbock where



she worked as a beautician and in retail.

Lillian joined New Hope Baptist Church on April 15, 1945. She served as Sunday school secretary for 25 years and was named Secretary Emeritus. She was a member and president of the Sanctuary Choir and served as youth director for 11 years.

Lillian was also editor of New Hope's first newsletter, a church clerk, pastor's aid and a member of the Women's Missionary Soc-

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# Church News



**From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith  
Huckabee: Benghazi will drive Obama  
from Office**

There are still some white people in America who has not come to grip with the fact that Barack Obama has been elected by the majority people of these United States of America as their president for another four years. Because of their disdain for a president who does not have pure white blood and whose father belongs to what they determined as a race that is inferior to theirs they feel he is beneath their lily whiteness and does not represent them. These creatures of inferior intelligence who disavow by their actions that the God of the Universe is the creator of all life have an intellectual and moral problem as it comes to humankind that does not look like them in their so-called whiteness.

We who have been bastardized by force from these creatures of whiteness have just about had enough of their demeaning people of color. This writer was personally offended by as so-called ordained Southern Baptist Preacher who was given the name Mike Huckabee, an ordained Southern Baptist Preacher and the 44th Governor of Arkansas. I can un-

derstand the ignorance of someone like Donald Trump, however when you represent the Master of Heaven and Earth and keep trying to bloody the political nose of the president who has been elected by the people of the United States of America this becomes a pile of mess liken to barn yard fertilizer.

The following is an article by Mackenzie Weinger on May 6, 2013 from Politico titled "Huckabee: Benghazi will drive Obama from Office."

Mike Huckabee on Monday several weeks ago predicted that President Barack Obama won't finish out his second term in light of the "cover-up" of the deadly attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi and the former Arkansas governor called the affair "more serious than Watergate."

"I believe that before it's all over, this president will not fill out his full term. I know that puts me on a limb," the former Arkansas governor said on "The Mike Huckabee Show." "But this is not minor. It wasn't minor when Richard Nixon lied to the American people and worked with those in his administration

to cover-up what really happened in Watergate. But, I remind you—as bad as Watergate was, because it broke the trust between the president and the people, no one died (white boy's hands are always clean). This is more serious because four Americans did in fact die."

Huckabee, however, said his prediction about Obama "will not happen" if the Democrats seize control of the House and retain control of the Senate next year.

"If they're able to get control of the House and maintain the Senate, this will not happen because they won't let it happen," Huckabee said.

"And they won't let it happen not because they're protecting just the president, they're trying to protect their entire political party. If they try to protect the president and their party, and so at the expense of the truth, their president and their party will go down. Now, here's what I'm going to suggest will happen—as the information and facts begin to come out, it will become so obvious that there was a concerted and very, very deliberate cover-up. **Continue on Page 7**



**We Thank God for Jesus**

**"America -- What In Hell Do You Want?"**

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**Hosea 4:1b** -- The Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

America started out with the BIBLE; as a GUIDE to the way of LIFE. Then SHE GOT PROUD, and the PEOPLE: DIDN'T WANT GOD IN THEIR LIVES!!!

**Isaiah 58:1** -- The Lord said, CRY aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions.

\*\*\*\* NO PRAYER IN MANY SCHOOLS -- NO PRAYER IN MANY HOMES -- NO PRAYER IN MANY OF HER CHURCHES NO PRAYER IN THE COURTS!!!! \*\*\*\*\*

America was BLESSED WITH OIL, WHEAT, COTTON, WATER AND LAND. GOD BLESSED AMERICA; and she thought she DID IT HER HANDS!!!

**Hosea 2:8** -- The Lord said, She did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and mul-

tiplied her silver and gold which they prepared for Ba'al.

The LORD BLESSED this land, and wanted her to bring forth GOOD FRUITS. But look what AMERICA IS PRODUCING -- "USELESS FRUIT FROM HER ROOTS!!!"

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

AMERICA USE TO BE: the most blessed COUNTRY -- in the WHOLE WORLD. But now SHE'S THE WORSE; OF MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

**Isaiah 5:20-23** -- The Lord said, Woe (CURSED) unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and of strength to mingle strong drink: which jus-

tify the wicked for a reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him.

\*\*\*\*\* NOW THAT'S AMERICA!!!! \*\*\*\*\*

AMERICA tells her CHILDREN: JUST SAY NO DRUGS; then on FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, BEER, BEER, BEER. THE DRUG AMERICA LOVES!!!

**I Timothy 6:10** -- For the love of money is the root of evil evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

\*\*\*\*\* GOD IS TAKING AMERICA, THROUGH EVANGELIST OF 911, EVANGELIST IN THE BOSTON MARTHORN, EVANGELIST TWO TRIPS TO OKLAHOMA, AND IN OTHER DISASTER \*\*\*\*\*

When AMERICA left GOD; to serve the GOD OF THIS WORLD: ( THE DEVILS)!!! She put the LIVES OF HER PEOPLE AT RISK: MEN **Continue on Page 6**

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on last Sunday morning, June 2, 2013, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services begun at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School. Sister Shirley Davis, our Superintendent, was in charge.

Our Sunday School teacher, Sister Susie Davis, was absent. Our Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, taught the morning lesson. Our pastor, Rev. Ed-

ward Canady, did a wonderful job reviewing the lesson.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Beyond Description." The Unifying Topic was "Holy, Holy, Holy". The main thought was found in Isaiah 6:3. (KJV)

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The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Sister Ethel Will. Our Pastor entered the Church with the choir singing "Because of

Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Edward Canady. His subject was "Prayer Meeting At Sister Mary's House." His scripture text was The Acts 12:5-7.

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The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady. She always does a wonderful job. Praise God for her and all that she does for the Church. \*\*\*\*\*

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

The Missionary Society meets at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesday afternoon. There are always interesting discussions.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p. m. If you can sing, then come and be with us.

Let us continue to pray for

our sick and shut-in members as well as others who are ill.

\*\*\*\*\*  
**Our Thought For The Week:** Christianity is not just Christ in you, but Christ living His life through you! \*\*\*\*\*

The Appreciation Services for our Pastor & Wife, Rev. & Mrs. Edward Canady, will begin June 14th, Friday evening beginning at 7:30 p. m. and ending, Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 p. m. June 16th.

Special churches will be with us in this celebration. Everyone is invited to attend.

Come and worship God with us, and let Pastor & Sister Canady know how much we appreciate them! God is good to all of us!



Pastor & Mrs. E. Canady

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### Visible for God

**I Thessalonians 1**  
Have you ever experienced an introduction without words? I live in a rural northern Wisconsin where green and gold/yellow attire seems to be in every person's wardrobe. Whether it represents John Deere or the Green Bay Packers, you cannot go anywhere without being confronted by his combination of colors. I tend to stand out when I don't have the purple and gold of my favorite team, the Minnesota Vikings. I might get a stare. But one thing is for sure, they know

I am not a Packer fan.

It might be our clothing, the topics of our conversations, our reputation, or the company we keep that naturally reveals our loyalties and priorities. These are unspoken introductions.

The Apostle Paul begins his first letter to the Thessalonians by commending them for their ability to "introduce" the gospel without words. Instead, they introduce their loyalty to Jesus Christ by three vital traits: faith, hope, and love. These three traits are the skeletal structure of every person's faith.

### Three Vital Traits

Paul refers to these in I Corinthians 13 which corrects the church in Corinth and their

behavior as a unified body of believers. He boils down the basic fundamentals for unity within Christian fellowship by saying:

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"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." (v. 13). Paul encourages the Corinthians to return to these fundamentals, but he commends the Thessalonian Church for remaining faithful to them.

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A special prayer is in order for Sister Dorothy Hood, president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher. Both have done much for the Outreach Prayer Breakfast! Praise God!!!

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# Obsequies

## Willie Alvin Kelly Succumbs In Houston

**Houston, Texas .... (Special)**  
..... Willie Alvin Kelly departed this life on May 18, 2013 after a lengthy illness.

Services were held last Wednesday morning, May 22, 2013 at Blueridge Methodist Church in Houston Texas, with Rev. Marquette Gibbs officiating.

Willie Alvin Kelly was born April 20, 1939. He was the oldest of four children. Willie was born in Bremont, Texas to Ernest and Lilly Mae Kelly.

He grew up serving Christ and was baptized at an early age. He was a member of the Deacon board at Mt. Veron United Methodist Church in Lubbock Texas. Upon moving to Houston, Texas, he joined Blueridge United Methodist Church and worked diligently until his health failed.

He attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas. After graduating from high school he attended Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas where he was a member of the golf team. Willie returned to Lubbock and became the golf pro at the Lubbock Country Club.

In 1973, he joined the City of Lubbock Housing Appraiser Department. Willie moved to Houston in 1984 and served as maintenance manager for a



number of apartment complexes. Willie was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Kelly and Lillie Mae Cork and his younger brothers Ernest Kelly and Robert Cork Jr.

He is survived by his children: Chartress Kelly-Green (Calvin), Adriane Kelly, Demetra Thornton, Grandchildren: Phillip, McKinzie, Calvin Jr. Carter, Dylan, Brandon, and Candice; his loving sister Frankie Cade; Step father Robert Cork; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

### Juneteenth Celebration

The Guest Artist on Saturday is Avery Wilson. He was on Season 3 The Voice and was recently signed to producer song writer and singer Sean Garrett. It would be nice if you could do a write up about him. He will perform from 5-6pm on Saturday at the Park.

## Former Lubbock Resident, Faye Bryant, Succumbs in Gilmer, Texas

**Como, Texas --** Funeral services for Faye Dell Bryant, 83, of Como, Texas, were held at Independent Baptist Church Sunday, May 5, 2013 with Rev. Derrick Johnson and her son, Kevin Bryant, officiating.

Faye Dell Bryant was born August 23, 1929 in Camp County, Texas to Harry and Lillie Smart. She completed her education at Center Point High School; she later received her Degree in Nursing.

She accepted Christ at an early age, and united in holy matrimony to Lorenzo Bryant, Sr. August 27, 1947 in Pittsburg, Texas. Together Faye and Lorenzo have six sons. The family moved to Lubbock and resided for forty-four years. The family moved to Como and joined the Independent Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dave Young.

Faye was a faithful member until her health failed.

She leaves behind precious memories of six sons: Lorenzo Bryant, Jr., Anthony Bryant (Susan), Harry Bryant (Fay), Rodney Bryant (Yolando), Kevin Bryant and Ralph



Bryant (Doreen); a sister, Ruth Priestly (Clarence); and brother, Chancle Smart (June).

She is also survived by sixteen grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She and Mr. Bryant raised three great-grandchildren: Erica Bryant, Laneula Bryant, and Tamira Bryant and one grandson, Brandon Bryant.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, five sisters and one daughter-in-law Chun Cha.

Graveside services were held in Lubbock at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery Wednesday, May 8, 2013. All six sons served as honorary pallbearers.

## Joe Alexander Middleton Succumbs Here

Joe Alexander Middleton is now at peace in the arms of his Heavenly Father. Born November 19, 1938 in Taylor, Texas to the parentage of John and Lucille Dawson Middleton. The Middleton family moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1941. Joe graduated from Dunbar High School in 1958 where he as an athlete on the basketball, football and track teams receiving honors from all teams. He received an athletic scholarship to attend Garden City Community College in Kansas. Joe served in Germany with the United States Army from 1960 to 1962, receiving an Honorable Discharge. He was also a manager for Piggly Wiggly Supermarket, a co-owner of a grocery store on East Broadway Avenue, and a Sales Representative for Warner Lambert. Upon retiring from Warner Lambert, he became self-employed remodeling homes.

Joe Middleton married Voncile Porter, and a son, Rodney, was born. In 1990, Joe married Elizabeth "Betty" Jenkins in Amarillo, Texas.

Preceding Joe in death are: his parents; his sisters: Johnnie Lucille Middleton Brown,



Frankie Jean Middleton; his brother, Ulysee Middleton; and first wife Voncile.

The memories of Joe Middleton will live on after home going as he leaves to mourn: his wife Betty; his sons: Joel of Houston, Texas, Joe, Jr. (Dee) of Phoenix, Arizona, and Rodney of Dallas, Texas; and step-children: Sandra and Brandon of Amarillo, Texas, and Camilla of Lubbock, Texas.

He also leaves to mourn: his sisters, Octavia Middleton Givens (RJ), and Grace Middleton Pierce, both of Lubbock, Texas; and numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, especially his long-time friend, Ray Travenia.

## Mae Dell Flowers Curry

Funeral services for Mae Dell Flowers Curry were held Saturday afternoon, May 25, 2013, at at Hope Deliverance Baptist Church.

Interment followed at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Curry, 70, of Lubbock, passed away on May 18, 2013.

Mae was born on January 13, 1943, to the parentage of Odell & Bessie Mae (Hardaway) Mitchell in Gilbert, Ariz. Mae's family later relocated to Lubbock County where she attended Idalou public schools.

Mae was united with Willis Flowers on September 21, 1959; to this union, five children were born. Mae later united with the late Charlie William Curry on March 17, 1983. Mae was employed with the Lubbock State School and Lubbock Public Schools. Mae retired as a bus driver at Durham School Services with over 35 years of service.

Mae accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior on April 15, 1962, and established union with



St. Mark Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of the late Pastor Thomas. Mae continued her work for the Lord under the pastoral leadership of the late Pastor Armstead and Pastor V. Armstead until her home going. She was a member of Prayer Vigil Chain under the leadership of Sister Blanche Swisher.

Mae was preceded in death by her father, Odell Mitchell; two brothers, Alfred Mitchell and Vernon Tealer; one sister, Marlene Mitchell; two children, Larry Jerome Flowers and Pastor Elijah David Flowers and her husband, Charlie William Curry.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three children, Willis Flowers Jr. (Vanessa), Jackie Flowers, and Constance Whitten (Donald); a daughter-in-law, Debbie Flowers; godson, Glenn Carson; seven brothers, Odell Jr., Leroy, Raymond, Henry, Nadaniel, Emzie and Joe Mitchell; two sisters, Mary Bible and Joyce Mitchell; 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Paula Callahan; two brothers, Elder Dilton McDonald (Linda) and Reverend Milton McDonald (Trebbie); a brother-in-law, L.C. Fuller (Sharon); John Henry Wright; Dennis & Margie; 18 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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## Dr. Michael Ward, M.D. Remembered In Lubbock



For those of you who may not have known our recently deceased Chapter Founder of 100 Black Men of West Texas, Dr. Michael Ward, center above is a picture of Dr. Ward who is flanked by former 100 presidents Homer Norville on the left and Greg Ricks on the right. This picture was taken at the 2010 National 100 Black Men of America's National Convention in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where we received the Chapter of the Year Award for Mentoring.

Sadly, Dr. Ward passed away on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. He was a leader's - leader and a champion of economic development and mentoring. His loss has reverberated greatly through the ranks of members and friends as well as among his numerous oncology patients who are proud cancer survivors today thanks to Dr. Ward's skilled medical services.

### Robert McDonald



Funeral services were held for Robert McDonald services on Saturday morning, May 25, 2013, at St. John Baptist Church, with Rev. S. Fields, pastor, officiating.

Services were under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock. Interment was held Thursday, May 30, 2013 at Rollings Hill Cemetery in Richmond, California.

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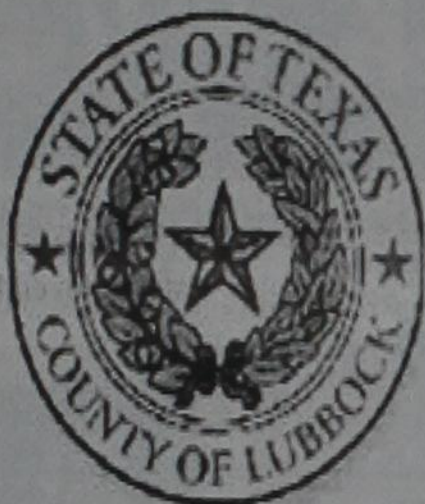
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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



American graduates from high school and college are still in the midst of celebrating their success of completing their courses of study. This is good. However, it will be even greater if they have taken time to really plot their course for the next few years.

It is the hope of every American parent who has the welfare of their children at heart and a bright outlook for their future, to want to see them enter college, secure a degree and then find suitable employment or be prepared to make profitable ventures on their own.

Getting through high school has been a pretty well laid out path for those students concentrating in a particular curriculum to prepare them for a college curriculum. High schools have their courses very well designed for each year of matriculation leading to a diploma in a certain area of study in which the student can enter a field of study fairly confident. Most high school counselors and program directors are well equipped to see to a student being tracked correctly for his intended goal. Consequently, they complete high school with a particular goal in mind. Most high school students look forward to entering college in the fall of the year in which they complete high school. Some high school graduates have already been accepted at some colleges before they graduate.

With such a wide array of courses of study available to stu-

dents in college now, a student not only needs a knowledgeable advisor, but should be capable of tracking his own course of study for his particular major and minor area. As a matter of fact, students today need to have two majors rather than one and a minor.

Some colleges do not have catalogs with curriculum layouts anymore, so it is necessary to go to the computer to find any information you need regarding the chosen college. Some colleges require a computer for many classes and it is impossible to pass the course without one. Most colleges which require a computer usually provide them for students as a part of their tuition fees but if they are lost or stolen, the student must pay the price of the new one. This is important information which students need to be aware of. Bad advice and no clear cut path in mind can lead to disaster in college and a waste of money.

It is a waste of money when a student has no idea of what courses he is required to take for his major program and the college advisor for his field of study fails to give him the correct direction. This is one reason so many students are staying in college five and six years to complete the course of study for a particular degree. It is going to be difficult enough to get into a college and staying five or six years is not the answer.

The bad credit scores of some parents is going to prohibit many

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## The George Zimmerman Murder Trial Should Be a Slam Dunk for the Prosecution

By Walter Smith

If you can imagine a scene in Sanford Florida on the rainy night of February 26, 2012 when the Sanford police was called to a scene where a young Black man was standing with his hands up with a holstered gun and a young white man lay dead on the ground, do you think the immediate outcome would have been the same? Could the young black man have told police that he shot the young white boy in self defense? Could he have invoked the "Stand your ground" law to be released without any charges? Certainly not! He would have been arrested and charged with murder on the spot.

George Zimmerman first saw Trayvon Martin walking home from a local 7-11 after purchasing skittles, candy, and Ice tea for his little brother. Zimmerman evidently had a racial mindset that only Blacks that he was familiar with belonged in this gated community. He didn't know Trayvon so he assumed he was an intruder. He reported his findings to the local police and was instructed not to follow him. Contrary to his instructions, he did follow him and as a result of following him, got involved in a scuffle, pulled a gun and shot him dead. That was pre-meditated, cold blooded murder.

There were no immediate legal consequences to this shooting because Zimmerman who, according to America's ethnic designations, is "White", had just shot and killed a Black intruder in his gated community.

The police and investigators readily accepted Zimmerman's account of the incident and therefore didn't bother to do a full house to house inquiry about the dead child on the ground because Zimmerman had already described him as an intruder. Instead they took him to the morgue and labeled him a "John Doe". The police discovered the next day that Trayvon was a guest in the apartment complex when his father, Tracy Martin, filed a missing persons report.

A detective visited Trayvon's father at his girlfriend's house. "He asked me to sit down," Martin recalls. "I sat down. He pulled out a picture of a young gentleman on the ground, dead, and asked me if that was my son. And I confirmed that it was Trayvon. And since that confirmation, it's been a nightmare." Martin called his ex-wife with the news of their son's death. "I didn't actually believe what his dad told me," Sabrina Fulton says. "I just didn't believe it. That's absolutely the worst call that a mother can receive. That

# THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

**GEORGE LOVE WILL MAKE AN OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF DUNBAR COLLEGE PREPARATORY COLLEGE! THIS N THAT** ... wants to take this opportunity and ... **RECOMMEND** ... a gentleman ... **GEORGE LOVE** ... as the principal of Dunbar.... He has made an outstanding contribution to this school.... If appointed by the Lubbock Independent School District ... he will replace ... **DR. BRIAN YEARWOOD** ...

who has been hired by the Lamesa Independent School District ..... as an ..... **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT** ... for the upcoming school year.... **THIS N THAT** ... wishes Dr. Yearwood the very best as well..... There is no doubt about it ... **MR. LOVE** ... will do well and bring some positive programs for the young people attending ending Dunbar.... He is familiar with the positive programs at Dunbar and will continue to an asset for

this academic effort. This day and time ..... young people need a gentleman as Mr. Love to a part of their lives..... **THIS N THAT** ..... is hoping this opportunity will be available to Mr. Love.... It will be an honor for this newspaper to ..... **SUPPORT MR. GEORGE LOVE** ..... as the new principal of Dunbar College Preparatory College.... This will be great ..... and the citizens of the community will be glad to accept him. So when you see him .... wish him well!!

her baby has been shot and killed." A young lady from Miami Florida who said she had known Trayvon since kindergarten, talked on the phone with him on the night of Feb. 26. The 16-year-old said Trayvon described a man who was "crazy and creepy" and on the phone, watching him from a vehicle before he started to follow him on foot. She implored Trayvon, who said he put his sweatshirt hood up because of the rain, to run to the town house where he was staying with his father, his father's girlfriend and her 14-year-old son. Earlier, Trayvon had temporarily sought cover from the rain by one of the buildings. "I could hear the wind blowing" and "he said he lost him." "He was breathing hard," she said, and "his voice kind of changed. I know he was scared. His voice was getting kind of low." The girl said that Trayvon, after evading Mr. Zimmerman for a while, noticed that he was being pursued again and mentioned this to her. A sense of urgency grew. Trayvon alerted the girl to the fact that Zimmerman "was getting close to him." She strongly urged him to run, but she could tell he did not because he was out of breath and tired, and kept saying he was close to the town house where he was a guest. She then heard Trayvon ask, "Why are you following me for?" She heard the other man ask, "What are you doing around here?" After calling out "Trayvon" several times over the phone, and getting no response, she heard somebody bump Trayvon. She said that she heard rising fear in Trayvon's voice that Department. ...

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## A Letter To The Youth

Enjoy life and everything it has to offer! Take advantage of the time you have now to apply yourselves in school and life. Don't wait until it is too late to obtain the goals that you set for yourselves. Wasting your life running the streets selling drugs, smoking weeds or what ever the streets have to offer are not the answer to success!

Street money is only temporary! Lots of people believe that they will never get caught selling drugs, because they have lasted in the game for a while. I am a living witness that eventually everyone pays the price. Don't let anyone tell you that prison is worth the risk for the amount of money you obtain through drug dealing.

No amount of money is worth being taken away from your children or family!! Prison is wasted time that you could be spending with your family or bettering your life through school or a trade. Don't allow greed to set in because greed and money are a dangerous combination!

God does not like a person who is obsessed with money.

There is nothing wrong with wanting to be successful, but go about it the right way, and it will last forever!

Don't learn the way t his wr iter has written from a prison cell, knowing now that my life is more valuable to me than any dollar amount.

So chrish it, take advantage of life, because you only get one. Gave gave all of us an ability and gift! Find it and pursue it to the best of your ability. Then and only then will you be a success!

Sincerely,  
Inmate #1802937.

## Petition Verified by City Secretary's Office, Councilman Hernandez Will Not Resign

Former Lubbock County Commissioner Ysidro Gutierrez, Republican, initiated a recall petition effort against City Councilman Victor Hernandez. Others who joined in the effort were Frank Gutierrez, Armando Gonzales and Beatrice Perez (Ysidro Gutierrez' daughter).

June 4th, City Secretary Becky Garza announced that there were a sufficient number of verified signatures to necessitate a November 2013 election to give voters the opportunity to recall or not recall Councilman Hernandez.

## Did you know?

By Maria Fernandez

Are you considering buying a house but don't know your credit score? Did you know that you can get a free credit report once a year? The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act and the Fair Credit Reporting Act require each of the three major credit bureaus (Experian, Equifax and TransUnion) to provide you with access to a free credit report once a year. There are several ways to get your free credit report.

You may visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). This is the only official site for your free credit report, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Follow the instructions on the site and you will be able to access one, two or all three of your credit reports.

You may also call 1-877-322-8228 to request your credit report by phone. You will have to complete a verification process. Your report will be mailed out within 15 days. Allow two to three weeks for delivery.

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## Covenant Health to Host Oncology Caregivers Support Hour

Covenant Health will host an oncology support hour for caregivers. The first support hour of the month will be Tuesday, June 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge.

Joe Velasquez, supervisor of

### Bishop McKenzie Will Visit Bethel AME Church

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help resource local congregations and provide scholarships.

Bishop McKenzie was appointed to serve on the Advisory Council of the White House Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships by President Barack Obama in 2009. She is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustee of Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas and is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bishop McKenzie is the author of four books. The first two, Not without a Struggle and Strength in the Struggle concern leadership and professional growth for women. Journey to the Well helps women seek new directions for personal growth and transformation following the footsteps of the Biblical Samaritan woman. Her latest book, Swapping Housewives, tells the stories of Rachel, Jacob and

### Parson Smith

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berate attempt to mislead this country and its people to lie to Congress, as well as to you."

And as the truth about the deadly attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi emerges, Huckabee said, "they will have lost the right to govern."

"The highest levels of people in the United States government all the way up to the president knew that what they did tell us was no true, he said. "And they continued to tell it throughout an election season and beyond, and they've tried to change the subject. And when the facts come out, they will not be able to stand. They will have lost the right to govern."

What happened with Benghazi is not a "political issue"—"This goes all the way to the heart of the integrity of the United States government," Huckabee said. "When a president lies to the people and is part of a cover-up, he cannot continue to govern," Huckabee said. "And as the facts come out, I think we're going to see something startling. And before it's over I don't think this president will finish his term unless somehow they can delay it in Congress past the next three years."

### In Cinque

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students from getting federal loans or grants in order to attend college. We must get 'in cinque' and take a closer look at what we need to do to keep our children in college and to keep colleges open that are now prepared to accept students who may not make it there.

"This makes services and programs geared toward them even more critical."

The support hour is meant for caregivers to come and share experiences with each other all while finding ways to cope while caring for a loved one. For more information, call 806.725.8002. The American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge is located at 3511 10th St.

### Covenant Health Offers "Osteoarthritis of the Hip and Knee" Class

Covenant Health is offering "Osteoarthritis of the Hip and Knee," an educational class on osteoarthritis of the hip and knee. The class will be on Monday, June 10 at 6 p.m. It will be at the Knipping Education Conference Center.

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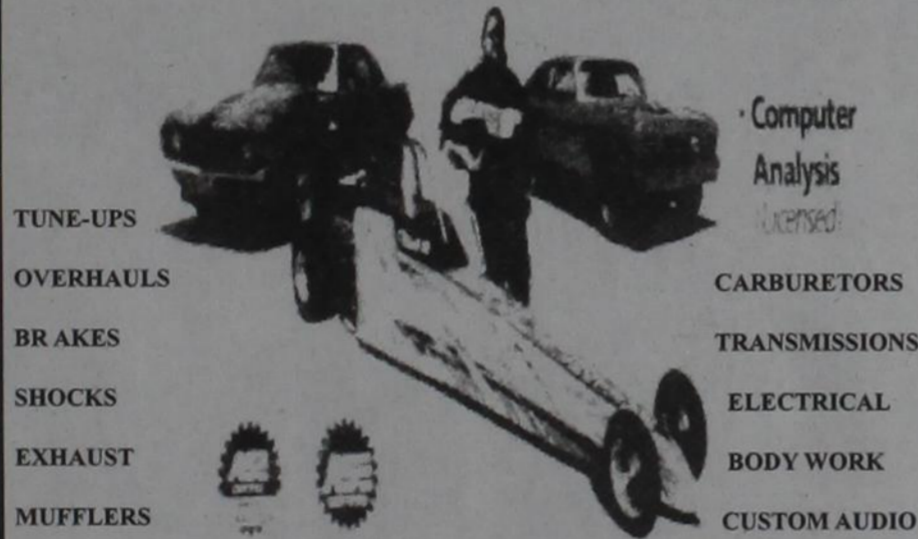


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### Lucille Jackson

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ciety.

Lillian met and united with Charles S. Jackson in holy matrimony on April 18, 1955. Lillian and Charles raised six children. Ms. Jackson was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one brother and one sister. She leaves to cherish her memories: two sisters, Helen Smith (Oscar) and Dorothy Isaac; four daughters, Zemuil E. Lindsey, Winnie Morgan Jackson, Eunice Morgan and Sandra Morgan; two sons, James E. Jackson (Denise) and Temmye L.J. Jackson (LaJauana), fifteen grandchildren; four great-grandsons; and a host of other relatives and friends.

### Murder Trial

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peaked with words like "get off, get off," right before she lost contact with him and he was shot to death. One police document contained in the discovery concluded, "The encounter between George Zimmerman and Trayvon Martin was ultimately avoidable by Zimmerman, if Zimmerman had remained in his vehicle and awaited the arrival of law enforcement, or conversely if he had identified himself to Martin as a concerned citizen and initiated dialogue in an effort to dispel each party's concerns." It added, "There is no indication that Trayvon Martin was involved in any criminal activity at the time of the encounter." The filing of the missing persons report by Trayvon's father triggered a myriad of defense mechanisms employed by the SPD.

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### New Zion's Church Banquet

This is a formal invitation to New Zion's Church Banquet that will be held Friday, June 28, 2013, at the KoKo Palace, 5101 Avenue Q here in Lubbock, Texas. The banquet will be held from 6:00 p. m. with a meal being served along with entertainment. Guest speaker is Mr. Eddie Trice

Theme: "The Burning of the Mortgage"



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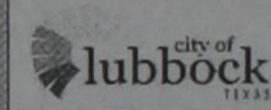
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## Juneteenth Celebration Is Almost Here To Celebrate

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the state of Texas. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and planning for the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to

truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today, which in America, is long overdue. We can make significant and lasting improvements in our society only if we are sensitive to the conditions and experiences of others.

With that being said, the Unified Juneteenth Commission promises a great week of celebration for everyone that signifies a "Reflection of Greatness"! Please come out and join us. I have attached a poster that has all the dates and times of each event.

Also, included in the activities is the Youth Fun Night, Wednesday June 19th from 5-9 pm, for ages 5 and up. The cost is \$5.00 and they can call Ashley at 806.782.7074 for tickets.

## Recall Petition Validated

After completing the verification process, the Office of the City Secretary has certified that a recall petition filed against District 1 City Councilman Victor Hernandez is valid. Pursuant to the Lubbock City Charter, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 2 - "Filing Recall Petition,"

Councilman Hernandez has five days to resign, if he so chooses. If he decides not to resign, the petition will be presented to the City Council during its June 13, 2013 City Council meeting, and the Council will call a special recall election to be held at the next uniform election date, November 2013.

448 valid signatures were required for the petition to be declared valid. Of the 586 signatures submitted, 10 of those were disqualified.

**reflect**

**JUNETEENTH 2013**  
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Dedication Ceremony - 10 AM  
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