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MLK with his son Dexter Scott, at home in Atlanta, April 9, 1964  
(Flip Schulke/Black Star)

*"I have a dream that one day... little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers."*

### Dr. Timms Named MLK Speaker

With the theme, "Triumph and Trials - The Mighty Dreams of the 90's", the Dr. Drinkard Timms, Jr., pastor of the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church of Dallas, Texas, has been named as the annual speaker of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Inc.

Dr. Timms, who began preaching in Lubbock, Texas at the New Hope Baptist Church, is a native of Marlin, Texas where he graduated from the Booker T. Washington High School.

He graduated from Bishop College with a B. S. degree and attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary where he received a B. D. Other studies were taken at Perkins Theological Seminary, St. Mary's University Divinity, Aimo Institute of Divinity where he received a D. D.

Dr. Timms received a Doctor of Law degree from Monrovia, Liberia (Africa).

He has served as president of the Port Arthur NAACP, from 1968-1972; director of Continuing Education, 10th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; General Chairman, Bishop's Council, Houston, June, 1989; member of the General Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and is serving in his second term; world traveler, lecturer, preacher, teacher, and has received many awards and citations.

A family man, he is married to the former Lonnie "Little Chief" M. Norris, and they are parents of three sons and one daughter.

Dr. Timms will speak at



Dr. Drinkard Timms, Jr.

the 6:30 p. m. community services in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater on Sunday.

In this City-Wide Celebration set for Sunday, January 14th, the public is cordially invited to attend as well as other functions of the MLK Celebration Committee, Inc.

The week long activities will begin Thursday, January 11th, with opening services at the New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. F. B. Sell, pastor of the Rising Star Baptist Church, will be the speaker.

Youth Night has been set for Friday night, January 12th, at the Faith First Baptist Church, Rev. C. H. Walker, pastor.

Services will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Church & Family Night

has been set for Saturday, January 13th, at St. James Baptist Church, Rev. Kado Lang, pastor.

All churches are asked to bring some delicious foods as the MLK Cel Committee, Inc. will supply the meats for the meal.

Closing services will be held Monday night, January 15th, the birthday of Dr. King, at the St. James Baptist Church, with Dr. Benson Thomas, chaplain at Methodist Hospital, bringing the message.

For more information concerning the celebration, call Bert McWilliams, 762-6411, ext. 2281.

"We are going to have another week long celebration, and hope the entire City of Lubbock will be present," says Fulton Berry, MLK President.

### Meet The King & Queen



Dericka Renee Clark

Last week the Southwest Digest published an article

on the "Mr. Future Fashion and Miss Fashionette", but



Whitney Cyril Vairie

wanted to have a better photo of these lovely young people who won these contests. It was only fair to feature them with better quality photos.

This bi-annual event is

sponsored by Eta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Whitney Cyril Vairie, crowned "Mr. Future Fashion," is the son of Ms.

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### "Drop-In"

#### Program Set

A "Drop-in" program has been scheduled by the Lubbock Independent School District to provide information on a variety of educational topics. It will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 18, in the cafeteria on the first floor of the Lubbock campus of South Plains College, 1302 Main Street.

Information will be available on returning to high school, preparation for the General Educational Development (GED) tests, Job Corps, South Plains College, adult education, and employment opportunities. Educational counseling will also be available. Anyone desiring information about education is invited to attend.

The come-and-go activity is sponsored by the school district's Dropout Resource/Research Center and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Interested persons may call 766-1117 for additional information.

### LISD Students

Students in the Lubbock Independent School District will have a holiday on January 19. Teachers will have a work day that date which follows the end of the first semester.

Schools will be dismissed early on the closing days of the semester, January 17 and 18. Elementary schools will be excused at 2:00 p.m., and secondary students will be dismissed at about midday.

Classes will resume at the regular times on January 22 for the beginning of the second semester.

**RUBY JAY'S CORNER**



The New Hope Baptist Church is located at 2002 Birch Avenue, and Rev. B. R. Moton is the pastor. The telephone number is 765-9577.

This is the Church where the People really care. Sunday School began last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Sister F. Stokley, Supt. over the Primary Department, presiding. It was another good Sunday School, and we thank God for that.

The Morning Worship hour began at 10:45 a. m. with devotion by the Deacons. Following, there were a selection by the Senior Choir, scripture and prayer by Deacon F. J. Jenkins and Deacon E. Swain.

Another song was sung by the choir, and the mission & Educational offering was conducted by the Deacons and Ushers.

Announcements were read by Anita Henry. Another song was sung, and the pastoral observations were given by Pastor Moton.

After the morning hymn, Pastor Moton preached on the subject: "God Is The Answer To Your Problems." It was another wonderful message, and enjoyed by all.

in attendance.

After the message, all members were just happy to express their happiness of being here for another first Sunday in the New Year.

We want to congratulate the young people in Sister Hattie Gipson's Primary Class who did a wonderful job in reviewing the lesson last Sunday morning.

During the evening worship hour, Baptism and Communion were held. Among the special guest included Rev. L. C. Collins and his members. New Hope

enjoyed the fellowship with them.

Keep praying for our sick and shut-ins. There are many sick among us. Some this writer is not aware about.

Sister Celestine Kyle did a wonderful job in welcoming the visitors to New Hope last Sunday morning.

Final rites were read for Norris Osby last Saturday afternoon at the St. John Baptist Church with Rev.

James Moore, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Paul Jones of Houston, Texas and Rev. Leon Patton of Lubbock.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the directions of Adams Plains Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Edwin Lee of Lubbock, Texas; two daughters, two brothers and other relatives.

Final rites were read for

Earner Lee Barnett last Wednesday at Christ Temple COGIC with Bishop W. D. Haynes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Curry Funeral Home.

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1920 17th St.	494-156895-703	3-3	3	\$34,000	*	311 Ave. F A&B	494-147890-703	2-1	\$6,750
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5021 36th St.	494-150947-703	2-1	1	\$35,700	*	707 E. Lake St.	494-102341-203	2-2	\$18,300
2408 39th St.	494-127341-221	2-1	1	\$23,750	*	601 E. Lons	494-100626-203	3-1	\$11,700
1302 42nd St.	494-120970-203	2-1	1	\$21,300	*	1305 North A	494-112508-203	2-1	\$13,300
2906 43rd St.	494-130340-703	4-2	2	\$34,700	*	<b>BROWNFIELD</b>			
4918 44th St.	494-121161-203	3-2	2	\$38,250	****	494-121643-203	3-2	\$26,250	****
4806 45th St.	494-130472-703	3-2	2	\$41,750	****	1202 E. Broadway	494-130532-703	3-1	\$15,950
5212 46th St.	494-123494-203	4-2	2	\$37,550	****	503 Cactus	494-094047-203	2-1	\$13,550
1911 47th St.	494-102136-203	2-1	1	\$23,000	*	707 E. Lake St.	494-102341-203	2-2	\$18,300
5416 49th St.	494-146901-703	4-1 1/2	2	\$35,150	*	601 E. Lons	494-100626-203	3-1	\$11,700
512 55th St.	494-156922-703	3-1	1	\$23,500	*	1305 North A	494-112508-203	2-1	\$13,300
2115 57th St.	494-132759-203	4-2	2	\$41,900	****	<b>CROSBYTON</b>			
1325 61st St.	494-149761-721	3-1	1	\$26,000	*	427 S. Crosby	494-168307-740	2-1	\$18,250
1908 61st St.	494-091911-203	2-1	1	\$18,550	*	<b>EARTH</b>			
4618 64th St.	494-120140-203	3-2	2	\$46,850	*	604 3rd	494-085967-203	3-1	\$12,250
1624 69th St.	494-127809-203	3-2	2	\$36,800	****	<b>FRIONA</b>			
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2109 91st St.	494-141075-703	3-2 1/2	2	\$55,100	*	709 Pierce	494-130792-203	3-2	\$31,500
5736 93rd St.	494-135683-705	3-2	2	\$52,000	*	<b>LEVELLAND</b>			
2806 95th St.	494-105317-235	3-2	2	\$31,900	*	1005 10th St.	494-165115-521	3-1	\$14,700
805 Ave. S	494-160062-703	3-2	2	\$18,950	*	116 E. Adams	494-111569-203	2-1	\$20,500
909 Adrian	494-146789-203	3-2	2	\$33,900	*	107 Elm St.	494-186419-721	3-1 1/2	\$21,200
8201 Brentwood Ave.	494-118935-203	3-2	2	\$70,700	*	113 Elm	494-126086-203	2-1	\$20,000
5703 Brownfield Dr.	494-133116-203	4-2	2	\$56,500	*	113 Popular	494-157136-203	4-1	\$24,500
606 N. Clinton	494-137651-703	3-2	2	\$42,600	*	308 Walnut	494-111122-235	3-2	\$27,500
1905 E. Colgate	494-157657-703	3-1	1	\$19,300	*	1210 Ave. A	494-154425-703	3-2	\$35,650
2923 E. Colgate	494-158031-703	3-2	2	\$22,000	****	510 A&B 9th St.	494-126266-221	4-2	\$14,600
220 David Ave.	494-163651-203	3-1	1	\$14,250	*	113 Cedar	494-125018-203	3-1	\$22,750
4610 Fordham	494-109996-235	3-2	2	\$33,500	*	530 Double U	494-108687-221	3-1	\$13,850
4615 Grinnell St.	494-130205-296	3-1 1/2	2	\$27,450	*	1219 Ave. D	494-128638-203	4-2	\$21,850
3112 Harvard	494-127813-703	2-1	1	\$16,850	*	<b>LITTLEFIELD</b>			
4632 Harvard	494-122251-703	3-2	2	\$32,950	*	724 E. 16th St.	494-130591-203	2-1	\$15,700
603 Hudson	494-124065-203	2-1	1	\$24,850	*	<b>MU'ESHOE</b>			
7920 Lynnhaven Ave.	494-147066-703	3-2	2	\$62,300	*	1212 Ave. B	494-128514-203	3-1	\$19,900
3720 Memphis	494-135468-703	2-2	2	\$61,000	*	<b>RALLS</b>			
2902 E. 1st St.	494-131190-703	5-2	2	\$22,050	*/Cash	1220 Ave. L	494-125052-203	3-1 1/2	\$22,400
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3014 E. 3rd Place	494-067685-235	3-1	1	\$5,600	****/Cash	<b>ROPEVILLE</b>			
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2024 9th St.	494-124160-203	3-1	1	\$15,900	*/Cash	<b>SLATON</b>			
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108 E. 81st St.	494-124166-503	3-1	1	\$15,000	****/Cash				
2614 E. Auburn	494-130100-203	3-1	1	\$9,150	*/Cash				
2820 Cornell A&B	494-153966-703	4-2	2	\$12,000	*/Cash				
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# OBSEQUIES

## Rev. William Thomas Wright

Odessa, Tx. -- Final rites were held for Rev. William Thomas Wright last Friday, January 5, 1990, at Johnson Chapel A. M. E. Church with the Northwest Texas Conference Presiding Elder I. C. Cooper officiating.

Rev. Wright was born March 11, 1931 to Gastro and Essie Mae Wright in Austin, Texas. He received formative education at L. L. Campbell School, and attended Anderson High School, graduating in 1948. He received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Chemistry from Huston-Tillotson College in 1954 and later completed a Master's Degree in Public School Administration at Prairie View A&M University in 1964, with further post graduate education at Texas Tech University.

On May 8, 1950, he united with Winnie Estella Clark in holy matrimony, and they remained a devoted couple until his death.

An extensive career in teaching and administration began in 1956 with employ-



ment as a high school instructor at the Lincoln School in Andrews, Texas in 1956, and later as principal of Dunbar School in McCamey, Texas from 1965 to 1966. In 1966, he assumed the position of Audio Visual Aids Coordinator for Crane Independent School District which he held until his retirement in 1989.

Rev. Wright professed a belief in Christ at an early age, uniting with Simpson United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. On October 4, 1964, he accepted a higher calling and began his ministry at Hobbs Chapel A. M. E. Church in McCamey, Texas where he pastored until 1981, and after a brief duty as interim pastor of Greater St. Paul A. M. E. Church in San Angelo, Texas, he accepted the

charge of Johnson Chapel A. M. E. Church in Odessa, Texas, where he guided the initiation and completion of the present sanctuary. He has served in every capacity as a member of the Northwest Texas Conference of the A. M. E. Church and has shared his extensive love for and knowledge of theology as instructor of the Odessa Southside Ministerial Alliance, and the Crane Black Ministers Alliance.

He leaves to mourn: his beloved wife, Winnie E. Wright of Crane; two daughters, Brenda K. Hill and Diane M. Carmichael; one son, Dr. William Thomas Wright, Jr., two sisters, Estella White and Irene Lockett; four brothers: James Wright, Marion Wright, Harry Wright, and Joe Wright; three grandsons: Royce Hill, Vincent Carmichael, and Christopher Carmichael; one grand-

daughter, Whitney Wright; two sons-in-law, Willie Hill and Melvin Carmichael; one daughter-in-law, Cheryl Wright; eleven nieces, nine nephews, and a host of other relatives.

He entered his rest on January 2, 1990.

Palbearers were Rev. Wayne Russell, Rev. S. V. Ferguson, Rev. William H. Chavers, Rev. M. L. Goffney, Rev. D. Edwin Johnson, and Rev. Richard D. Green.

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### Invest In Your Community

Dear friends: we would like to help clarify the article that appeared in the September 1, 1988 edition of the Southwest Digest concerning the formation of the Canyon Lakes Credit Union for Districts I and II by suggesting how certain questions of the survey might be answered to convince the League of the commitment that is being put forth by the citizens of these districts in order to help them qualify for the necessary charter for the credit union. No cash is needed at this time, just your commitment!

- A. Yes for Number 4 of the survey.
  - B. \$50.00 or more over a 6-month period for Number 5.
  - C. A minimum of \$1.00 for Number 6 of the survey.
- In addition to the Churches and to the Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, the survey forms may be found at Joe and Paul's Barber Shop, Lee's Cafe, the Estacado Matedor Barber Shop, and Parkway Neighborhood Center.

You may call David H. Sowell, president of the Board of Directors of the Canyon Lakes Development Union, at his work number, 792 7161, or at his home, 765 8679; or Eddie Richardson, executive director of the Black Chamber, 747 9804. If you would like additional information, please call either one of the above. A sample copy of the suggested survey is printed below for your convenience. Thank you for your interest.

#### Credit Union Interest Survey

- ..... 1. Have you ever belonged to a credit union?
- ..... 2. Do you currently belong to a credit union? If so, please give its name.
- ..... 3. Have you ever served as an official of a credit union?
- ..... 4. Would you be interested in joining a credit union if one were organized for Districts I and II?
- ..... 5. What amount would you be willing to deposit initially.
- ..... 6. How much money per month would you be willing to place in savings?
- ..... 7. Would you be willing to serve as an official in the credit union?

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# EDITORIALS • COMMENTS • OPINIONS

## New Decade, New Year

by  
Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins

As our nation's leaders prepare for the new decade, a number of important social issues must be brought to their attention. Although the issues are familiar, they also challenge our creative abilities, and should be pursued with the highest degree of vigor and ambition. Still, too many of our citizens languish in poverty, or are simply living on the edge as members of the "working poor".... one paycheck away from economic disaster. We must realize that economic prosperity does not reach many of our fellow citizens. Their needs and concerns must be lost in a sea of indifference.

The first issue which deserves our highest attention is education. We should fully fund Head Start and the Chapter 1 math and reading program until every child who is eligible for these services is served. The initial investment, now, will more than pay for itself in future years. Likewise, at the state and local levels, we can implement quality education programs which meet the unique needs of our diverse population. If education is a universal right, we must design our system to serve all children, regardless of their economic or residential plight.

The second important issue is child care. The availability of safe, affordable and quality child care is absolutely essential to help poor families become economically self-sufficient and assist others in maintaining stability. I advanced a version of a bill I wrote (H. R. 3) to the end of the congressional process, but unfortunately the Congress adjourned before further

action could be taken. I am confident, however, that the Congress will move forward in the early part of this year to finalize action on a quality child care bill.

Thirdly, we must revitalize our system of public health. Too many of the nation's public hospitals struggle in their role as providers of last resort. They need resources to update their medical equipment and recruit doctors, nurses and other key medical personnel. I plan to raise this issue in Congress, and link the Congressional Rural Caucus of which I am a member, and the Congressional Rural Caucus to examine the national plight of community hospitals and provide needed assistance.

Finally, we must embark on a comprehensive mission to prepare our workforce for the year 2000. As mentioned previously, educational efforts in the early learning years (Head Start, Chapter 1), are critical to this mission. However, determined efforts on all fronts will be necessary to meet this challenge. Last year, I introduced the Workforce 2000 Employment Readiness Act, legislation intended to educate our workforce in basic skills and training for the new jobs being created by technology. Congressional hearings on this legislation will continue this year.

Undoubtedly, other national issues must be responded to, such as drug abuse, homelessness, public housing needs, the security of our senior citizens, infant mortality, and others. Above all, let us be wary of complacency. This nation has the know-how and the resources to overcome economic and social inequities. Let us begin the new decade with a caring and ambitious tone, and work to invest in the welfare of our fellow Americans.



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In observance of the birthday of the late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Southwest Digest office, 510 East 23rd Street, will be closed Monday, January 15.

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**Public Forum  
Set January 11**

The League of Women Voters of Lubbock will sponsor a public forum on "Political Parties and Precinct Conventions: A Look at the March 13 Primary" at the Mahon Library Community Room at 11:45 a. m. Thursday, January 11th.

Guest speakers will be Lubbock County Republican Party Chairperson Mark Griffin and Lubbock County Democratic Chairperson Beverly Kercheval. Valuable information about the precinct process will be presented.

For more information, call 744-0023.

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## Black News Briefs

Alvin Ailey Signified

Diversity of Black  
Culture

**New York, N. Y.** -- The recent death of choreographer Alvin Ailey marked the end of a unique man in American culture -- a director, dancer and impresario who translated Black dance styles in ballet and as one writer wrote "thrilled audiences around the world."

The 58-year-old Ailey, founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 1958. Born in Rogers, Texas, Ailey grew up in Los Angeles but later moved to New York City.

His dance company performed in 48 states and 45 foreign countries. He had been ill for nearly a year. There were reports that he was suffering from AIDS but officials at New York's Lenox Hill Hospital reported his death as a result of a rare blood disease.

## Racial Attitudes Nearly

Prevented Wilder

Victory

**Richmond, VA.** -- While his Democratic running mates were winning by impressive margins, L. Douglas Wilder narrowly defeated his Republican rival last month to become the first Black governor in Virginia history.

Final voting results released last week that Wilder's victory was a result of a massive turnout by Black voters who casted 94% of their ballots for Wilder and impressive support among urban whites in the Norfolk area and the Northern Virginia suburbs near Washington, D. C. Wilder did his worst in rural and small town areas.

The results suggest that despite pre-election polls showing Wilder far ahead of Republican Marshall Coleman, a majority of Virginia Whites could not bring themselves to vote for a Black man for governor. In fact, it appears that 51% of whites casted their ballots for Coleman. The Wilder victory was so close, Republicans have demanded a recount.

The white reluctance to vote for a Black for governor was summarized by an elderly man in Alexandria, Virginia when he told a reporter, "I don't want a Black governor. Colored people lie too much. They always have their hands out."

## Brown To Head New York Police

**New York, N. Y.** -- New York City's first Black mayor David Dinkins has selected Lee Brown of Houston, Texas to become the second Black police commissioner for the nation's largest city. Brown has been police chief in Houston, Atlanta and Portland. He has a reputation as a top professional. He labeled the New York job "a once in a lifetime opportunity."



## HISTORIC DATES AND MAJOR EVENTS IN THE LIFE AND CAREER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- January 15, 1929 King was born in Atlanta, Georgia
- 1948 Graduated from Morehouse College
- 1951 Earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Crozer Theological Seminary
- 1955-1956 Led the Montgomery bus boycott which desegregated Montgomery buses
- 1957 Founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference -- A strong civil rights organization
- 1963 King led his nonviolent civil rights crusade to Birmingham, Alabama. While in jail, wrote the celebrated document known as "Letters from Birmingham Jail"
- August 28, 1963 A leading organizer of a massive march on Washington, D.C. There he gave his dramatic "I Have A Dream" speech.
- 1964 Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent campaigns. He donated the \$54,000.00 prize money to the civil rights cause.
- 1964-1965 Facing police opposition, King led protests and launched voter registration drives in Selma, Alabama. His actions resulted in the later Selma-Montgomery march.
- 1965 Expanded his Civil Rights Movement to include cities both in the North and South.
- April 4, 1968 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee where he was supporting a garbage workers strike.

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# THIS N THAT

**NO NEED FOR THESE KINDS OF BREAK-INS!** THIS N THAT has learned that there has been **TWO BREAK-INS OF A NEW BUSINESS** in East Lubbock. The business **TONI'S BOUTIQUE** located at 1817 Parkway Drive is just not necessary for it to be happening in our community. If we want to keep businesses in **EAST LUBBOCK** we must see to that people who operate in negative activities should be off the streets and not be allowed to continue these kinds of acts. **EAST LUBBOCK** need businesses like the **TONI'S BOUTIQUE** and they should be caught and prosecuted. If anyone knows who is responsible for this kind of an activity then call the Lubbock Police Department and advise of who they are. In this day and time one does not have to give their name or telephone number all is necessary is the name of the person responsible for this **DRASTIC ACT**. THIS N THAT hopes this will cease and that whoever is responsible will be caught!

**D. C. KINNER THE BARBER SAYS:** "WE as citizens must do what we can **TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE** for everyone."

**ATTEND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION THIS WEEK!** THIS N THAT hopes that the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater will be full this Sunday in the celebration of the community-wide celebration at 6:30 p. m. There will be good singing, good speaking and most of all with you there it will continue to be successful. Hope to see you in the place on Sunday. Also there will be other activities during the entire week throughout Monday official holiday of the late **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**DOING A GREAT JOB!** THIS N THAT has learned that the **MARTIN LUTHER MASS CHOIR** is sounding better than last year. Now in order to beat last year this **MLK MASS CHOIR** will have to do some terrific work. We hope **YOU** will be there to hear this fine group of **CHRISTIAN PEOPLE** sing praises to God Almighty!

**HANG IN THERE, BIDALI!** THIS N THAT learned as you did that **BIDAL AGUERRO** owner of the **EL EDITOR NEWSPAPER** has filed for the **STATE REP. DISTRICT 83** and will be working hard to receive your precious vote. Altho he is the only **DEMOCRAT** file for the post he will be unopposed in the March 13 Primary but he will want your support as it gets close to the General Election come November, 1990. **HANG IN THERE, BIDAL AGUERRO** you have paid many dues and your name is well known in the area. Just keep up the good work and let the people know what you want to do. **WHEN YOU GET TO AUSTIN, TEXAS** next January, 1991. THIS N THAT will be watching this race as it is an important race for **BLACKS & BROWNS** and even our **WHITE**

**BROTHERS & SISTERS!** BIDAL says he has some outstanding programs which will work for all people and he is eager to get something done.

**A NEW MINORITY BUSINESS IS IN TOWN!** THIS N THAT would like to advise of a **NEW MINORITY BUSINESS** in town and more on this business will be forthcoming! It has a very positive **NAME!**

**APPRECIATE BOTH OF THESE LADIES!** THIS N THAT is very happy to have **RUBY JAY** who has been writing a column since the beginning of the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** and now there is **IMATHA ISAAC** who reports her church news regularly. Both are to be commended for a job well done and it goes to show what can be done if you only want to do something. Thanks to both ladies as well as the **OUTREACH PRAYER GROUP**, **BILLY "B. J." MORRISON, III & REV. D. A. SMITH**. THIS N THAT really appreciates both of you. And there is **D. C. KINNER THE BARBER** who has some good wisdom to shed with his many friends, readers of the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST**. It is people like these who keeps the newspaper going and they encourage all of us.

**HAVE YOU CALLED DR. GRAVES YET??** THIS N THAT is wondering how many of you have called **DR. L. S. GRAVES** owner & principal of Mary & Mac Private School and told her you want to help her? If you haven't done so then why not do it today!

**GO BY THE BETHEL CAFETERIA!** THIS N THAT is still encouraging each of you to go by the **BETHEL CAFETERIA** and have a nice meal. This is a **BLACK OWNED-OPERATED BUSINESS**. Let them know that you support what they are about!

**WILL BE CLOSED!** THIS N THAT has learned that the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 1990 in observance of the birthday of **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

## St. Mathew Baptist News



Sister Imatha Isaac

The Members of St. Mathew Baptist Church had very good services last Sunday. It all began with Sunday School, and our superintendent did a wonderful job in teaching the lesson.

During the morning worship hour, we had good devotional services, and the sermon was great. It is just

great to sing songs of praises about our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in members. If you get an opportunity, go by or call someone who is ill. Just think of how good God is to you.

Sister Imatha Isaac, reporter; Rev. R. S. Stanley, pastor.

## City Wide Ushers Meet

The City Wide Ushers will not have their January 13, 1990 meeting. It will be a part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

This will all began Thursday night, January 11, 1990 at the New Hope Baptist Church where Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor. Rev. F. B. Bell, pastor of the Rising Star Baptist Church, will bring the message.

Friday night, January 12th is Youth Night, and all youth are invited to attend the program which will be held at the Faith First Baptist Church, 1504 East 15th, where Rev. C. H. Walker is the pastor.

Saturday night, January 13th is Family & Church Night at St. James Baptist Church, 117 N. Mulberry, where the pastor is Rev. Kado Lang. All churches are asked to bring some good foods for the tables which will be served. The MLK Committee will supply the meat.

Sunday, January 14th, at 6:30 p. m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center will be the annual community wide services. All city wide ushers are asked to be at their post of duty that evening.

Monday night, January 15th, which is the birthday of Dr. King and a legal holiday, closing services will be held at the St. James Baptist Church, 117 N. Mulberry, at 6:30 p. m.

Brother Tommy Lettridge, president; Sister Minnie Darthard, reporter.

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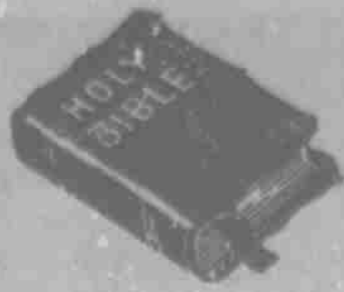
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## The Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the lovely home of Sister Ardella Hardrick last Saturday morning at 9 a. m. Opening scripture was II Chronicles 7:13-14.

President Christine Burleson presided over the session. The teacher for the first Bible lesson of the new year was Sister Hardrick. She is very good in her teaching. Her scripture was Isaiah 58. Her subject was "Cry Out Loud and Spare Not." She also sang a solo entitled: "His Precious Blood."

Prayer for the speaker was offered by Sister Dorothy Hood.

Shout with the voice of a trumpet blast; tell my people of their sins! Yet, they act so pious! They come to the temple everyday and are so delighted to hear the reading of my laws. Just as though they would obey them; just as though they don't despise the commandments of their God! How anxious they are to worship correctly; oh how

the love the temple services!

This speaker said: "True worship was more than religious ritual going to the temple everyday, and listening to scripture readings. These people missed the point of a living, vital relationship with God. He doesn't want us fasting or acting pious when we have unforgiven sin in our hearts, and perform sinful practices with our hands. More important, even than correct worship and doctrine, is genuine compassion for the poor, the helpless, and the oppressed. We need to lift up our voices like a trumpet. Loose the bonds of wickedness, break every yoke. People have been under bonding for years and don't know how to be free. Ok! Listen, Repent, Repent, Repent. Is what breaks the yoke, the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. This is the year for the Christian. We have the power over evil. Let's cry loud in our communities, schools, street corners, hillside,

mountain tops, Repent, Repent! Jesus Christ is Lord."

Sister Ardella, thanks for this lesson. We are ready for the battle. Thank you for enforcing our strength through the scripture. We love you!

Scripture for thought: "And these signs shall follow them that believe in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay

hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18; Matthew 28:18-20.

A delicious breakfast was served. Sister Ardella is a good cook and a gracious hostess. We thank God for her.

To all our officers, there will be a business meeting Friday, January 12, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend at 2407 East 9th Street, in the home of Sister Burleson.

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A blinking red light traffic signal means that one must stop their vehicle because of potential danger. In Palm 1 (Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.) we find at least three red lights of warning to the Christian as they pursue the way of God.

The first light that signals danger is the "counsel of the ungodly." It is unwise for a child of God to expose himself to the ideas and attitudes of those who have no place for God in their thoughts and lives.

The second red light is situated in an environment more dangerous than the first. It is placed where unholy men spend their time throwing obstacles in the way of those who would follow God. So Christians are not to "stand in the way of sinners." When a Christian "stands to listen" at the enemies of the Christian faith, the conversation blunts and dulls the conscience and produce a moral weakness, making it very difficult to recognize moral distinctions. The end result is a loss sensitivity to sin.

The red light flashing the most dangerous warning of all is to "sit in the seat of scorners." The "mockers" are a disillusioned and hopeless crowd. This is the crowd that deliberately face what is right; and make fun of it as if it were nothing. This is the crowd that openly confess wrong and glory in it. They delight not in truth and mock those things that are scared. The psalmist warns the Christian to protect himself from such a questionable crowd.

Will you heed the red light of warning that the psalmist displays!

### "Thank You"

The family of the late F. A. "Doc" Stevens would like to thank you for your many kind deeds done during the time of our sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you in our prayer.

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## We Thank God For Jesus

"Lord, I Wanna Change My Mine!!!"

Luke 15:11-12 -- Jesus said, a certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me, and he divided unto them his living.

Lord, I was at one time like the prodigal son; wanted to be free, to do my own thing, to run my own life, it belongs to me.

I prayed and asked, you for my life's needs. So I can be happy, the way I want to be.

Luke 15:13 -- And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and washed his substance with riotous living.

Lord, I know what's right, "I was raised in a Christian home," but now I'm going to live it up my way: "I'm now grown."

Deuteronomy 11:16 -- The Lord said, take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and worship other gods, and worship them.

Lord, but I'm told I can do anything, or be what I want to be, "I've got my rights now, I've seen it in the paper and on TV."

(The rights of the devil: Women Rights, Gay Rights, Run Away Rights, Abortion Rights, No Spanking Rights, No School Prayer Rights, White Rights, Black Rights, Shacking Rights, Drugs Rights, Suicide Rights, and Kill The Family Rights.)

Isaiah 64:6 -- But we are all as unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags (menstruation cloth); and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Jesus is The Answer.

Lord, I can now work on jobs, where the "Big Money is." I can now live in the neighborhoods, "where the other races lives."

I can now marry any race my heart so desire. I can hire and work, any race I want to and fire. I can now eat in some restaurants, even go thru the front door. I can now use some restrooms, that I couldn't use before. I found out I have all these things, and can go any place, "if satan lives within my heart; I'm yet a slave."

I have this good job, and I'm living high on the hill, but sometime my spirit get down: I take "Lite Beer, Cocaine, and Pills."

While trying to keep up with the "Joneses", it got me down, "my money ran out, like my friends, they're not around."

Proverbs 14:20 -- The poor is heater even of his neighbour: but the rich hath many friends.

Luke 15:18 -- I will arise and go to my father, and say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee. Jesus is The Answer.

Lord, I'm hooked on many drugs, going down for the "Last Time." "Please forgive me of my sins; I wanna change my mind."

Matthew 11:28 -- Jesus said, come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

God is not through with us yet. Let's pray for one another always.

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## Mother Sheppard To Be Honored

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Mother Sheppard has been a source of strength for the Church, and she has helped the Church to grow to the place it is at this time. Mother Sheppard is a very concentrated, dedicated, faithful and obedient member and has been for the past 14 years. She has worked faithfully by the side of her pastor, Rev. Charles Tanner. Mother Sheppard has given her time and support without mumbling or grumbling. This is the type of Church Mother that helps to make a Church

great and reach goals in the community that God will be glorified.

Missionary E. Givens of Plainview, Texas will be the guest speaker of this special service in honor of Mother Sheppard Sunday, January 14, 1990 at 3:00 p. m.

The public is invited to come share with the Hope Deliverance Temple Family in this great service.

"We are looking to have a great time in the Lord, and let Mother Sheppard know that she is loved by the pastor and members," said Pastor Tanner.

"God bless you, God be with you, and God keep you for many years to come, Mother Sheppard. We love you!" said Pastor Tanner.

Dinner will be served after this service.

### Fellowship

#### Services Set

The St. John Baptist Church Junior Mission will host the District Fellowship and Praise Service for the Lovely Sunset District Junior Women's Auxiliary on Saturday, January 13, 1990.

The Fellowship and Praise Services will begin at 10:00 a. m. The theme for the day will be "The Unfinished Work of God's Children." Matthew 28:20 is scripture and reference.

Rev. James Kelly of the Lakeside Baptist Church of Spur, Texas will bring the noon message.

The Junior Mission encourages all pastors, missions, presidents and mission sisters and brothers to attend this fellowship and praise services.

President is Karen Wilson; Rev. James Moore, pastor of St. John Baptist Church; and Rev. E. D. Toines, moderator.

#### Outreach Prayer

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committee would like to thank you for your prayers and support in 1989. We are

so very sure you will receive a greater blessing in 1990. Thank you for just being our friend. We love you!

We will meet Saturday at 2132 East 30th Street at 9:00 a. m. in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood. A membership drive will begin on Saturday. If you are interested call or come by. The telephone number is 762-3347. Or you may write: P. O. Box 1223, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

Come, you are welcome. Come hear this blessed speaker for Saturday. She will be Judy Stall.

We want to thank Jane Abernathy for her presence on last Saturday. Something very good is happening for this group. Come on and be a part. If you are out of Lubbock, you can still be a member and a part. Prayer

reaches to the upmost. Keep smiling and loving your enemy, Lubbock and beyond.

President, Christine Burleson; vice president, Ardelia Hardrick; secretary, Linda McClain; and reporter, Dorothy Hood.

### Historical Information

Both Lincoln and Kennedy were concerned about Civil Rights issues. Lincoln was elected in 1860.

Kennedy was elected in 1960. Both Lincoln and Kennedy were slain in the presence of their wives on a Friday.

Both Presidents lost children through death while living in White House.

Lincoln's secretary named Kennedy, urged him not to go to the theatre where he was killed; Kennedy's secretary named Lincoln, urged him not to go to Dallas. Their successors, both named Johnson, were southern Democrats. Both had served previously in the United States Senate.

Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, and Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, was born 1838; Lee Oswald, the assassin of Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Booth and Oswald favored unpopular causes for their strange behaviour.

Both Booth and Oswald were murdered before they could be brought to trial.

Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse, and ran to a theatre; Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre, and ran to a warehouse.

— Submitted by Annie Day

### Meet King & Queen

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Regina Butler-Valrie, and grandson of Ms. Shirley Morris Drisdale, wants to thank everyone for their contributions.

He was crowned on December 8, 1989 at Mae Simmons Community Center.

Dericka Renee Clark, daughter of Ms. Angela Richardson, and grand daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie P. Richardson, would like to take time from her busy schedule and say thanks to all the many friends and relatives for allowing her, through their contributions, to wear the crown of "Miss Future Fashionista."

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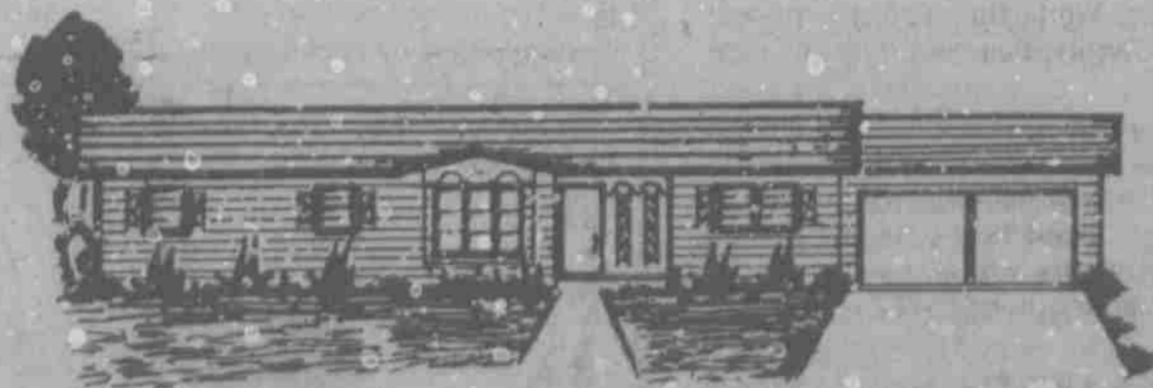
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## "Crisis In Texas Funding" Seminar Set Here

"Crisis in Texas School Funding: The Pieces of the Puzzle" will be the subject of presentations and discussion at an afternoon meeting on January 16 at the Lubbock Holiday Inn/Civic Center. The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas Association of School Administrators. Similar meetings will be held in Amarillo, Austin, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Dallas, Harlingen, Longview and Houston.

The three-hour seminar scheduled for 3 to 6 p. m. is designed for business and civic leaders, educators, and local officials who need to know more about the Texas school finance crisis. The seminar will provide an overview of educational funding in Texas, a short course on education finance equity, a review of the recent Edgewood ISD v. Kirby Supreme Court decision, and a picture of projections for state revenue. The seminar will conclude with a review of proposals for change and concerns for the future.

A panel of speakers will lead the discussion of the current situation and possible options which the

The Lubbock Client Council will meet Saturday, January 13, 1990 at 1:15 p. m. at the George Woods Community Center, Zenith Avenue and East Erskine.

It has been made known that the time has come for the Lubbock Client Council to select a member to sit as a board member on the Board of Directors of West Texas Legal Services. All members

### Lubbock Client Council Meet

Texas Legislature might consider at its special session in the Spring. Speakers will include Billy Walker, director of the Texas Center for Educational Research; David Thompson, general counsel for the Texas Education Agency and co-counsel for the Texas Education Agency and co-counsel for the defense in Edgewood v. Kirby; Catherine Clark, assistant director of the Texas Center for Educational Research; and Jim Shear, Buck Wood and Rick Fine all of the Ray, Wood and Fine Law firm.

The office of the Texas Association of School Boards is taking reservations at P. O. Box 2947,

who are financially eligible for West Texas Legal Services are eligible for this office. The person will be selected at this meeting.

The Lubbock Client Council is an organization dedicated to equal access to justice in our community. All are asked to make every effort to attend this meeting and bring your friends with you.

Austin, Texas 78768-2947. Registration may be made by calling TASB at 512-467-0222, extension 2204.

The registration fee is \$50 for the first registrant from a company or organization and \$30 for each additional person. On-site registration is \$60/\$40.

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## Class Action Certified Against Vineyard Labor Contractor

On October 24, 1989 State District Judge Alex Gonzalez of Ft. Stockton ordered that a 1987 law suit filed by six farm workers against a labor contractor proceed as a class action on behalf of hundreds of farm workers. The law suit alleges that in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 the labor contractor failed to comply with several provisions of the Agricultural Worker Protection Act while the workers labored in the University of Texas vineyard located 30 miles east of Ft. Stockton. The farm workers are seeking the maximum statutory damages for every class member.

If the farm workers win the law suit, all the workers will share in the damage recovery except those who file documents asking to be excluded from the case. The workers will have until February 1, 1990 to file documents with the Court.

The farm workers labored at the vineyard in sections that were owned by the University of Texas Systems and in nearby sections that were leased by members of



TSU'S HOME ECONOMICS CLASS NO. 435 recently presented the first annual conference of the Center for The Family. "Man in the Mirror" was the theme for the one-day confab. Class members are show above. First row, left to right, Stacy Lebet, Sandra Jones, Columbia Onyeonu, Emily Norman, Alero B. Otubu and Valda J. Spence. Second row, left to right, Latricia Frank, Thelma R. Banks, Dr. Maxine Hammonds-Smith, assistant professor; Clifford "Bilal" James, Michele Y. Reescano, Jennifer Johnson, and Arrainna D. Watson.

(TSU staff photo by Earlie Hudnell.)

## Filing Deadline Nears For Senior Legislature Candidates

Candidates for the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, an elected group of advocates for the state's elderly, may begin requesting candidacy forms and petitions at the South Plains Association of Governments offices located at 1323 58th Street, Lubbock. These forms and petitions must be turned in by February 28, 1990. There is a \$5 filing fee.

The Silver Haired Legislature is a non-partisan body, composed of 116 members elected from 28 regions in Texas, that holds sessions during even-numbered years to discuss issues affecting Texas senior citizens. Based on these discussions, they draft proposed legislation to address the issues identified as most important.

The legislation proposed by SHL members is then

presented to sponsors in the regular Texas Legislature.

The first two SHL sessions have been judged very successful, with state lawmakers responding positively to a majority of the senior group's proposals.

Prospective candidates for the SHL must be at least 60 years of age, registered to vote in Texas, and live in the district from which they are seeking election.

Candidates for the Silver-Haired Legislature will officially campaign from March 1 to April 30, with elections held May 22.

To find out more about candidacy or elections for the Silver Haired Legislature, call the South Plains Association of Governments Aging Department toll free at (800) 858-1809 (V/TDD). In Lubbock, call (806) 762-8721 (V/TDD).

## BBB Newsbriefs

### Poole's Fifth Avenue

Remember our warnings about Poole's Fifth Avenue? They sent out mailings offering all sorts of things from perfume to jewelry -- all of it junk. A U. S. District Court in New York has, in effect, closed them down. The suit was brought by the U. S. Attorney and the U. S. Postal Service. Since 1988 the company has been on the Better Business Bureau's five worst complaint generating mail order companies in the country. As is usually the case, the ruling came one year after the filing of the suit. Consumers wishing to file requests for refunds must contact the New York BBB in writing. In the ruling, the District Judge appointed the New York BBB as administrator of refunds. The use of Bureaus to administer court decisions is becoming increasingly popular. Oh yes, Poole's Fifth Avenue used some 13 other company names in successful efforts to trick the public into thinking they were getting great bargains. In closing, remember if you order something by mail and do not receive it within 30 days, you have a right to a refund.

### World Currency Cartel

World Currency Cartel, through a nationwide advertising campaign, is soliciting consumer investments of \$33 to "quickly become a millionaire with secret flaw in world currency market." The ads say that investors will be shown how to convert \$27 into one hundred of legal currency .... \$102 into \$660. In a short time, according to the promoters, you become a currency exchange professional. The ads have appeared in Entrepreneur, Money, and Rags to Riches Magazines as well as in the companies direct mail solicitations. What do consumers get for their \$33? They get 100 Portuguese escudos, worth less than one dollar. Also, there is a three page sheet telling the consumer to perpetrate the same fraud on others. The company does not respond to complaints and does not meet Bureau standards. Although this is a typical get rich scam, it is alarming the number of people that are falling for it. Again, the name of the company is World Currency Cartel. In closing, remember Bureau services are provided at no cost to tax payers.

### Telemarketing Scams

Everyday, thousands of Texas consumers receive telephone calls proclaiming a "free" prize. Usually, this is the bait to get you to stay on the telephone long enough for the caller to give you a sales pitch. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that consumers lose \$1 billion each year from the deceptive peddling of goods and services over the telephone. If you receive an interesting offer you may wish to ask for the offer in writing. The worst thing you can do is give the unknown caller your credit card number. There are, of course, legitimate telemarketing companies. To find out if the caller is an honest business or a scam operator, call the Bureau office. If the caller insists on a purchase decision on the spot, you can be pretty sure that there is a reason the caller does not want you to check up on his company. In closing, even though the Bureau is closed on the weekend, the Bureau's new TEL-TIPS service is available to answer questions at any time.

the International Union of Agricultural Workers.

The farm workers are represented by Rudy Mares, Plainview staff attorney of Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc., Farm Worker Division and Stephen C. McIntyre, from the Lubbock law firm of Mercado & McIntyre.

"We have entered into settlement discussions with the labor contractor that we hope will resolve this matter very soon," said McIntyre. "It is not in the best interests of anyone to go through lengthy litigation," said McIntyre.

McIntyre has been involved in a number of class action law suits on behalf of farm workers over the last four years in West Texas. "It is my firm belief that until agricultural employers realize they will have to pay damages for disobeying the law, they will continue to treat farm workers the same way they have for the last 50 years," said McIntyre.

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