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**Community Meetings**

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

- African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Charman Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd St. 806-535-8081
- Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library
- Huh City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G
- Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm
- Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon
- Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library
- East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Community Center
- Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merck Alumni Center
- Dunbar/Marshattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Marshattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.
- West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations
- Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
- West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.
- West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- The Parkway & Cherry-Pant Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Huse Elementary
- Chattman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Bes Elementary Cafeteria

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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## TaiShae McGuire Invited To Attend The Junior National Young Leaders Conference In Washington, D. C.

TaiShae McGuire, a 5th grader at Whiteside Elementary School, has been invited to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference for one full week in Washington, D. C.

This is an opportunity for her to learn more about the U. S. Government and the individuals who are a part of it.

TaiShae has also attended Rise Academy Charter School, where she has received medals for the highest scores on her TAKS test.

She also received awards for having the highest grades in math, reading, computers, and for the highest GPA overall.



TaiShae McGuire

TaiShae has been accepted to the Young Women's League, a school who prepares the stu-

dents for college. She received a commended performance on her 2008/2009 TAKS reading scores.

TaiShae has also kept and maintained a place on the honor roll since the first grade.

TaiShae is a very ambitious and academically motivated student. She will succeed with any all of her dreams and goals!

She is the daughter of Michael and Tiffany Coleman.

Among some of the topics will be The Impact of Leadership Traits, "Leadership in U. S. History: Voices of Freedom", and Voices of Struggle.

Congratulations, TaiShae!

## Black Man's Killing By Police Shakes Louisiana Town

**HOMER, La. (AP)** - For 73 years before his killing by a white police officer, Bernard Monroe led a life in this northern Louisiana town as peaceful as they come - five kids with his wife of five decades, all raised in the same house, supported by the same job.

The black man's shooting death is attracting far more attention than he ever did, raising racial tensions between the black community and Homer's police department.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, who helped organize a massive 2007 civil rights demonstration in Jena after six black teenagers were charged with attempted murder in the beating of a white classmate, planned to lead a Friday afternoon rally in Homer to protest Monroe's killing.

"The parallel here is that the local community cannot trust law enforcement and cannot trust the process to go forward without outside help," Sharpton said.

Rendered mute after losing his larynx to cancer, Monroe was a 73-year-old retired power company lineman who was in his usual spot on a mild Friday afternoon in February when events unfolded: A chair by the gate led to his Adams Street home. A barbecue cooker smoked beside a picnic table in the yard. A dozen or so family



Shaun Monroe holds a program from the funeral of his father Bernard Monroe Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at his father's house in Homer, La.

members talked and played nearby.

All seemed calm, until two Homer police officers drove up.

In a report to state authorities, Homer police said Officer Tim Cox and another officer they have refused to identify chased Monroe's son, Shaun, 38, from a suspected drug deal blocks away to his father's house.

Witnesses dispute that account, saying the younger Monroe was talking to his sister-in-law in a truck in front of the house when the officers arrived.

All agree Shaun Monroe,

who had an arrest record for assault and battery but no current warrants, drove up the driveway and went into the house. Two white police officers followed him. Within minutes, he ran back outside, followed by an unidentified officer who Tasered him in the front yard.

Seeing the commotion, Bernard Monroe confronted the officer. Police said that he advanced on them with a pistol and that Cox, who was still inside the house, shot at him through a screen door.

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Capt. Tammie Aaron

## First Black Female Captain In HPD

Tammie Aaron is a retired Houston Police Officer and the first Black Female Captain of the Houston Police Department. She is also a Soror of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

She is married to Lionel Aaron, who is a sergeant in the Houston Police Department for two years.

Both were visiting Carey Don and Joyce Childers during their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

A complete story will be forthcoming on Captain Aaron in the very near future.

## Patriarch of Winans Family Dies in Nashville

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** - David "Pop" Winans Sr., the Grammy-nominated patriarch of the award-winning gospel music family, died Wednesday. He was 74.

A statement from a Los Angeles public relations company representing the family said he died at a Nashville hospice, where he had been since January after suffering a heart attack and stroke last October.

In 1999, Winans was nominated for a Grammy for his solo CD "Uncensored." He and his wife Delores, known as Mom Winans, were nominated for their CD "Mom & Pop Winans" in 1989. She was at his bedside when he died, the statement said.

He was the father of BeBe and CeCe Winans, known for their hits "Addictive Love" and "I'll Take You There." Four other children - Michael, Marvin, Carvin and Ronald - performed as The Winans, recording such songs as "Ain't No Need to Worry" featuring Anita Baker.

In recent years, Mom and Pop Winans appeared regularly at Benny Hinn crusades and on The Trinity Broadcasting Network's "Praise the Lord" program.

David Winans, a native of Detroit, began singing with a



David "Pop" Winans Sr.

gospel quartet at age 18.

He later worked as a car salesman, taxi driver, custodian, barber and also was a preacher. After four of his children signed a recording contract, he was their manager for a while.

David Winans also helped start youth groups in Detroit. The Winans had 10 children. Son Ronald died in 2005.

"The Winans family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and continued support, but would appreciate privacy at this time," the statement said.

Memorial services are planned for this week at Perfecting Church in Detroit where Marvin is the senior pastor.

## An Historical Photo Of Past Mayors And Council Members At Luncheon



Pictured above are those past Mayors and City Council Members who were in the attendance of the Mayors and Council Members luncheon on March 16, 2009, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in the Moe Turner Banquet Room.

Among those are the first Black and Hispanic City Council Members who have been elected during the history of Lubbock. The first Hispanic elected was Maggie Trejo. Also elected were Victor Hernandez and Linda DeLeon, present member serving District One.

The first Black representative of District Two was T. J. Patterson, who served for twenty years and is longest person to serve as a council member in Lubbock's history. At present time, Floyd Price represents District Two. Both are shown in the photo.

The present Mayor is Tom Martin, third from left, who is seen on the front row, along with Jack Strong, Alan Henry, Marc McDougal and David Miller. Since this photo, Mayor Strong passed away.

## SPC keeps tuition, fees at 2008 rates

**LEVELLAND** - The South Plains College Board of Regents voted unanimously to keep tuition and fees the same as 2008 during its monthly meeting Thursday.

At SPC, in-district tuition will remain at \$26 per semester

hour while out of district tuition remains at \$48 per semester hour. Non-resident tuition will remain at \$65 per semester hour.

Additionally, the college's technical support fees will remain at \$69 for the first hour and \$33 for each additional hour. The fees on the Reese, Byron, Martin and Plainview

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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Tonight, Thursday, April 16, 2009, Estacado High School, 1504 East Itasca, will host a special interactive TV college night from 6-7:30 p.m. in room 139. Representatives of the South Plains College Admissions and Records Office, Business Office, Counseling Center, Testing Office and Financial Aid Office will broadcast brief presentations concerning their roles in the college enrollment process.

This will be an opportunity

for students, community members and potential college students to learn more about attending South Plains College.

For more information, contact Nancy Sharp, 928-0006 or Leslie Soto at Estacado/SPC at 535-5887.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will host Women in Ministry of the Greater Fort District on Saturday afternoon, May 2, 2009, beginning at 1:00 p. m.

The public is invited to attend.

The Lubbock Area Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will hold worship services at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2202 Southeast Drive, on Sunday, May 31, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p. m.

Rev. Sonia J. Scott is host pastor.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, April 12, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with the Praise Team singing out of their hearts. After the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir sang several selections.

Pastor Moton delivered a strong sermon. His subject was "Jesus Can Deal With Your Issues." His scripture text was St. John 20:24-31.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Pamela Moton. All visitors were welcomed by Sister Winnie Jackson.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in members and citizens of the community.

Let us not forget Brother Alfred Caviet at this time. There are others as well.

**Scripture of the Week: Psalm 107:1-2: 'O' Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.**

## New Light Baptist Church News

It was a good day at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the proud pastor is Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Sunrise Services were held at 7:00 a. m. with Pastor Jackson delivering dynamic sermon. His subject was "He Is Alive." His scripture text was Luke 24:1-5.

After these services, a continental breakfast was served in the Fellowship Hall.

Church School started at 9:45 a. m. with Brother Chiles teaching the morning lesson. The subject was "Implications of New Life." The scripture was Luke 24:1-12.

The morning worship started at 11:00 with the Praise Team leading the way.

Pastor Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Youth Choir marched to the choir stand singing "God Is Not Dead." The responsive reading was led by Rev. Jackson was from Psalm 24:1-10. Altar prayer was done by Pastor Jackson.

The Youth Choir sang "Thank You, Lord."

Sister Rochelle Hood read the morning announcements, and acknowledged all upcoming events at the church and community.

After the morning offering, the Youth Choir sang "For God So Loved The World," and did a skit entitled "I Know It Was The World."

Amazing Grace was sung before Pastor Jackson delivered the morning sermon. His subject was "What Will You Give." His scripture text was Matthew 28:5.

After the congregation sang "I'll Fly Away," a baptism was held.

The Youth had their Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the morning services. Hot dogs and chips were served after the hunt. The young people had a wonderful time.

Let us pray for those who are in need. Remember when our prayers go up, blessings come down.

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

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Fashion...just for the fun of it!  
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Have a real good week, and remember to dress in style!

## Lubbock Youth Sports Complex Hosts Ribbon Cutting

The Lubbock Youth Sports Complex is located on a 160 acre tract at the intersection of FM 1585 and Milwaukee Avenue. Construction for this project began in June 2007 and included sixteen youth ballfields, parking, lighting, irrigation, covered seating areas, concessions and restroom buildings. Twelve of the ballfields are designed to meet all tournament regulations for youth softball. Three ballfields meet the Little League specifications and one meets the requirements for Junior League play. The design for phase two of the complex includes approximately fifty-four regulation soccer fields, concession buildings, restrooms, parking, irrigation and lighting.

Design and engineering firms participating in this project include MWM Architects, Inc, Hugo Reed and Associates, Inc., Parkhill Smith and Cooper Inc., and Agnew Associates, Inc. Lee Lewis Construction was the contractor for this initial phase.

## 32nd Annual Ladies Lecturship Set At 20th & Birch Church



Vera Fay Hightower



Ruby Jewel Brackens

The public is invited to attend the 32nd Annual Ladies Lecturship on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at the 20th & Birch Church of Christ. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

The theme for this year's lecturship is "What's Behind Your Curtain?"

The first speaker will be Vera Fay Hightower, a member of the Parkway Drive Church of Christ.

Ruby Jewel Brackens of the Northside Church of Christ of Levelland. She will be the second speaker.

Chairperson of the program is Lonyne Worthey. Co-Chairperson is Louise Coleman.

Come and take part in this annual program. Singpiration will be held on Saturday evening, April 25, 2009, beginning at 5:00 p. m.

## Cinco De Mayo Set At Patterson Library

Come help us celebrate Cinco De Mayo with special guest Ballet Folklorico Altzan de Lubbock. Free entertainment and refreshments!

Place: Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, Lubbock, Texas 79403, 806-767-3300

Date: Monday, May 4, 2009 Time: 6:00pm

## Rev. Alvin L. Butler Will Speak At A Crown of Eternal Life Church

Rev. Alvin L. Butler will be singing and ministering at A Crown of Eternal Life Church, 1301 50th Street, Suite B, on Monday night from 7:00 p. m. until 10:00 p. m.

The Church is sponsoring his Music Ministry each Monday night. Praise God, Amen!

There will be music, music & Music. Also, there will be anointing, anointing & anointing!

We are inviting all of you to come and be a part of the Original Way Side Travelers and his friends in the Lord.

There will be Blazing Bold Blessing. Also encouragement testimonies, BBB, The Best of Monday Night and the Best on Thursday nights as well.

The pastor and founder, Rev. Gladys Mae Smith, encourages as many as can be in attendance. If you have any ques-



Rev. Alvin L. Butler

tions, please call Rev. Smith at either (806) 747-0289 or (806) 283-5935.

Her website is www.ACrownofEternalLifeChurch.com. Her email address is: gladysmaesmith@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions about booking at the church, ten call between 11:00 a. m. and 3:00 p. m.

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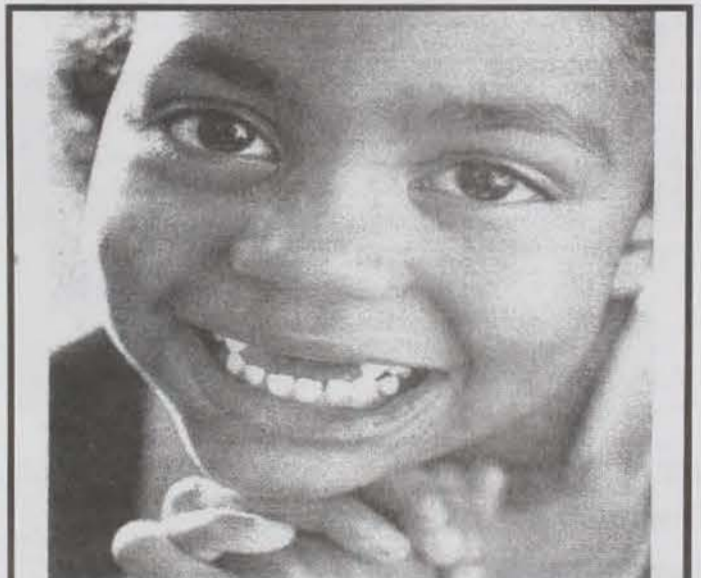
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SUNDAY SERVICES  
Intercessory prayer 8:30am  
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Morning Worship 11:00am

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# Church News



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

"The police can now kick your door in without knocking..."

### Legal Services Corporation and "The Signifying Monkey in the Tree"

The Legal Services Corporation has recently come under attack by some persons who claim the federal program's headquarters are lavish and the Board of Directors spend money in a way that is not acceptable for an agency receiving federal funding.

The Legal Services Corporation has always had to fight to obtain money from Congress to assist those persons who lack the financial resources to obtain an attorney. The scrutiny of Legal Services come at a time when the corporation has said it does not have enough money or other resources to meet the needs of poor clients.

What this writer sees is a disenchanted person (s) who may as well have worked for or was a former board member. This or these persons are taking on the role of a political signifying monkey. Since Legal Services assist a great number of African Americans and Hispanics, let me address this from the African American perspective of the "Signifying Monkey."

The Monkey and the Lion got to talking one day. Monkey looked down and said, "Lion, I hear you're king in every way. But I know someone who do not think that is true. He told me he could whip the living daylights out of you."

Lion said, "who?" Monkey said, "Lion, He talk about you

mama and talked about your grandma, too, and I'm too polite to tell you what he said about you."

Lion said, "who said what? Who?" Monkey in the tree, Lion on the ground, Monkey kept on signifying but he didn't come down. Monkey said, "His name is Elephant." He stone sure not your friend. Lion said, "He don't need to be because today will be his end." Lion took off through the jungle Lickity-split, meaning to grab Elephant and tear him bit by bit. Period! He comes across Elephant copping a righteous nod under a fine cool shady tree.

Lion said, "You big no-good so-and-so, it's either you or me." Lion let out a solid roar and bopped Elephant with his paw. Elephant just took his trunk and busted old Lion's jaw. Lion let out another roar, reared up six feet tall. Elephant just kicked him in the belly and laughed to see him drop and fall. Lion rolled over, copped Elephant by the throat. Elephant just shook him loose and butted him like a goat, then he stomped him and he stomped him till the Lion yelled, "Oh, no!"

And it was near-night sunset when Elephant let Lion go. The signifying Monkey was still setting in his tree when he looked down and saw the lion. Said, "why, Lion, who can that there be?" Lion said, "It's me." Monkey rapped, "why, Lion, you look more dead than alive!" Lion said, "Monkey, I don't want to hear your jive-end jive." Monkey just

kept on signifying, "Lion, you for sure caught hell—Mister Elephant's done whipped you to a fare-thee-well! Why, Lion you look like to me you been to the precinct station and had the third degree, else you look like you been high on gage and done got caught in a monkey cage! You ain't no king to me. Fact I don't think that you can even as much roar—and if you try I'm liable to come down out of this tree and whip your tail some more." The monkey started laughing and jumping up and down. But he jumped so hard the limb broke and he landed—bam! —on the ground. When he went to run, his foot slipped and he fell flat down.

Grrrrrrrrrrrr! The Lion was on him with his front feet and his hind. Monkey hollered, "Ow! I didn't mean it, Mister Lion!" Lion said, "You little flea-bag you! Why I'll eat you, up alive. I wouldn't a-been in this fix a-tall wasn't for your signifying jive."

"Please," said the monkey, "Mister Lion, if you'll just let me go, I got something to tell you, please, I think you ought to know." Lion let the Monkey loose to see what his tale could be—and Monkey jumped right back on up into his tree. "What I was gonna tell you," said the Monkey, "Is you square old so-and-so, if you fool with me I'll get Elephant to whip your head some more." "Monkey" said,

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## We Thank God for Jesus

"Devil's Cocaine Has Driven America Insane"

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

**Isaiah 5:11-13a** — The Lord said, woe (cursed) unto them that rise up early in the morning, that may follow strong drink; that continue until night, wine in flame them! Therefore, my people are going into captivity, because se they have no knowledge.

This country was built it on FAITH AND THE WORD GOD. The people prayed and trusted and loved God with all their heart!!!

**Mark 12:30** — Jesus said, and y you shall love the Lord; y our God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.

As you read this, you know that IT'S THE TRUTH. This writing is to fill you WITH WISDOM, LIKE GOD WANTS IT TOO!!!!

**Matthew 11:15** — Jesus said, He that has an ear to hear, let him hear!

\*\*\*\* OH, YOU'LL DON'T HEAR THE LORD!!! \*\*\*\*

You'll had better stay away from THE DEVIL, when you hear of HIS MANY NAMES. LITE-BEER, WINE, CIGARETTES, SCOTCH, AND THE WORSE IS COCAINE!!!

**Proverbs 20:1** — Wine is a mocker, at strong drink is raging (Troubled) and whosoever

(That's You) is deceived thereby is not wise (A Fool).

The Devil needs a Body, someone he can MAKE PAY. It takes more than; JUST SAY NO TO DRUGS IN THIS NEW DAY!!!

\*\*\*\* JESUS IS THE ANSWER!!! \*\*\*\*

**Philippians 4:13** — I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. The Devil's DRUGS. They are not only found on the POOR SIDE OF TOWN, THEY'RE ON THE WESTSIDE OF TOWN, HE'S ALL AROUND!!!

**Isaiah 56:** — The Lord said, all the beast of the field, come to devour. Yes, all you beast in the forest. His watchmen are blind. They are all ignorant, They are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand, they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter (Anniversary).

\*\*\*\* THIS IS WHERE GOD GAVE THE PREACHERS THEIR D.D. DEGREE: MEANING DUMBDOGS!!! \*\*\*\*

It's for the Love of Money; Mankind can't get this DRUGS OUT OF THEIR TOWN, MANY CHRISTIANS WANT

TO MAKE LUBBOCK WET; TO KEEP IT CLOSE AROUND!!!

**Galatians 6:7-8** — Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that sows the Spirit reap everlasting. (THE THING ABOUT REAPING AND SOWING: YOU ALWAYS GET MORE THAN YOU PLANT. Y you CAN'T TAKE A GALLON OF CORN AND PLANT IT, BUT WHEN YOU HARVEST IT, YOU'LL NEED A PICK-UP TRUCK TO BRING IT IN. YOU WILL ALWAYS GET MORE THAN YOU PLANT IN ANYTHING!!!)

It's the love of money. Mankind can't get these DRUGS OUT OF THE LAND. THE CORNER DRUG DEALERS (LIQUOR STORES) WILL NOT HELP ANY MAN!!!

**1 Timothy 6:10** — For the Love of Money is the Root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

We see many of our Leaders: HOOKED ON SATAN'S COCAINE. BLIND THINKING THEY CAN LEAD THE BLIND. THEY'RE BOTH

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were again well attended last Sunday morning, April 12, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church where the proud pastor is rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was entitled: "Implications of New Life." The scripture text was Luke 24:1-12. The morning lesson was taught

by Sister Nina Davis, a nd reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was: "And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, why seek ye the living among the dead?"

The morning devotion got under way at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

Rev. Canady delivered a

wonderful sermon. His subject was "Dawn is Oh The Way." The scripture text was Luke 23:46. The song of inspiration was "The Blood." What a time we had singing God's praises.

The weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 6:00 p. m., Bible Study begins at 7:00 p. m., Friday evenings is Choir Rehearsal, beginning at 5:00 p. m.

The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. each Saturday morning.

Let us remember our sick and shut in members of the church and community. Among them include Sister George Ann Hereford.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested, please call Rev. Canady at (806) 744-2445.

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Blessed Words of The Week: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
The Lord works vindication

and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth!"

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

We are going to do a little test today. See you did not know I was going to do this. It's by surprise, he said by becoming as a thief and robber by night. You might think you're in good standing with your God. Let's see if you can post this test. We need to know who we are whose we are. Response only in your heart. Don't let him catch you unprepared! Stay ready!

I. Have you ever taken rubber bands from your job? A few sheets of typing paper, tucked in your purse?

II. Go to grocery store they have a sale on chickens, three per family. Go back in and get three go. Put them in your car, go back in and go through another check out with three more chickens. Go home and get your kids and come back. Each gets three chickens. Have you ever done this?

III. Have you ever got to a red light and looked both ways and run it!

IV. Have you ever applied for a handicap sticker or license, and you're not handicapped??

V. Have you missed Bible Study and Prayer meeting, because you have a problem, and later your car is parked on the back dark side of the Bingo Hall??

VI. Have you ever carried your groceries out in a basket and left the cart propped against another vehicle. Look to see if anyone's looking??

VII. Have you ever gone to church and sat through the soul stirring sermon You leave and go home. Sister Jones will ask you what the pastor preached on, and you have no idea???

VIII. Have you're son getting into the Drug thing, and you won't raise the issues, because

the money looks good and you're enjoying the benefits???

IX. When you are talking to a friend on the phone about someone's business. You say they said, it's never a name attached, watch that friends???

X. Do you only get your kids round up on Easter, Christmas and send them to church???

XI. When you're late for service, do you come in and ask the person in your favorite seat

to move???

XII. Do you sit quietly and pray for your pastor even before he came to the pastor??? Do you know what these scriptures say??? Phil. 4:3, II Chronicles 7:14, Mark 11:26, Acts 1:8 and Matthew 10:1.

Saints, we can be Eagles if we're surrounded by Sparrows!

Ruth may be the easiest book in the Bible to read, because it's short and it sounds a lot like a novel. It's about a young woman

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home. Ruth is a single woman when the story opens and part of her story involves how she got a job in order to hold her family together. Ruth is about the dignity and strength of women.

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# Obsequies

## Modesta Clemons

**Slaton** — Funeral services were held for Modesta Clemons last Saturday morning, Saturday, April 11, 2009, at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Slaton with Rev. C.C. Moore, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed at Englewood Cemetery, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Clemons, 58, of Slaton, passed away Friday, April 3, 2009, at Covenant Hospital.

Modesta entered this walk of life on March 18, 1951, in Slaton, to Elizabeth and Alexander Washington.

She later moved to Lubbock and married Gerald Clemons on March 30, 1989. She worked at the Lubbock State School for 18 years and later retired.

She was very devoted to her close-knit family. She was an excellent homemaker, nurturing mother, superb cook, and hostess. She always made you feel welcome in their home. She was a faithful and loyal helpmate to her husband.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Clemons; her sons, Michael Washington, Jeremy, and T.K. Nathaniel Clemons;

### 6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame Set April 28th

The African American Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its 6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame on April 28, 2009 at KoKo Palace.

Those persons to be recognized are: Mildred Lusk, Arlee Jackson, Rosa Llanas, Donald George, Ada Bell Jackson, and Walter Rinehart.

Previous inductees are: 2008: Julio T. Llanas, Ella Iles, Dr. William Marcy, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Percy Hines, Dr. E. C. Struggs, and Celestine Kyle.

2007: Reva Alexander, Dr. Aretha Marbley, Mary Jo Henderson-Wilson.

2006: Samuel Ayers, Nora Hutchinson, Lottie Fay Riddle Barrow, Rose Mediano, Wayne Havens and Mae Phea.

2005: James T. Braxton, Jr., Curtis Gipson, Gloria Carter, Margaret Randle, Nettie Edwards, and Vernita Holmes.

2004: Dr. Charles Henry, Bobbie Gene Bailey-Patterson, Virgil L. Johnson, Dorothy Phea-Norville, Louis Kelly, and George Scott, Jr.

For more information, contact Regi Davis, President/CEO, African American Chamber of Commerce. regi@msn.com. You may call him at (806) 535-8081.

Tickets are \$25.00 each or \$300 per table.

"We want to continue this very positive program which is designed to show those professional educators, we appreciate what they have done. Without the efforts of these professionals, many of our young people would not have made it," he said.

### SPC Will Keep Rates Continued from Page 1

campuses are \$86 for the first hour and \$45 for each additional hour.

In other business, the board approved the 2009-2010 employment lists which included two new positions - the creation of a new dean for the Reese Center and a new EMS clinical coordinator position. The EMS program has grown to 128 students which is too much for one instructor.

This year, 95.28 percent of SPC students are Texas residents and 4.71 percent are out-of-state-resident. In-district students comprised 6.03 percent of the total enrollment while 93.90 percent are out-of-district.

## Deacon R.L. Ludd

Sacramento, Ca. — Funeral services were held for Deacon R. L. Ludd on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at the St. John Baptist Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Darryl B. Heath officiating.

Interment was under the direction of Morgan Jones Funeral Home of Sacramento.

He passed away Monday evening, March 23, 2009.

He was born September 2, 1924 to the union of Richard Lee Ludd and Lucille B. Ludd in Grosbeck, Texas. There is where he met and married his lovely wife, Mary Henderson, and they were joined in marriage on June 26, 1946.

Deacon and Sister Ludd came to Sacramento in September, 1966. Once they settled, they looked for a sound church home. At that point, they became members of St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Deacon Ludd became a Deacon and Chairman of the Finance Committee. He was very active in these ministries until his



health began to fail him. He then became an "emeritus" in both positions.

Deacon Ludd's dedication also spilled into his employment areas. He worked at the Carmichael Elks Lodge and also part time at McClelland Air Force Base. He retired from both places after 30 years of service.

He enjoyed fishing, doing his own lawn, and what he called "bird watching." He would sit under his favorite tree for hours, watching everything from the birds to whatever else was going on in his neighborhood. You could always find his pockets filled with candy or other treats.

A great husband, father, grandpa, and uncle, R. L. leaves to cherish his lie dedicated wife of 62 years, Mary Ludd, one brother, Lorenzo Ludd; one sister, Lucille Smith; four daughters: Brenda Ludd, Shirley Williams, Jennifer Powell (Alex) and Laura Ludd; four sons: R. L. Ludd, Jr. (Genese), Winfred Ludd (LaFonda), Dale Ludd and Paul Ludd; 13 grandchildren: R. L., III, Latrell, Adrain, Javara, David, Sr., Leroy, Jonathan, LaRasha, Shane'e, Chancell, Travis, Sheldon and Kendra; 7 great grandchildren: David, Jr., Alexis, Jasmyn, Jordyn, Jayden, Marquie, Nayana, Rayshun, and Latrell, Jr., and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Pallbearers were Laont Anthony, Lindsell Johnson, Michael McCray, Samuel Powell, John Simmons, Anthony Gilmore, John Lang, David Patterson, Walter Pugh, and Charles Watkins.

Honorary pallbearers were Jordyn Alfred, David Ludd, Jr., R. L. Ludd, III, Travis Ludd, Jonathan Powell, Adrain Ludd, Latrell Ludd, Sheldon Ludd, Jayden Powell, Leroy Powell.

### Parson Smith

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the Lion, beat to his unbooted knees, "you and all your signifying children better stay up in them trees." This is why today Monkey does his signifying A-way-up out of the way.

Deep down in the jungle so they say, there's a signifying monkey down the way. There had not been no disturbin' in the legal jungle for quite a bit. However, up jumped the signifying monkey in the Associated Press and laughed and said, "I guess I start..."

### SPC will offer lifeguard certification class

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her daughter, Avery Clemons; her parents, Elizabeth and Johnnie Jefferson; devoted sisters, Ethel Anzley (Billy), Josephine Washington, Alice Doss, and Ruthie Jones (Andrew); devoted brothers, Leroy, John Wayne, Billy Wayne, Ervin, Alfred (Belinda), Stonewall (Yvette), Marvin and Paul Jefferson (Tina); two grandchildren, her dear friend, Bridgette Coleman, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**HOPE YOU WILL VOTE IN UPCOMING ELECTION!** THIS N THAT ... is hoping those of you who qualified to vote ... will go to the ... **POLLS** ... and cast your precious vote on ... **MAY 9, 2009** ... as it will determine if ... **LUBBOCK** ... will become either ... **DRY OR WET** ... So regardless of how you may feel about the issue ... you need to go to the polls ... Hope you will vote ... between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**THE DOORS WERE NAILED UP! THIS N THAT** ... has noticed that the ... **OPEN DOORS** ... to the restrooms at the Chatman Park ... have been ... **NAILED SHUT** ... This is good ... and hopefully ... the restrooms will be restored ... The safety of our young people is very key and crucial ... So ... **THANKS, CITY OF LUBBOCK** ... for responding to this concern by citizens ... Also ... a thanks to ... **CITY COUNCILMAN TODD KLEIN** ... who called

the ... Southwest Digest ... and showed his concerns as well ... **THANKS** ... to all who showed a quick lick response!

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "WITH A LOT OF HARD WORK** ... much can be accomplished ... and the end results ... will benefit ... **ALL OF US!**"

**SUPPORT THE MLK LITTLE LEAGUE! THIS N THAT** ... is asking that those of us who are concerned about our ... **YOUNG PEOPLE** ... will do what you can to ... **SUPPORT** ... the ... **MARTIN LUTHER KING LITTLE LEAGUE** ... and you can do so ... by attending their baseball games which involve our boys and girls ... Just by going by and watching these young boys and girls play ... will mean so much ... They need to see us in the place ... so will you do so? Hope you will be seen in the place ...

**STILL HADN'T HEARD FROM AN INTERESTED BANK FOR EAST LUB-**

**BOCK! THIS N THAT** ... is still hoping for one of our local banks ... would come up with the concept for a ... **BRANCH BANK** ... in East Lubbock ... It is hoped that there will be a ... **BRANCH BANK** ... in the new proposed ... **SHOPPING CENTER** ... on Parkway Drive ... This in the opinion of ... **THIS N THAT** ... is an ideal location ... This is a very good project ... sponsored by the ... **NORTH & EAST LUBBOCK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION!** ... Residents of east Lubbock ... are really excited since the ground breaking in February ...

**HAVEN'T SEEN YOU, COMMISSIONER FLORES!** **THIS N THAT** ... told our Lubbock County Commissioner ... **GILBERT FLORES** ... he hasn't seen since the election in November, 2008 ... He aid he will be coming by ... but when? He did attend the groundbreaking in February, 2009!

But when will he be seen?

## THINK ABOUT IT

The Time Is Now We Have Waited To Long

by Edsie Richardson

For too long, we have sat around waiting on the government, some agency, church or anyone who will do for us what we should be doing for ourselves. No one else can do for us what we should or could be doing for ourselves. Remember if we all take as our personal creed: "if it is up to me" and live by it collectively, it will be better for all of us. When we learn to love, trust, and respect each other, we can come together, work together and quit being

jealous, petty, and start being a team player. We need to become an Indian because we already have too many chiefs. All chiefs and no braves have never worked and will never work. You can not have all leaders. It takes all of us pulling together to make any under taking a success.

Over the years, history will tell the story all of the successful movements in the Black community came from the Black Church and Black press. Most of the black preachers in early days really did put their necks on the line as they were publishers, because of their fearless spirit and leadership ability. They were truly men of God and fearless community leaders. People followed them with pride.

It would truly be a joyous occasion to see that kind of spirit truly surface again in our community. Oh what a day that would be. The sky would be the limit for our long denied community to become a truly competitive market place with all our ministers, churches, neighborhoods on the same page working collectively removing self, me, from the picture.

It would really be a joyous situation to see all of us working collective together for the good of all of us to make our commu-

nities to live in, work in, raise a family in. We will have to be by us for us pooling our resources together. We need to give up the crab syndrome and Willie Lynch syndrome. If Lubbock and West Texas one day and find our community preachers united, pooling resources, building and rebuilding our communities. Buying up tax foreclosed properties, run down buildings renovating old buildings, and building new ones. It can be done, it is being done, but that takes working together trusting each other and bonding who handles the money putting mutual signatures on the checks. We need to give regular financial reports be happy and roll on. It can be done! It will be done. Time is out for games and pool our resources, and blend our talents.

In the Black community of Lubbock, we have too many self appointed leadership with no leadership. We have more Black leaders in Lubbock than you would have in any major city on the East or West Coast, with no set agenda. Each leader has their own personal agendas. Let's get it together.

Rumor going around and the word is out that there will be no Blacks hired at Mac Simmons Community Center. God knows we hope this is not true!

### Thank God For Jesus

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**INSANE!!!**  
**LUKE 6:39** -- Jesus said, can the blind lead the blind? Shall they both fall in the ditch?  
**\*\*\*\* YES, LEADERS WILL ROB GOD!!! \*\*\*\***

The Drugs can make an Airplane Pilot, and make him OVER SHOOT THE RUNWAY. IT CAN TAKE A BRICK LAYER'S MIND, HE'LL FORGET THE PATTERN HE WAS TO LAY!!!

Doing the Easter Holiday, many people took SATIN'S DRUGS OF SIN. Because America IS A PRISON TO DRUGS, AND NEED TO LET GOD BACK IN!!!

**\*\*\*\* GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH AMERICA YET!!! \*\*\*\***

**Proverbs 14:34** -- Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.



young up to wholesome activities early in life. Community centers, neighborhood clubs, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Y.M. and Y.W.C.A.s are all good choices. Most are free and some charge on a sliding scale, so cost should not be a problem.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

dren playing, but it can be a comical affair for those watching.

As an instance, when the game tips off, the referee has a difficult time getting the players to move far enough away from the jump/tip circle. As he attempts to get them placed properly, one or two move into the wrong place. Finally, the tip off, and the play begins. Traveling is not really an offense in this game, because not many five to seven year olds can really dribble the ball and not make extra steps on their way to the goal. Of course the goal had to be lowered to accommodate the players. Deliberate hits are called fouls toward the end of the game, but it is amazing how many of the players spend more time on the floor than on their feet.

When a foul is committed and a player is given free shots, the referee spends more time getting the players lined up than it takes to negotiate the free throw. As fast as he gets one side lined up, the other side is out of place. Finally, the player is given the ball to make the free throw and too often steps across the shot line and loses the throw. Again, the ball goes to the opposite team and when given the ball to throw it into the court to a player, the thrower decides to dribble in and make a goal attempt.

A basketball game of young boys and girls shows serious concern by parents who enroll their children in these activities and love and patience for the adults who take the time to teach these children to help them to become wholesome adults and avoid the pitfalls of the streets and gangs, often without financial compensations. We need to get 'in cinque' and hook our very

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### EHS Alumni Sets Second All Class Reunion



The Estacado High School Alumni is excited to announce and celebrate 42 years of Excellence, Success and Hard work. The Second EHS all-Class Reunion will begin Thursday, June 18, 2009, thru Sunday, June 21, 2009.

It is important to send all cashier checks or money orders to: The Estacado High School Alumni Association, P. O. Box 3013, Lubbock, Texas 79452. No personal checks will be accepted.

For more information, contact Ms. Davis at (806) 747-8389.

Vice president is David Carrizales, (806) 632-6390; treasurer, Kay Anderson-Grant, (806) 745-4832; secretary, Sandra Culpepper-Reed, (806) 765-0727.

### Pastor & Wife Will Celebrate Anniversary



Pastor & Mrs. S. E. Solomon

St. John Baptist Church will be hosting their 15th Annual Pastor & Wife Appreciation Service to honor Pastor S. E. & Louise Fields. The celebration is intended for our community to display the love and admiration we have for this great man

### Stimulus Dollars to be Released for Schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first round of school dollars from the economic stimulus law is going to states this week.

To mark the occasion, Education Secretary Arne Duncan on Wednesday is visiting first- and fifth-grade classes at Doswell Brooks Elementary School in Capitol Heights in the Maryland suburbs of Washington.

Public schools will get an unprecedented amount of money - double the education budget under President George W. Bush - from the stimulus law over the next two years.

On Wednesday, the administration is making available half of the dollars for federal programs that fund kindergarten through 12th grade and special education. In addition, Duncan will provide applications for states to get money from a special fund to stabilize state and local budgets.

President Barack Obama says the stimulus will save teachers' jobs, although there is no estimate of how many jobs will be rescued. Nationwide, about 294,000 teachers - 9 percent - may face layoffs because of state budget cuts, according to a University of Washington study.

However, loopholes created by Congress could let states and school districts spend the money on other things, such as playground equipment or new construction.

and woman of God, as they have significantly served our community in the building up of God's people and His kingdom.

The appreciation service will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2009. Service will begin at 3:30 p. m. and Pastor J. H. Ford of greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will be the guest speaker of the hour.

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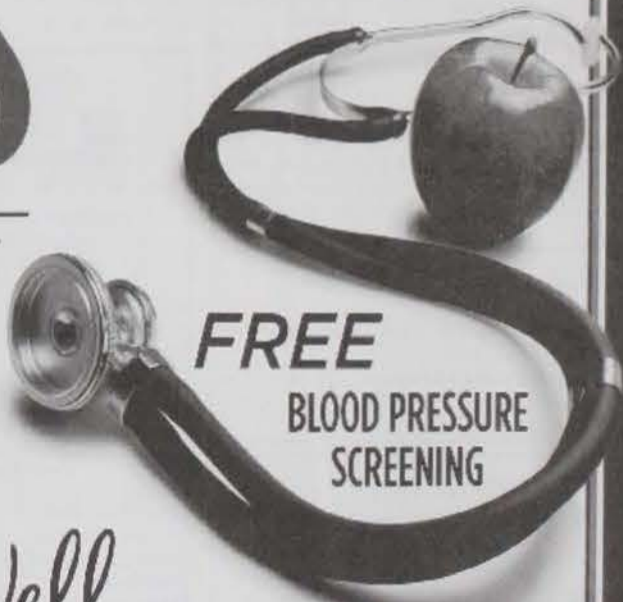
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## 11 Year Old Hangs Himself Due to Bullying



Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover

**SPRINGFIELD, MA**— An 11-year-old Massachusetts boy, Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover, hanged himself Monday after enduring bullying at school, including daily taunts of being gay, despite his mother's weekly pleas to the school to address the problem. This is at least the fourth suicide of a middle-

school aged child linked to bullying this year.

Carl, a junior at New Leadership Charter School in Springfield who did not identify as gay, would have turned 12 on April 17, the same day hundreds of thousands of students will participate in the 13th annual National Day of Silence by taking some form of a vow of silence to bring attention to anti-GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) bullying and harassment at school. The other three known cases of suicide among middle-school students took place in Chatham, Evanston and Chicago, Ill., in the month of February.

"Our hearts go out to Carl's mother, Sirdeaner L. Walker, and other members of Carl's

family, as well as to the community suffering from this loss," Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) Executive Director Eliza Byard said. "As we mourn yet another tragedy involving bullying at school, we must heed Ms. Walker's urgent call for real, systemic, effective responses to the endemic problem of bullying and harassment. Especially in this time of societal crisis, adults in schools must be alert to the heightened pressure children face, and take action to create safe learning environments for the students in their care. In order to do that effectively, as this case so tragically illustrates, schools must deal head-on with anti-gay language and behavior."

Two of the top three reasons students said their peers were most often bullied at school were actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender expression, according to From Teasing to Torment: School Climate in A

about Homer police before the shooting.

Mills declined interview requests, saying he retained a lawyer and feared losing his job.

Hours before Friday's scheduled rally, music blared from Azzie Olds' home, where the 53-year-old schoolteacher and her neighbors enjoyed a cookout. Olds, who is black, said she expected a peaceful march despite the anger many were feeling.

"You've got a lot of people upset about what happened, not just the black folks," Olds said. "I hope the national attention can help the town realize that something really needs to be done about the situation."

Elsewhere in Homer, some white residents expressed concern that Sharpston's visit could enflame tensions.

"I just hope everybody behaves and don't use it as an excuse to start trouble," said Vanessa Efferson, 49, whose bookstore is one of the shops ringing the courthouse

## Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Easter Program Held Sunday Morning, April 12, 2009



## Young People At Community Baptist Church Celebrates Easter Program Last Sunday, April 12, 2009



## Louisiana Man Killed

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Monroe fell dead How many shots were fired isn't clear, the coroner has refused to release an autopsy report, citing the active investigation.

Police said Monroe was shot after he pointed a gun at them, though no one claims Monroe fired shots. Friends and family said he was holding a bottle of sports water. They accuse police of planting a gun he owned next to his body.

"Mr. Ben didn't have a gun," said 32-year-old neighbor Marcus Frazier, who was there that day. "I saw that other officer pick up the gun from out of a chair on the porch and put it by him."

Frazier said Monroe was known to keep a gun for protection because of local drug activity.

Despite the chase and Tasing, Shaun Monroe was not arrested. He and other relatives would not comment afterward.

Monroe's gun is being DNA-tested by state police. The findings of their investigation will be given to District Attorney Jonathan Stewart, who would decide whether to file charges.

The case also has led to FBI

and State Police investigations and drawn attention from national civil rights leaders.

"We've had a good relationship, blacks and whites, but this thing has done a lot of damage," said Michael Wade, one of three blacks on the five-member town council. "To shoot down a family man that had never done any harm, had no police record, caused no trouble. Suddenly everyone is looking around wondering why it happened and if race was the reason."

Homer, a town of 3,800 about 45 miles northwest of Shreveport, is in piney woods just south of the Arkansas state line. Many people work in the oil or timber industries. In the old downtown, shops line streets near the antebellum Claiborne Parish courthouse on the town square.

The easygoing climate, blacks say, masked police harassment.

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