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## Juneteenth Celebration Moved To McKenzie Because of Fire to Tent

Ms. Tonya Johnson, president of the Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee, told the Southwest Digest last Friday morning, June 5, 2009, the reason why the location of the 2009 activities have been moved to MacKenzie Park.

She said, in a press release, "Some of you ask why the change in location this year. Well, most people may not be aware that our tent was destroyed last year a few days prior to the Juneteenth Festivities at Mae Simmons and hasn't been able to be repaired. In order for us to be able to provide adequate shading as well as a comfortable atmosphere for this community event, we chose to relocate this year's event to MacKenzie Park. Also, in conjunction with Joyland, individuals will be able to purchase an armband for the cost of \$10 and ride continuously from 2-7pm."

The Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee would like to invite the Lubbock community to come out and celebrate with us in honor of our 30th Anniversary. The Juneteenth Celebration has been celebrated here in Lubbock far more than 30 years but became legalized in 1979-30 years ago!

The Juneteenth 2009 festivities will begin on Friday, June 12 with our Reflections of

Juneteenth Opening Reception at American State Bank who graciously sponsored this event. Festivities will conclude on Saturday, June 20 with the Freedom Parade beginning at Memorial Civic Center to Mackenzie Park/Joyland which is where the vendors, health fair and entertainment will take place from 12-6:30pm.

"We hope all of you who have supported us in the past will continue to support the 2009 celebration. We realize that without the help of God and you, we will not be able to do what we enjoy doing," continued Ms. Johnson.

Lubbock Juneteenth Committee wants to see Juneteenth become a national holiday observance. Support the campaign to make it a national holiday.

The National Chairman of the Juneteenth Holiday Campaign, Rev. Ronald V. Myer, Sr., M.D. was in

## A Push For Juneteenth National Holiday



Rev. Ronald V. Myer  
National Chairman



Tonya Johnson  
President of Juneteenth

Lubbock to host a press conference and Juneteenth book dedication to Patterson Library on Friday morning, June 5, 2009

## 100 Black Men Award Scholarships Floyd & McGrew Receive Scholarships



Robert "Sage" Floyd

The 100 Black Men of West Texas presented scholarships to two outstanding 2009 high school graduates.

They were Robert "Sage" Floyd of Monterey High School, and Jennifer McGrew of Estacado High School.

Floyd finished in the top 10% of his class with a GPA of 4.36.

He is the son of Anissa Reyes and Tommy Floyd. His grandparents are Rose & Ernesto Mediano and Robert & Laverne Williams.

His extracurricular activities included: football, powerlifting, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, and United Way.

His volunteer activities include: YWCA, nursing home contact, and reading to youth at all fairs and Christmas parties.

Sage realized from his mother's parents, who are educators, the importance of education. Sage stated, "If one plans on being successful, it is crucial that he or she take his or her education to the furthest level possible."

McGrew was Salutatorian for the Class of 2009 She had a GPA of 4.61.

Her parents are Jimmy Lee and Robbie McGrew (deceased).

McGrew's extracurricular



Jennifer McGrew

activities include: academic decathlon, band, Health Occupation Students of America, Spanish Club, and Math & Science UIL.

Her achievements included: 1st Place Senior Math UIL (2009), Band Solo & Ensemble State Qualifier (January 2009).

Her Academic Decathlon 1st Place: Speech Regionals (2009), Interview Regionals (2009), Music Regionals (2009), Super Quiz Regional Team (2008), Art Regionals (2008) and Language/Literature Regionals (2008).

McGrew has received numerous 2nd and 3rd place awards in Social Studies and Economics within Academic Decathlon competition.

At present time, Jennifer lives with her brother off of Social Security benefits left by her mother's death. Her mother's death was quite unsettling, however; Jennifer drew strength from her mother in death, realizing as she grieved, "that my mother didn't leave behind someone who couldn't succeed."

Jennifer will attend Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, and aspires to become a medical doctor.

## Guiton Recognized By National Scholarship

Dominic Guiton has been recognized by the National Achievement Scholarship Program, which honors Black Americans who are among the top students in the country.

Guiton was a National Achievement Outstanding Participant. He is among 3,100 student who scored in the top four percent of more than 150,000 who requested consideration in the 2009 National Achievement Program.

He is the Great Nephew of 1st Mother Myrta Haynes, and a Cousin of Student W. David Haynes.

Here is the list of awards Guiton has received for his Senior Year as a student of the St. Joseph Notre Dame High School: United States Marine Corps, Scholastic Excellence Award, Bank of America Plaque-St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, Academic Council-Outstanding academic Achievement Award for Math & Science.

Also, President's Education Awards - Outstanding Academic Excellence;

## Deltas Sponsor Annual Awards

The Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will sponsor their Annual Man & Woman of the Year Recognition Ceremony on Thursday evening, June 18, 2009, at the Mae Simmons Community Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present's Pin - Seniors Graduating with 4.0 GPA or above. National Achievement Scholarship Program - Outstanding Participant for 2009. The California Scholarship Federation - Membership, Gold Seal on Diploma and Gold Cord for Graduation. National Honor Society - Seal on Diploma and White Cord for Graduation. He also received the St.

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Dominic "Nico" Guiton

Welcome Home,  
Former Graduates &  
Students of  
Estacado High School!  
Good To Have You!

## Estacado All Class Pep Rally Set

The Estacado High All-Class Reunion will have an exciting evening on Friday, June 19, 2009, when a Pep Rally will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The Pep Rally will be held in the Estacado High School Gym.

If you were a Cheerleader for the Estacado High School Matadors from the beginning, 1968, until 2009, you are invited to come and participate.

"We are inviting you to come and help us with this Pep Rally," said Mrs. Dorsita Price Tate.

You may call her at (806) 535-4017 if you have any questions about the Pep Rally.

"We are hoping for a large number of former Matador Cheerleaders to come and help make this an evening we will not forget," continued Mrs. Tate. "Remember, we are still Matadors," she said.

## Lets Go Advance Awards Night



"Walk of Fame Stars"

The team at Learn Inc. did an awesome job in hosting the Lets Go Advance Awards Night Wednesday evening, June 3rd. Attendees were greeted by the paparazzi as they entered the room through the Walk of Fame. Stars adorned the floor with the names of the star students to be honored.

The principle purpose of LEARN is to aid youths and adults in beginning, furthering, and generally pursuing their education, and to afford them the opportunity to improve their educational, social, and economic situations.

Desiree Soto, O. L. Slaton Middle School student did an outstanding job of displaying her singing talents. This young lady would not be remiss if she elected to pursue a professional singing career.

Dr. Samuel Ayers Assistant

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## 6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame Held Here

On May 26th the African American Chamber of Commerce Lubbock (AACCL) held the 6th Annual Educators Hall of Fame. The event spawned from a conversation between Eric Strong and Reggi Davis. Our goal was to develop a tool that would allow us to recognize education professionals for their contribution to the education industry and generate operating revenue for the organization.

This year the following individuals were acknowledged for their accomplishments and con-

tributions to the education industry. Arlee Jackson, Rosa Llanas, Ada Bell Jackson, Donald George, Walter Rinehart and Mildred Lusk

Previous inductees include: 2008 Julio T. Llanas, Dr. William Marcy, Dr. Ralph Ferguson, Percy Hines, Coleman Kyle, Dr. EC Struggs and Ella Hies.

2007 Reva Alexander, Dr. Aretha Marbley, Clarence Priestly, Dr. Sheryl Santos and Mary Jo Henderson-Wilson, 2006 Samuel Ayers, Nora

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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 Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd St. 896-535-8081

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

High 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 Market Alumni Center

Dunbar-Marshutan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Marshutan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.

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

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

West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday, each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.

West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center

The Parkway & Cherry-Pom Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the 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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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The City of Lubbock health department will hold a free immunization clinic for children ages 0-18 at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16. Please bring current shot records. For more information, call 767-3300.

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will have a special evening story-time and gardening project for kids on Tuesday, June 16 at 6 p.m. For more information, call 767-3300.

Also, the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites teens to the library to play the video game Guitar Hero on Thursday, June 18 at 3 p.m. This program is for students going into grades 6 through 12. Call 767-3300 for more information.

These are some exciting programs being held at the

Patterson Library. Let us support these programs.

There are many among us who are ill and shut-in. Among them include Mary McKinney, Ruby Donaldson, Eva Cade, Dorothy Nash, Sammie Nelson, Charlie Bell Pratt, Doris Ragland, Emma R. owe, Lillie Smith, Mary Ella Tucker, Bernice Wright, and Gerri Johnson.

Of course, there are many others, but remember these.

Rev. D. A. Smith, pastor of the Smith Temple Community Church, will have another procedure on June 15, 2009. Your prayers are appreciated.

A Education and Career Fair will be held at the Estacado High School, 1504 Itasca Avenue, on Monday, June 15, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

This special program is for students 8th grades through 12th.

A free lunch will be provided for all in attendance.

This special program is sponsored by the Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee, TTU/TTUHSC Black Faculty and Staff Association, and Texas Tech School of Medicine.

For more information contact Kathleen McPherson at (806) 743-2463, ext. 239 or (806) 787-4513 - cell.

Mrs. Catherine McCormick is home from the hospital and rehab center. She is walking again, and thanks God for everything. As well as those have thought and prayed for her.

Remember, the Juneteenth Parade route has changed. It's back to Lubbock Civic Center for start at 10:00 a.m.

## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, June 7, 2009, church services got underway with everyone praising God at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled "Hearing Requires Listening" and, the scripture text came from Exodus 3:1-12.

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

The pulpit devotion was led by Rev. L. C. Lee. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "O, I Want To See Him." The reverent reading was read by Rev. Lee, and it came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-

30. The altar prayer led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Have Thine Own Way."

Sis Rochellette Hood read all the morning announcements, and told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place. All birthdays for the week were acknowledged. There was the pastoral period that was held by Rev. Jackson. This was followed by the morning offering.

The Senior Choir sang "Jesus Is The Rock" and "I Am Redeemed." "Amazing Grace" was sung. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Jackson who preached the sermon entitled: "Who Is Jesus To You? His scripture was Mark 6:27-29. After the sermon a selection was

song by Mother Sudall Cavanaugh.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several for prayer. There were also two Candidates For Baptism. The Church praised God!

Pray for those who are sick, shut-in, in nursing home and, the bereaved families.

Pray for the President and his family also the official staff of the White House.

Scripture For Week: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night Psalm 1:1 & 2.

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These photos were made possible by Clinton Hobdy, Class of 1982. How many of you remember some of these students who have attended Estacado High School. The All-Class Reunion will be held here June 18 thru 21, 2009. For more information, call Linda Hunter-Davis, president, at 747-8389.

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### SEQUINED SKIRTS

Ladies these skirts are to die for, they are designed to bring pleasure every time you wear it.

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Fashion Tip... always wear a smile.

Fashion... just for the fun of it!

## Slaton Chain of Fellowship of Churches Celebrates 39 Years In Honor of Mrs. Vivian Peoples The Dreamer

Pursuer



Minister Equilla



Pastor & First Lady Green

This is a vision of the late Sister Vivian Peoples to have this Annual Fellowship and Celebration.

We thank Minister Equilla and Committee for fulfilling the vision.

## Youth Bible Stories Time & Jesus

"A Crown of Eternal Life Church" is presenting a Summer Youth Bible Stories Time & Jesus!

This special program is for children ages 3 years to 12 years. It will be held each Saturday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Snow cones are \$1.00 per child. All are Welcome to the SOCK HOP!!! Spiritual Music only!!!

Adult supervision is a must! For more information, call (806) 747-0289 or (806) 283-5935.

## 6th Annual Affair Continued from Page 1

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 Verita Woods-Holmes.

2004 Dr. Charles Henry, Bobbie Jean Bailey-Patterson, Virgil Johnson, Dorothy Pheasant-Norville, Louis Kelly and George Scott, Jr.

This has been a great event for the AACCL, it has served as a good tool that generates revenue for the organization. I believe that the next level for this initiative is to leverage the good name (s) and resources of the inductees and establish an endowment to fund a scholarship for a student committed to becoming a teacher.

Although numerous organizations give scholarships annually we are failing our children's children by not establishing more endowments. An endowment is one of the few tools that we can use to build a construct that will generate a perpetuity, an ongoing flow of money specifically for scholarships.

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First Lady Peoples

Pastor C. C. Peoples Founder

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Wednesday Services  
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MAN OUR BROTHER

# Church News



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

### "Diabolical Creditors"

There is a new game in town aimed at destroying the lives of those persons receiving Social Security, pension, disability and veteran's benefits. Most of these recipients are SENIOR CITIZENS who have worked all of their lives, or persons with disabilities that does not allow them to work. These perversely diabolical creatures of Credit Card companies see that your bill is overdue, whether it is a credit card debt, auto loan, or mortgage and they take the money out of your account without your permission if you have direct deposit.

Federal law says creditors can't take Social Security, veterans, disability and pension benefits to pay a debt. However, these unhallowed serpentine of the "credit world" take fiendish pleasure in hurting people who are less fortunate. These diabolians debt collectors of the credit world disregard and by-pass federal law allegedly because their buddies in Washington receive monies from their lobbyists.

What these sinuous sons of the fallen One or the name given by the Texas Sheriff on "Smokey the Bandit" do is buy portfolios of old debts that retailers, credit card companies, hospitals and others write off. What these pieces of work do to destroy the lives of Senior

Citizens and the like is get a default judgment and issue garnishment orders, electronically, to banks that in turn freeze your account, triggering fees for insufficient funds and bounce checks. It has been noted that when an account has insufficient funds, banks will let the transactions go through which trigger fees that make them a sizable profit.

Stephen Ohlemacher wrote in an article titled: "Creditors use loophole to seize protected benefits" the following: "Federal law has long protected Social Security and veterans benefits from most creditors, with a few exceptions for child support, alimony, unpaid federal taxes and debts to other federal agencies. But creditors have been seizing the payments anyway by getting court orders to freeze and garnish bank accounts that receive the benefits through direct deposit."

Activists say the issue has festered for years, but has intensified as more recipients get their benefits deposited directly into bank accounts.

Many people who receive Social Security or veterans benefits can't afford to have their bank accounts frozen for seven a short period of time said Margot Saunders of the National Consumer Law Center. It's hard to hire a lawyer to get your

money back when all your resources are frozen, she said.

"They take all your money, and they take it illegally," Saunders said. "But when you live on \$700 or \$800 a month and have all that money garnished, there's very little recourse."

Over a 12-month period in 2006-2007, an estimated \$178 million was garnished from bank accounts that included a mixture of Social Security benefits and other deposits, according to the Social Security Administration's inspector general.

"Some banks are doing the right thing to protect their customers by denying creditors' requests to freeze and garnish accounts with Social Security funds, but too many banks are not," Sen. Herb Kohl, Democrat-Wis., chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, said this week.

"We need our banking regulatory agencies to recognize this widespread problem and start enforcing the law," he said.

It chaps this writers hide to know that some snakelike debt collector can unlawful force a bank to give a senior citizens money through a local judge over federal law. If this is brought to the public attention, it can be rectified at election.

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## We Thank God for Jesus "Truly It Is Praying Time"

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

**Luke 18:1** -- He (Jesus) spoke a parable unto them to this end, men ought always to pray, and not faint.

\*\*\*\* PRAY ALWAYS!!! \*\*\*\*

Look around Church, I know you've always seen THE SIGNS. The world is full of troubles, AND IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!

**Mark 13:8** -- Jesus said, for nations shall rise against nations, and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginning of sorrow.

When the Father Kills his Child; then he kills his WIFE; turns the gun n on himself, committing SUICIDE!! THAT'S THE SIGN!!!

**Matthew 23:37-39** -- Jesus said, O Jerusalem (CHURCH), Jerusalem (CHURCH), you that kills the prophets, and stonethem which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings; and would not! Behold (LOOK), your house is left unto you desolated (FORSAKEN). For I say unto you, You shall not see me henceforth, till you shall say, Blessed is he that come in the name of the Lord.

\*\*\*\* CHURCH, HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS???

\*\*\*\*  
Man kills a Doctor in church, say ing, THOU SHALL NOT KILL. THE CHURCH HE BELONGS TO, CAN THEY BE FOR REAL???

\*\*\*\* BUT THAT IS JUST ANOTHER SIGN!!! \*\*\*\*  
The Mother drowns her five Children in the BATH TUB. Say she's crazy, but she just didn't have ANY LOVE!!! THAT'S THE SIGN!!!

**Psalm 127:3-4** -- Look, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of the youth.

The little 12 year boy kills his sister witha BASE BALL BAT. He said she was nosey as he watched T.V. AS HE BABY SAT!!! THAT'S THE SIGN!!!

**Matthew 24:10-12** -- Jesus said, then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity (SIN) shall abound, the love of many shall wax (grow) cold.

\*\*\*\* CHURCH, HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS???

\*\*\*\*  
Woman cut in too close in front of a man. She HAD PASSED. Road rage, he did the same, killing the mother

and two childrec: AS HE PASSED!!!

\*\*\*\* THAT'S THE SIGN!!! \*\*\*\*

**Luke 6:35** -- Jesus said, love you your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be the children of the Highest; for he is kind unto the unthankful and the evil.

The father kills his son, saying I BROUGHT INTO THIS WORLD. THE LIE OF THE DEVIL. PARENTS TELL THEIR BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

\*\*\*\* THAT'S THE SIGN!!! \*\*\*\*

(THAT IS ONE LIE, I'VE HEARD ALL MY LIFE. PARENTS SAYING: I BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD, AND I WILL TAKE YOU OUT. LOOK, IF THE FATHER DIE, THE NIGHT HE PUT IN THE SEED, AND THE MOTHER DIE GIVING THE CHILD BIRTH: GOD DIDN'T NEED NEITHER ONE OF THEM TO KEEP THE CHILD ALIVE!!! ONLY GOD CAN KEEP THE CHILD ALIVE!!! AM I RIGHT ABOUT IT???)

**I Timothy 6:7** -- For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

\*\*\*\* TAKE JESUS WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO OUT!!! \*\*\*\*

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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, June 7, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Barbara Johnson. The subject of the

morning lesson was "Hearing Requires Listening." The scripture text was Exodus 3:1-12.

The key verse was: "Come now therefore and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt." **Exodus 3:10**

It was another wonderful learning experience for those who were in attendance. God is so good, and He loves all of us. Just think about that during each

day. \*\*\*\*

The morning worship hour got underway with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge.

The members of the Senior Choir of St. Matthew Baptist Church were at their post of duty singing God's praises.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Canady. What a wonderful sermon it was. His subject was "Standing Idle,

Standing Around Doing Nothing!" His scripture text was Matthew 20:1-11 and Matthew 19:16-17.

The song of inspiration was "Christ Is All," which was led by Sister Canady.

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 evening is Choir

Rehearsal, beginning at 5:00 p. m.

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

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Let us remember our sick and shut in members. Among them include Brother Albert Wilbon, who is a patient at the University Medical Center. Let us pray for him.

Also, Rev. Walter Jackson is on the sick list.

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As people of the Lord, we're called to follow in His way.

And though the world won't understand, They'll see Him on display!" \*\*\*\*

**Thought For The Week:**  
"We don't need to see the way if we're following the one who is the way!" \*\*\*\*

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church.

measured by how you feel! It's what God's Word says. Act on It!, Saints!!

The report on last Saturday's meeting will be in next week's report.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burselson, vice president; and Sister Elmoa Jones, teacher.

Hope you will attend one of our Saturday morning meetings as you are always invited. Just come and be blessed!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### "Why Did God Call You??"

There are many reasons why God shouldn't have called you, but don't worry, you are in good company.

Moses stuttered; David's armor didn't fit; Mark was rejected by Paul; Timothy had ulcers.

Hosea's wife was a prostitute, Amos's only training was in the School of the fig tree pruning; Jacob was a liar also.

David had an affair; Solomon was too rich; Jesus was too poor; Abraham was too old; David was too young; Peter was afraid of death; Lazarus was dead; John was self righteous; Naomi was a

widow; Paul was a murderer; so was Moses.

Jonah ran from God; Miriam was a gossip; Gideon and Thomas both doubted; Jeremiah depressed and suicidal; Elijah was burned out; John the Baptist was a loudmouth.

Martha was a worry wart; Mary was lazy; Samson had long hair; Noah got drunk.

Did we mention Moses had a short fuse? So did Peter. Well, a lots of folks did. But God doesn't r requires a job interview. He doesn't hire or fire like most bosses, because He's more our Dad than our boss. He doesn't look at financial gain or loss. He's not prejudice or partial. Not judging or grudging, sassy, or bossy. Not deaf to our

cry. Not blind to our needs,

As much as we try. God's gifts are free. We can do wonderful things for wonderful people, and st ill not be wonderful.

Satan says you're not worthy. Jesus so what?? I am. Satan looks back and sees our mistakes. God looks back and sees the cross. He doesn't calculate what you did last year. It's not even on the record. Sure, there

are lots of reasons why God should have called us, but if we are magically in love with him. If we hunger for him more than our next breath, he will use us in spite of who we are, where we have been, or what we look like. We pray that as Christians, we will step out of our limitations into the limitless nature of who God is. Then our passion for God and our passion to communicate to will, makes a big difference of our limitations.

For all who think there's no

hope, and seems like for y ou, there isn't. Well, the good news is there is hope, and it's in Jesus Christ, trust Him!

If you're sick and this old world has given you a bad deal; remember God wants you to have life abundantly. Simply because He loves you! **Mark 11:22-26 and II Chronicles 7:14.** Keep praying and don't wait until you get to Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting. "Pray Now!"

These scriptures are not



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# Obsequies

## Tommy Graves

Graveside services for Tommy Graves, 57, of Lubbock were held Saturday morning, June 6, 2009 at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Mr. Graves died June 2, 2009 at University Medical Center.

Tommy Graves was a graduate of Dunbar High School. He retired from the U. S. Army after 22 years of service.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jackie Simmons Graves, of Lubbock; his sisters, Nancy Planks of Phoenix, Ariz. and Gloria Graves of Houston; his stepchildren, Angela and Adrian Simmons of Miami, Fla.; a host



of nieces, nephews, and friends, and a special niece, Marsha McGraw. He was preceded in death by his parents, A.G. and Ada Graves, four sisters, and four brothers.

## Tyrone J. Robinson

Services for Tyrone J. Robinson were held Thursday afternoon, June 4, 2009 at St. James Baptist Church with Rev. W. H. Harris, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Robinson, 31, of Lubbock passed away May 24, 2009 at University Medical Center.

He was born to Judy Brinson and T. J. Robinson on July 2, 1977 in Lubbock. He attended Lubbock Public Schools. He worked for Pyco Industries.

He married Phyllis Elaine Johnson, and they had six sons.

He leaves to cherish his memory two sons, Tyrone and



Aumien Robinson; four stepsons, Aaren, Kenneth, Shayne, and Shayne; one daughter, Tykia Robinson; two sisters, Shrona and LaToya Robinson; brother, Justin Robinson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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*Our Dad couldn't himself. If our Mom could hear us now we would tell her that we love her and miss her. Not a day goes by that we don't think of all the good that she did.*

*We hope and pray that God has placed in us the strength she had in her.*

*We love you, Mom, and "Happy Birthday!"*

## Olivett (Ollie) Walker



Jennings (Edward), Kenneth Walker (Linda), and Cindy Wilson; seven grandchildren, Terrence, Alpha, Fiona, Aaron, Lawrence, II (PJ.), Megan, and Lashard; three great-grandchildren: Jazelle, Jacobian, and Lanyah; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Church services for Mrs. Olivett (Ollie) Walker will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at Triumph Baptist Church in Slaton.

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

Walker, 90, of Slaton, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at Lakeside Rehab Center.

Mrs. Ollie Walker was born on November 28, 1918 in Bryan, Texas to Ollie Williams and Etta (Thomas) Williams.

She was a member of the Triumph Baptist Church for over 50 years. She participated in the choir and the missionary society, and was a Sunday School teacher and a leader of the youth.

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**SHERYL SWOOPES NEED OUR SUPPORT!** THIS N THAT along with many other residents of Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas are still wondering why there hasn't been a **PUBLIC RALLY** to come to the rescue of **SHERYL SWOOPES** who had all of her personal affects sold to a local flea market sales person by bidding. The bid was held because the owner of the business says it was done because of the lack of payment on the building. Of course that's business but when you

look at the record of **SHERYL SWOOPES** in our community and this country... One would see that she is a native of Brownfield and one time **THIS N THAT** remembers her in attendance of a Sunday School Meeting of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as a very young girl. She was part of a **LADY RED RAIDER TEAM** who brought the **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** to Texas Tech University a member of a **USA TEAM** which brought the Gold

back to the USA a dynamic professional basketball player in the **WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (WNBA)** and no doubt other areas of involvement. **THIS N THAT** believes there are those who could help retrieve her personal affects back that is if it hasn't already been done. You see in life many of us are forced to have **HARD TIMES**. So let's not forget **SHERYL SWOOPES** as she has paid her dues.

**PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "YESTERDAY'S HOME RUN** will not win today's **BALL GAME!**"

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## THINK ABOUT IT!

Why We Will Not Wait

by Edsdie Richardson

The now pressing issue is a good example of why we can not wait because if you wait you get dumped on time and time again. You become taken for granted, then everything every one else does not want, it gets dumped on us, and we are supposed to like it, take it, shut up and be thankful. But thank God for the courts, this has been the remedy since up from slavery. In many cases, the only remedy to rid segregation, discrimination, disenfranchisement, and wrong treatment, especially when you become complacent and relaxed and take no action except mumbling and grumbling. When the system knows that's all you are going to do.

In many cases, the only action gets results and also respects you when people continue to dump on or mess over, and, in general, take you for granted, they will loose respect for you. If they had any in the first place, this writer has observed the people's reaction to the recent situation and they

are not through yet. There is a great possibility that there may be many, many unhappy people on the proposed spot for the future home of the dog shelter. It is important to show Linda DeLeon and Floyd Price that there are many against the location. They are not against the dog shelter, this includes many animal lovers. One thing the ill winds are also whispering is recall this time with a different strategy for the counting of the recall votes.

Every one knows that in America, there is freedom of choice. A person can vote as they please or choose even if it is against the wishes of their districts citizens and can see this when the representative has the inside information that the citizens do not have occasionally. But when it becomes a pattern, even though the council is elected from a single member dis-

trict, they still are a part of the total council. But they are still held responsible to the district whoelected them and represent that district. Then Lubbock, as a whole, when the people of a district feel they are not being fully represented, then it is time for a change to get someone who will represent them.

This situation could become very interesting and end up having a tremendous impact on the city of Lubbock. The McKinsey Park incident may have finally wake up a sleeping giant. If he is awoken politically, socially, and economically, he will not go back to sleep. That silent majority consist of the poor whites, blacks, browns, and all other disenfranchised people. It will, no doubt, have a tremendous conductive lasting impact on Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas!

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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



from whimpering that I was framed or that I got a raw deal. And when I finish the final inning, I ask for no laurels. All I want is to believe in my heart that I played as well as I could and that I didn't let you down. Amen!!!!

We must all admit that we are now experiencing bad times. Businesses are going bankrupt and many are receiving federal government help with taxpayers' money in order to stay in business and provide jobs for some people to continue to work and earn a living. Some people find time to gripe about what the government does, including feeling that the new President does not need a life which does not include some sacrifices for "We the people." Many of us do not realize that Mr. Obama was a millionaire when he became President and does not necessarily need taxpayer's money to take his wife on a date to see a play and have dinner. Of course, there were no complaints when Mr. Bush made regular trips to Crawford, Texas and wherever else he wanted to go on taxpayer money, nor the fact that the bad times were created during his tenure as President.

Mr. Carter hired a lady to babysit and care for his daughter

when he was President. Mr. Obama has chosen the old fashioned way, his mother-in-law babysits. He is keeping it 'all in the family' and at the same time, attempting to build stronger relations with other nations. Mr. Carter was a millionaire also, and later won a Nobel Peace Prize in his efforts to try to make the world a better place in which to live. Mr. Obama, just like Mr. Carter, has

attempted to 'prime the pump' to put money into the taxpayer's pockets for these bad time.

Some people are becoming millionaires overnight while some of us become poorer by the second. In addition, we are being squeezed for more money by increased taxes on the things we already pay taxes for, as items which were not taxed previously are being added to the list, and the list goes on. We need to get 'in cinque' and pray that the bad times come to an end and do our part to make things better, rather than complaining all the time.

I ran across a prayer which my mother had copied from somewhere, with no author's name on it, entitled, A Prayer for Bad Times. It begins, "Dear God: Help me to be a good sport in this game of life. I do not ask for an easy place in the lineup. But put me anywhere you need me. I only ask that I can give you 100% of everything I have. If all the hard times seem to come my way, I thank you for the compliment. Help me remember that you never send a player more trouble than he can handle. And help me Lord, to accept the bad breaks as part of the game. May I always play on the square, no matter what the others do. Help me study the Book, so I'll know the rules. Finally, God, if the natural turn of events goes against me and I'm benched for sickness or old age, help me to accept that as part of the game, too! Keep me

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**We're Not Dummies or Mummies!"**

by  
Donnell Hooper

Although some people would prefer us to be, we are not just a bunch of dummies and mummies! All the districts have what I call district liabilities, hindered abilities, and those among us who lack the interest in the collective power of our abilities! I'm telling the righteous and the wicked down town, up town and all around town, that the SUN is rising and shining brighter on Northeast and East Lubbock, Texas "TOO DAY AND FOR THE REST OF OUR DAYS!!!!" No longer are we going to stick our heads in the ground and our A#@! up in the air like scared ostriches and

continue to allow ourselves to be ostracized because we're thought of as dummies & mummies and not wise. Before I ask the readers of this article to support the cause I am writing about, I'm going to ask the readers to do the math. \$12 million dollars was spent on soccer fields by the city council of Lubbock for the children of Lubbock some 20 miles away from the children of northeast and east Lubbock. It is obvious that the children (OUR CHILDREN) are being neglected and we are being disrespected. Why?

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## Minister T. J. Patterson, Jr. Youth Revival Speaker



Pictured above is T. J. Patterson, Jr., center, with his family. At left is T. J. III, Lauren, held by her father, and Ursula, wife and mother.

The Youth Department of the Bethelhem Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting the 5th Annual Youth Revival which will be held June 15, 16 & 17, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p. m. nightly.

"We are looking forward to having a great time again this year," said Rev. Ray E. McCoy, pastor.

"If you haven't been to one of our youth revivals, you don't know what you are missing. Our youth put all they have learned during the past year into one package as some may say we don't just come to church as we are the church," he continued.

Guest speaker for this year's revival will be Minister T. J. Patterson, Jr. He serves as Manager of

Legislative Affairs Governmental Relations Department for the City of Fort Worth.

He is a graduate of Dunbar High School, and North Texas State University at Denton.

He also received his JD degree from the School of Law at Texas Southern University at Houston.

Minister Patterson is a member of Bethelhem Baptist Church of Mansfield, and serves under the leadership of Pastor Michael Evans.

Minister Patterson is familiar with young people, and this is why he was chosen as speaker. He is able to get down to their level. He will also have a message for adults in attendance.

The theme for this year's revival is "Challenges to be Faced" II Timothy 3:14-15.

## The Black Man Did It: White Mom's Abduction Hoax Sparks Outrage

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It's an old lie, claiming that The Black Man Did It.

But it was trotted out again last week when a white mother from suburban Philadelphia said two black men snatched her and her 9-year-old daughter from their SUV and abducted them in the trunk of a black Cadillac.

Blacks across the country were outraged after Bonnie Sweeten was found in a luxury hotel at Disney World. Authorities quickly unraveled the hoax, but not before an Amber Alert, frantic searches and national news coverage that played into images of marauding black men.

Racial boundaries are slowly dissolving in America, with President Barack Obama the most obvious example. Yet Sweeten's story, plus the killing of a black New York City cop by a white officer days later, was a



Bonnie Sweeten

reminder that old ideas remain burned into many minds both black and white.

Sweeten's story has provoked an outpouring of discussion among blacks, everywhere from doctor's offices to blogs. Syndicated radio host Warren Ballentine said his listeners are "furious, and they're disgusted." On a scale of one to 10, it's a 15.

"Their hope was that by Obama becoming president, the rest of America would take a look at black Americans and look at us for who we are and not what a stereotype is," he said.

The Black Man Did It lie last made news as recently as October, when a John McCain volunteer claimed a 6-foot-4 black man carved a B into her cheek (For Barack, evidently). Charles Stuart told it in 1989 after he killed his wife in

Boston. Susan Smith told it when she drowned her sons in 1994 in South Carolina. Unknown numbers of black men were hanged for it back when lynching was a common practice.

And those are the ones we heard about. Law professor Kathryn Russell-Brown documents 67 racial hoaxes in the period between 1987 and 1996 in her book "The Color of Crime."

The Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center Scholarship will be awarded in the near future.

The CATO Corporation/LEARN ETS Scholarship was awarded to Christopher Olivarez.

Miss Celeste Contreras Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Brandi Garcia.

The Miss Margaret Brito Memorial Scholarship(s) were awarded to Stephanie Baldoza and Stephanie Pleasant.

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you but, you told me it was your time and I would have my time.

Thank God for you "OUR GIFT FROM GOD". I am and the rest of the family will always be so proud and thankful to God for His sharing of His gift with us and others.

As the 23rd Psalms said in verse 1: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. We don't have to weep tears of sadness because joy comes in the morning. We don't have to worry because along time ago He sent us a comforter. By being a part of your family and His, we received a double blessing.

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**Friday, June 12th**  
"Reflection of Juneteenth "Opening Reception"  
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**Saturday, June 13th**  
Juneteenth Annual Health Walk - 8:30 a. m.  
MacKenzie Park  
Anniversary Banquet & Gala - 6:00 pm  
White Knights Ballroom

**Sunday, June 14th**  
AM Worship Services  
Smith Temple Community Church

**Monday, June 15th**  
Career & Education Fair - Estacado High School

**Tuesday, June 16th**  
Annie Mae Jones Senior Citizens Fashion Show  
The Bridge of Lubbock

**Wednesday, June 17th**  
Youth Day (Ages 4-12) - Mae Simmons Community Center

**Thursday, June 18th**  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
"Man & Woman of Year" - Mae Simmons Community Center  
Dallas Urban Comedy Line - Civic Center Theater

**Friday, June 19th**  
Juneteenth Prayer Breakfast - French Quarter Bristo  
"A Change Is Coming" - Stage Play  
Civic Center Theatre

**Saturday, June 20th**  
Senior Citizen Breakfast - Mae Simmons Senior Citizens  
Anniversary Freedom Parade - 10 am - Civic Center  
Park Festivities - 12 to 10 pm - Joyland Park  
"A Change Is Coming" - Stage Play - Civic Center Theatre

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Superintendent Elementary, LISD and African American Chamber of Commerce Educator Hall of Fame inductee provide an inspirational keynote address.

Kelly Sharp & Esmeralda Benitez awarded several scholarships at the event.

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