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Community Meetings

- * African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.
- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- * Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- * Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center.
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- * Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

Patterson, McNeill to be honored

On Saturday, January 30, 2010 the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc. (100) will present its 15th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser and Gala at Lubbock's beautiful and newest four star hotel, the Overton. The 100 is proud to announce that the honored guests for the evening will be Coach Ruffin McNeil, and, Lubbock Legend, T.J. Patterson, Sr. The 100 selected these two distinguished honorees because of the humble, yet amazing role model examples that they continue to exhibit. The Gala dinner and program will be from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and the entertainment will commence at 9:00 p.m. and continue until midnight. Entertainment will be provided by West Texas' hottest band - Element.



Coach Ruffin McNeill



T. J. Patterson, Sr.

This year's gala motto is: "What They See is What They'll Be". This is also the national mentoring motto for the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. This year's scholarship gala will serve as one of the kick-off events for the 2010 African American History Month Celebration. The 100's goal for this year's gala is to raise enough funds to triple its prior year's scholarship awards. Over the past 15 years, with the help of our supporters, the 100 has provided scholarships for numerous students who aspired to enter college and become future lead-

ers of our country. Many of the prior recipients have already reached their initial goals. It must be noted that the 100 provides assistance to youth of varying ethnic, racial, and economic backgrounds.

In addition to the 100's scholarship initiative, the 100 has ongoing mentoring programs wherein over 3,000 youth in the Lubbock area have been mentored or served by the 100 since 1994. The 100 is best known for its annual Kid's Fishing Derby at Mae Simmons Park wherein hundreds of children and family members partake in a day of free fishing, food, fun, and prizes. In addition, the 100, with the support of the CH Foundation, administers the "Commendable Program" which awards students who achieve "commended status" on the TAKS exam.

The 100 extends a very special thanks to the following gala sponsors: Gold Sponsor, Lub-

bock Power & Light and Water (LP&L), Silver Sponsor, Alderson Enterprise, Bronze Star Sponsors Texas Tech University Division of Institutional Diversity and Terra Bella Salon; and Bronze Sponsors, Atmos Energy and Southwest Bank.

Individual tickets prices are \$40.00. This price includes admission to the Gala; a gourmet steak dinner; access to the 100's silent auction, the pleasure to help honor two outstanding local African American role models, the privilege of contributing to the education of young people, and last but not least, the enjoyment of top notch entertainment. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend; however, don't hesitate because tickets are going fast. To get direct information regarding sponsorships and tickets, please contact Gala Co-Chairman, Chad Grant at (806) 789-3526.



Not Only Are There Outstanding Young African American Law Students, but there are some outstanding young Hispanic Law Students. Among them is Amanda Apolinar who is a Second Year Law Student from San Antonio, Texas.
A 23 year old student, she plans to practice Family Law upon graduation.

Major Earthquake Hits Haiti; Many Casualties Expected



Port-Au-Prince, Haiti -- A powerful earthquake struck Haiti's capital on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, with withering force, toppling everything from simple shacks to the ornate National Palace. The dead and injured lay in the streets even as strong aftershocks rippled through the impoverished Caribbean country.

Associated Press journalists based in Port-au-Prince said the damage from the quake — the most powerful to hit Haiti in more than 200 years — is staggering even in a country accustomed to tragedy and disaster. Thousands of people gathered in public squares late into the night, singing hymns and weeping.

Many gravely injured people sat in the streets early Wednesday, pleading for doctors. With almost no emergency services to speak of, the survivors had few other options.

The scope of the disaster remained unclear early Wednesday, and even a rough estimate of the number of casualties was impossible. But it was clear from a tour of the capital that tens of thousands of people had lost their homes and that many had perished. Many buildings in Haiti are flimsy and dangerous even under normal conditions.

"The hospitals cannot handle all these victims," said Louis-Gerard Gilles, a doctor and former senator, as he helped survivors. "Haiti needs to pray. We all need to pray together."

An Associated Press videographer saw a wrecked hospital where people screamed for help in Petionville, a hillside Port-au-Prince district that is home to many diplomats and wealthy Haitians as well as many poor people.

The headquarters of the 9,000-member Haiti peacekeeping mission and other U.N. installations were seriously damaged, according to Alain Le Roy, the U.N. peacekeeping chief in New York.

"Contacts with the U.N. on the

ground have been severely hampered," Le Roy said in a statement, adding: "For the moment, a large number of personnel remain unaccounted for."

Despite the destruction, the capital was largely peaceful.

The 7.0-magnitude quake struck at 4:53 p.m. Tuesday, leaving large numbers of people unaccounted for, including many of the United Nations personnel who have been keeping the peace in the country since a 2004 rebellion ousted the president.

President Rene Preval and his wife survived the earthquake, according to Robert Manuel, Haiti's ambassador to Mexico. He said he had no other details.

Karel Zelenka, a Catholic Relief Services representative in Port-au-Prince, told U.S. colleagues before phone service failed that "there must be thousands of people dead," according to a spokeswoman for the aid group, Sara Fajardo.

"He reported that it was just total disaster and chaos, that there were clouds of dust surrounding Port-au-Prince," Fajardo said from the group's offices in Maryland.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said in Washington that U.S. Embassy personnel were "literally in the dark" after power failed.

"They reported structures down. They reported a lot of walls down. They did see a number of bodies in the street and on the sidewalk that had been hit by debris. So clearly, there's going to be serious loss of life in this," he said.

The Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut, said at least two Americans working at its Haitian aid mission were believed trapped in rubble.

Most of Haiti's 9 million people are desperately poor, and after years of political instability the country has no real construction standards. In November 2008, following the collapse of a school in Petionville.

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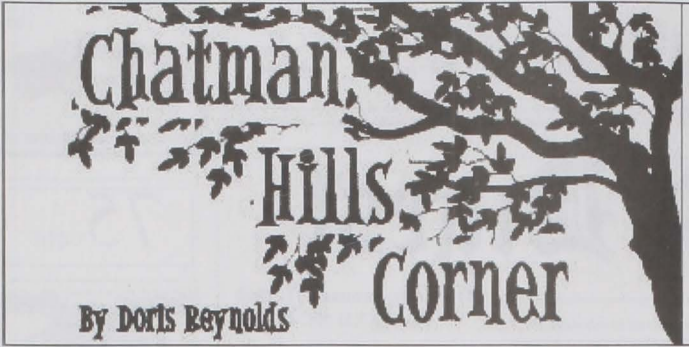
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Chatman Hills Corner
By Doris Reynolds

Lubbock Pharmacists will be honored at Black History Month Opening Ceremony. It will be the Ninth Annual Black History Month Opening Ceremony honoring Alfred & Billie Caviel, Lubbock's first African American pharmacists.

It will be held Saturday evening, February 6, 2010 at 4:30 p. m. at the Texas Tech School of Law.

The Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Black

Faculty and Staff Association will celebrate the beginning of Black History Month starting with a banquet honoring Alfred & Billie Caviel for their years of service to the community as Lubbock's first African American pharmacists and owners of Caviel's Pharmacy. They owned and operated Caviel's Pharmacy for 49 years.

The banquet will begin at 4:30 pm in the Forum room of the Texas Tech Law School. There is limited seating, but no

charge to attend the banquet. You must RSVP in advance for the banquet to Dr. Aretha Marbley at 742-1997, ext. 268 by 5 pm Friday, January 29, 2010.

The banquet will be followed by a concert featuring Grammy-nominated saxophone player, Brad Leali. The Concert will be held at a concert featuring Grammy-nominated saxophone player, Brad Leali. The Concert will be held at the Student Union Building) at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, and \$10 for students with valid I.D. (Texas Tech or High School). Tickets may be purchased through Select-A-Seat. A portion of the proceeds will be used for the Black Faculty & Staff scholarship.

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2010 Fashions

2010 will be an exciting year for fashion, experts predict that we'll emerge from the global financial crisis and as a result, we can expect to see a new standard of fashion rise up. More of the same, much

more of the same to be exact. Spring dresses that fit and flatter you, sexy ruffle tops, off the shoulder tops are going to be everywhere. You're going to see a lot of tight fitting, shorter dresses, that's right ladies sexy is on the way. Church suits hem lines are going to be at least 3 inches shorter, right below the knee is probably going to be the perfect hem line.

Fashion tip...always wear a smile!



Fashion...just for the fun of it!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, January 17, 2010 services got started with inspiration at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the Pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: "Works Of Healing" with the printed text coming from Matthew 9:27-34; with 11:2-6 for the Adults. Deacon David Chiles & Brother Dorian Moore

taught the lesson for the Youth & Young Adults entitled: "Healing People". Afterward breakfast was served to those in attendance. Morning Worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted Praise Team at their post.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "Bye & Bye". The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson came from Psalm 91: 1-16. The altar call prayer

was led by Rev. Henry Edom with the choir singing "Have Thine Own Way."

Sis. Jade Price read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that would be taking place. There was the Pastorial period held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

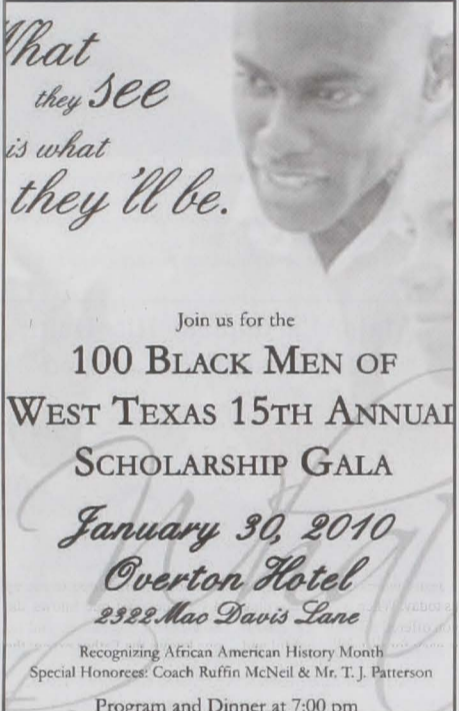
The Senior Choir sang "Bye & Bye" led by Sis. Angela Mosley and "The Storm Is Almost" led by Sister Alvera Johnson. "Guide Me O' Thou Great Jehovah" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Do You Know Him?" with the scripture text coming from Matthew 3: 1 & 2 and 11: 1-6. The song was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several came for prayer. All visitors that was in attendance was acknowledged by the usher.

Pray in the morning, noon, and night. Prayer changes things. Let's continue to pray for one another daily.

Scripture For The Week: Let not your heart be troubled ye that believe in God believe also in me. In my father house are many mansions. if it were not so I would have told you. I'm going away to prepare a place for you. if I go away to prepare a place for you I'll come back and receive you to myself so that where I am you may be also. You know the way where I am going. - Lord Thomas said we don't know where you're going.

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Join us for the
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January 30, 2010
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Recognizing African American History Month
Special Honorees: Coach Ruffin McNeil & Mr. T. J. Patterson
Program and Dinner at 7:00 pm

Book Discussion at Patterson Branch Library

The Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 23 to discuss *Cornered* by Brandon Massey. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library. New members are always welcome! For more information, please call the library at 767-3300.

Learn to Knit at the Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

Teen Program at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites teens to the library to play the video game version of American

GIRL SCOUTS COOKIES NOW! EVENT AT SCIENCE SPECTRUM

On January 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Girl Scouts will gather with their families at Science Spectrum in Lubbock to pick up their "jump start" cookie packs and kick off the 2010 Cookie Sale.

Customers anticipate the sale of cookies each year, and purchasing a box of cookies not only satisfies a sweet tooth, it helps girls! The activity of selling cookies is directly related to the Girl Scout mission of helping all girls realize their full potential and become strong, confident, and resourceful citizens. Through the Cookie Sale girls have the opportunity to discover their skills connect through teamwork, and achieve their goals.

Over 24,000 Girl Scouts from eighty one counties in the Texas Oklahoma Plains Council will sell cookies this year. All cookies are \$3.50 per box, with all

proceeds benefiting local Girl Scout troops. We have Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Thanks-A-Lot, Lemonades and Daisy-Gorounds.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

For more information on Cookies or how to join, volunteer or donate to the Girl Scouts, call 800-530-4957 or visit www.gs-top.org

Idol at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 28. For more information, call 767-3300.



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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"A Foolish Racist Preacher"

We take these moments to share our gratitude to those who have given to the cause of Haiti. Certainly your sharing help heal the pain and suffering of the Haitians who are experiencing tremendous pains from the natural disaster that has befallen them.

It is because of Americans like you who "walk the walk" and distance yourself from those who in their sanctimonious behavior contribute what has befallen the Haitian to an act of God because of their evil ways. People like you are what make me proud to be an American. I'm sure the angels rejoice in your acts of kindness toward feeble and the fallen of humanity.

Because of who I am and who I represents cause me to look at another brother who calls himself a preacher and make it known through his television program that he represents God and as it appears by his recent statements about the Black Haitian people who symbolically gave God the finger so to speak by making a "Pact with the

Devil." I wasn't aware that God somehow and in some way sit across the table from the great Reverend Pat Robertson and told him the history of the Haitian people. I suppose this same God must have told him how to collect money from people without regard to the color of their skin through his 700 Club. It's nothing worse than a money hungry lying preacher. Of course Pat Robertson does prevaricate, just allegedly equivocate!

Dr. Boyce Watkins wrote the following: Pat Robertson, evangelical Christian and host of the 700 Club blamed Tuesday's tragic 7.0 earthquake on something that "happened a long time ago in Haiti, and people might not want to talk about it." He says that a "pact with the devil" brought on the devastation. The Haitians "were under the heel of the French. You know, Napoleon II and whatever...and they got together and swore a pact to the devil. They said, 'We will serve you if you will get us free from the French.' True story. And so, the devil said,

"OK, it's a deal."

You know, the Haitians revolted and got themselves free. But ever since, they have been cursed by one thing after the other, Robertson says.

The following are some comments on NEWSONE for Black America to Robertson comments.

This is ignorance 101: The idea that someone would summarize the pain and suffering of the Haitian people as a "deal with the devil" sounds just as ridiculous as those who long believed that black people were the cursed sons of Ham. Pat Robertson reminds us of those who long justified slavery with verses from the bible, or tortured other human beings because they thought they were witches. Robertson should be ashamed and can hardly call

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS HERE! LET'S SUPPORT!



We Thank God for Jesus
"America Has Gone MADD!"

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

Matthew 9:37-38 - Jesus said, the harvest is truly is plentifully, but the labourers are few. Pray you, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest, that he will send forth Labourers in his Harvest.

****** MADD MEANS - MANKIND AGAINST DIVINE DIRECTIONS!!!! ******

When the Churches went away from God's word, and wanted their rights. Trouble in America became a new thing, and it didn't happen overnight!!!

Romans 1:18; 21-22 - For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all unrighteousness of man, who holds the truth (The Church) in unrighteousness. Because that when they knew God (Christians). They glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (Dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves to be wise. They (Christians) became fools.

You look around Lubbock, and see it on TV, MADD America's out of control. People are taking their lives, and their love

ones. It's taken it's total!!!

Isaiah 1:4a - A sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity. A seed of evildoers, people who are corrupted. They have forsaken the Lord.

America loves money, and don't care how or where she gets it from. There is stealing in the Church House, the White House, and beyond!!!

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

Many marriages now will end in divorce courts, six out of every ten, same sex marriages are on the rise. It's higher than it's ever been!!!

Romans 1:28 - Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge. God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not convenient (Right).

A Mother of five children cracks up and take their lives. The Father moved out on them, and he found him a motherless

wife!!!

I Timothy 5:8 - If any provide not his own, and especially for those of his own house. He is worse than an infidel.

****** HAVE YOU SEEN THE INFIDELS??? ******

Children are on drugs and alcohol. It's all over America, and is an all time high. A child as young as 12 said, he started drinking at the age of five!!!

Matthew 19:24 - Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Crime of drugs, robbing, and killing are at America's all time high peak. Old people are in prison in their homes after six p.m. and afraid to go on the streets!!!

Isaiah 66:4 - The Lord said, I will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them, because when I called, none did answer. When I spake, they did not hear, but they did evil before mine eyes, and choose that in which delighted not.

Gangs have a joining plan
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway last Sunday morning, January 17, 2010, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2010 east 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady. **WORSHIP** Sunday School began at 10:00 a. m. with Rev. Jimmy Brown teaching the morning lesson entitled "Works of Healing." The Unifying Topic was "Demonstrated In Acts of healing." The morning lesson was reviewed by Sister Annie Onasanya.

The lesson passage was Matthew 9:27-34; 11:2-6. The background passage was

Matthew 9:27-34; 11:2-6. The main thought was Matthew 11:5. KJV

During the morning worship hour, the Senior Choir marched in singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." The Choir sang several selections, namely: "Rough Side of The Mountain" and "I've Got To Have Jesus." The choir also sang "I Love Calling His Name."

Let us not forget those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them are Pastor Canady's brother, Joe Canady who is a patient in the hospital in

McKinney, Texas.

Sister Shirley Davis' sister is in the hospital. Sister Linda Byrd is a patient at the University Medical Center. Also, Sister Nina Davis and Rev. Walter Jackson, Jr. are patients at the University Medical Center.

Let us continue to pray for each of them. *********

The Song of Inspiration was: "I Will Be Done With Troubles of This World."

Here is some information about Sunday School Lessons: In today's text, Jesus prays to his Father. As many times as I have read this passage, I hardly

ever thought about this text as a prayer. I thought this passage was one of Jesus' teaching moments.

As I read these verses again, through the lens of prayer, Jesus' words began to teach me. In his prayer, it seems Jesus touches upon what we can offer in our prayers. What can we offer in prayer? We can offer . . .

A Prayer of Praise (Matthew 11:25, 26)

This verse begins, "At that time . . ." (v. 25). Jesus prays at the right moment. Jesus doesn't wait until a specific time to pray. In that moment, at an opportune time, Jesus offers a prayer of

praise, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth" (v. 25). Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus teaches his disciples, his followers, to pray.

Jesus' words continue to teach us today. When was the last time you offered a prayer of praise? It is easy for us to be thankful and appreciative for what others may have done for us, but in reality, how often do we stop and realize an opportune moment to simply offer a prayer of praise?

(What is praise? What does it mean to praise the Father? Why

should we praise the Father? How can you praise the Father?)

A Prayer of Propinquity (Matthew 11:27)

Matthew 11:27 says, "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

There is a relational dynamic occurring in this verse. Consider these phrases: "me by my Father," "Son except the Father," and "Father except the Son."

Can You Really Remember?

Love you! Keep smiling. It will tell the outside world what's on the inside. Let's fall on our face and repent! Read II Chronicles 7:14 and Mark 11:22-26. Also a new scripture, Mark 16:17-20. These scriptures are real, and they are for us to believe in them.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

God Bless Each of You!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Are you thinking back in time? Can you remember America? When riots were unthinkable. When Gay was a good word. When you left your front door open. When you knew who your neighbor. When ghettos were neighborhoods, when the U. S. flag was a proud symbol. When the real criminals actually went to jail and prison. When you weren't afraid to go out at night or meet your Black Brothers and Sisters, and not be afraid; when taxes were only a necessary nuisance.

Or do you remember when a boy was a boy, and dressed like one; when the poor were too proud to take charity. When the clergy actually talked about religion, and was concerned about the lost. When clerks and repairmen tried to please you. When you get your gas pumped and windshield cleansed. When college kids swallowed gold fish and not acid. When songs had a tune, and the words made sense.

Also, when young men tried to join the U. S. Army or Navy, instead of the Crips and Bloods. When people knew what the Fourth of July stood for us as well as the 19th of June, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Easter, Mother's Day, and father's Day.

When you never dreamed our country could lose. When our schools were truly a place of learning. Respect and goodwill toward all men. When the President of our Nation was respected and respectable. When a Sunday drive was a pleasant trip, and not an ordeal. When you bragged about your hometown

and home state. When our kids knew who Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was and what he stood and died for. When everybody didn't feel entitled to a college education. When people expected less and valued what they had more. When politicians proclaimed their patriotism, and meant it. When abortion wasn't a deliberate issue, but a known

wrong. When everybody knew the difference between right and wrong. When things weren't perfect, but you never expected them to be. When you weren't made to feel guilty for enjoying decent, comedy. When our government stood up for Americans anywhere in the world. When you thought that the

law would be enforced and your safety protected. When you knew deep down in your heart this system was designed that you make it, and you rose up from your long sleep and realized this is the real world, and I've been a sleeping giant. When you consider yourself blessed to have a job and proud of it. When you weren't embarrassed to say

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Obsequies

**Sandra Ann
Hutchinson-McKinzie
"Tootsie"**

Funeral services were held for Sandra Ann Hutchinson-McKinzie last Saturday morning, January 16, 2010, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Sonia J. Scott, host pastor, with rev. Larry Brooks pastor of Community Baptist Church, officiating.

Pallbearers were Walter Hutchinson, Hillary Hutchinson, III, Gary Wadley, Delbert Toines, Benny Graves, and Louis Hutchinson.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She was born to Hillary, Sr. and Elnora Thomas-Hutchinson on October 31, 1949 in Lubbock, Texas. Sandra attended public schools in Lubbock, where she graduated from Dunbar High School in 1969. She was a proud member of the Panther Pride, and loved playing the saxophone, and had an overwhelming desire to be a twirler, but her legs just were not long enough.

Sandra, or "Tootsie" as she was known to those who really knew her, married Melvin McKinzie, Sr. February, 1971, and to



that union were born two sons: Henry Melvin, Jr. and Michael Anson Tionne McKinzie.

Sandra spent a few years working at Texas Instruments, and then found passion for the road as a bus driver for many years with Citibus, where she made many friends.

She received guidance at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, under the late Rev. A. W. Wilson. Later, she moved her membership to Community Baptist Church, where the late Rev. Tony Williams welcomed her, and Rev. Larry Brooks was her pastor for many years. She loved to sing, and was a member of the Senior Choir at Bethel and later the Community Senior Choir. Sandra was also a member of the Lubbock Radio Choir, and left fond memories of her directing "Jesus Can Work It Out."

She is preceded in death by her parents: Hillary Samuel and Elnora Hutchinson; sister, Sara Delores Blocker; and brother, Norville Hutchinson.

Those left to remember her are: sons, Henry Melvin (Tracy) and Michael Anson Tionne (Bessie); sister, Bobbie Gean Patterson (T.J.); brother, Hillary Samuel, II (Deborah), all of Lubbock, Texas.

She will be missed by her ten grandchildren, with more expected next month, a whole tribe of Hutchinson, a host of nieces, nephews, a special friend and caretaker, Cathey Covington, and many others who loved her.

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Demetrice "Dee" Ann Robinson

Slaton -- Funeral services for Demetrice Ann Robinson were held Saturday afternoon, January 16, 2010 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Slaton, Texas, with Rev. Clifton C. Peoples, pastor, officiating.

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

Robinson, 30, of Lubbock passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at University Medical Center.

She was born on August 24, 1979 in Lubbock to Nettie Trotty and Charles Post. She graduated from Slaton High School.

At the time of her death, she was employed as a certified nurse's aide at Girling Home Healthcare.

She is preceded in death by her mother.

She leaves to mourn her passing her sons, Johnny Rashoud



Johnson and Dedrick Reed; brother, Ivory Robinson; fiancé, Jonathan Shelby; aunt, Annie Trotty; cousin, Melody McDaniels; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Tyrell Stephon Smith

Funeral services held for Tyrell Stephon Smith Saturday morning, January 16, 2010 at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Smith, 19, of Lubbock passed away Sunday, January 10, 2010 at University Medical Center.

Tyrell was born on March 8, 1990. Tyrell graduated from Lubbock High School in 2009. Tyrell was a dedicated father and



enjoyed nothing more than being with his son, family and friends.

Tyrell is survived by his mother, Hope Smith; father, Continue on Page 6

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE MORE SENSITIVE! THIS N THAT was surprised that the **MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL** appointed some Lubbock citizens to the **CHARTER COMMITTEE** to revise what needs to be done..... and anything which will help our city grow into the new year.... But what was **SHOCKING** there was not a **BLACK, HISPANIC OR WOMAN** on the committee.... Now how in the world can you revise this important without representation from all areas of the Lubbock Community..... Get this these members were **APPOINTED**

..... during the celebration of the Annual Celebration of **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR** as this would have been a positive thing to happen in Lubbock..... as it is needed here at this time..... **THIS N THAT** was confused about this situation as the chairman of the committee **ALAN HENRY** former mayor received a telephone call from **THIS N THAT** Hopefully **MAYOR TOM MARTIN** will take note to this and something will be done to correct this situation.... Anyway it has been done and the Charter Committee met yesterday Wednesday..... Hopefully this will be corrected and it

will benefit all of us.....
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL DID WELL THIS YEAR! THIS N THAT says **CONGRATS** for a job well done in the **39TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PROGRAM**..... Keep up the good work and keep doing what you are doing!! **THIS N THAT** can't wait until next year!!!
SECOND-ANNUAL GOSPEL MUSIC AWARDS GREAT! THIS N THAT says **CONGRATS** to the **SECOND-ANNUAL GOSPEL MUSIC AWARDS** this year.... The winners were..... Youth Soloist of the Year **JAY BIBBS**..... Youth Group/Duo of the Year **MOUNT GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR** Youth Dance, Drill or Praise Team **LYONS CHAPEL YOUTH PRAISE TEAM**..... More Next Week!



THINK ABOUT IT!

Enough Is Enough Too Much Stinks!!

by
 Eddie P. Richardson

The situation in the community, at this present purely, stinks! Grown men stomping a woman to death and mutating the other women in the vehicle. At the time of the accident, according to alleged eye witness of the hit and run accident which the assailants hit the victims car the victims. The women followed the vehicle that hit them to discuss the matter. They were attacked and one murdered. Another senseless indecent was a young person carrying a weapon to a community school, which is serious enough having

a deadly weapon on public property especially school property. After the serious critical incidents on school campuses across America, we all, in order to be safe, must learn to look before we leap and think before we speak. Believe it or not, the tongue is one of the most dangerous weapons around. We complain about the lack of resources in the community, and just think about it. We are the community's worst deterrent by breaking in on them, robbing them. How in God's name can you expect people to invest

while you us destroy. For the citizens tax payers, we have to, should, must, become involved in cleaning up and keeping clean our communities. Remember each of us are in only one position a part of the problem or a part of the solution. If crime is in our communities or even homes there are only one or two positions you are an empowerment to the situation or you are a deterrent there are one or the other you are a part of the problem or a part of the solution. Take Care Until Next Week! Remember God is able!!



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Thank God

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to get in. You must take person's life. Don't carve who it is: Man, Woman, Boy, Girl, and they don't think twice!!!
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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

anything can tell you that but the Medicare cost in-



Certainly, everyone now realizes that we are definitely in the technological age. Some how, some way, technology affects our daily lives whether we are aware of it or not. The most common technological variable which affects us all is the telephone. Certainly, Alexander Graham Bell had no idea of its ramifications! Most of us know now that the telephone is not just an object to talk on. It is used for a number of things now. The internet depends on it and so does some cable television companies.

Life supposedly made simpler is now more complicated and if you live in a large city, it is even more complicated. The results of the complications can leave one in tears, especially if in order to simplify and rectify your situation, you find yourself speaking to automated machines, and at the end of their spiel, tell you "Goodbye."

AT&T, the company that delivers your world, has a new service called U-Verse. This service offers you your telephone service with unlimited long distance and an array of options in your talking experience. It offers you wireless internet service and cable television with hundreds of channels. It sounds

good and thrifty-minded individuals jump at the chance to take this option as a discount bundled package. I did. To my dismay, I discovered that any morning that I woke up and found my television not connecting with a station, my telephone was dead and so was my internet use. So, I decided to switch back to my landline telephone. That done, I subscribed to DSL internet and just the cable television, to find that I could not have DSL and U-Verse anything. My U-Verse had to be cancelled and the date for DSL

installation would be sometime in March. Attempting to move up the date, I immediately cancelled all of the U-Verse to find that my telephone number had been changed and the DSL would not work. No one knew my number, not even me; until I called my daughter who told me that I had a different telephone number showing up on her caller ID. It seems that I have Mrs. Hampton's telephone number and my number is ringing in the cyber world but not at my house. AT&T has made an appointment to fix this, but in the meantime,

I called my grand-daughter on my cell phone and after her music played, I was hooked up to my voice mail. I decided that the telephone company had a conspiracy against me. My daughter assured me that my grand-daughter did not have her voice mail set up and because our telephones are on the same band, it reverted to my voice mail. It is time to get 'in cinque' and hope the kinks are knocked out of the microfiber phone in-

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Regina King Discusses Her Role as a Detective in TNT's Newest Drama

Regina King was born and raised in Los Angeles where she started her showbiz career on the stage at an early age. That exposure led to a role on the sitcom "227" while just 14. Five years later, she made her screen debut as Shalika in fellow USC alum John Singleton's *Boyz n the Hood*. Since then, the attractive actress' services have remained in demand as a romantic lead opposite everyone from Jamie Foxx in *Ray* to Will Smith in *Enemy of the State* to Chris Rock in *Down to Earth* to Eddie Murphy in *Daddy Day Care* to Cuba Gooding, Jr. in *Jerry Maguire* to Laz Alonso in *This Christmas*.

Regina recently moved back to the small screen where she can currently be found as LAPD Detective Lydia Adams on *Southland*, a cop drama airing Tuesday nights at 10 PM (ET/PT) on TNT. Here, she talks

Tyrell Smith

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Andre McCollough; step-father, DeShawn Lawson; son, Zeavion Tyrell Smith; five brothers, Marquell Smith, LeDre McCollough, Marcus Carroll Lawson, Ashton Carroll Lawson, and Bryson Zavala; four sisters, Ambrosia Smith, Raven McCollough, Shylika Lawson, and LeTasha Lawson; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Regina King

not only about her work on the raw-edged, cops series but about her life and career as well.

Kam Williams: Hi, Regina, thanks for the time.

Regina King: Oh, thanks for making the time

KW: What interested you in *Southland*?

RK: Well, I was already a fan of [writer/producer] Ann Biderman's work, and when I read the script, I really got excited about the prospect of playing a woman who was complex, not just a one-dimensional character defined by her children or her husband. What makes Lydia Adams interesting isn't her children or her husband, but the fact that

she's successful and driven and has a full range of emotions, which is indicative of most women between the ages of 35 and 45. So, I thought it would be cool to represent the sort of women that I know.

KW: Laz Lyles asks, whether you see Lydia as reflective of a recent trend towards stronger female characters on cop dramas?

RK: Yes, but the beautiful thing about actresses is each of us can put a different spin on that type of woman.

KW: The series just moved from NBC to TNT. Laz also asks if that shift is going to affect the content or the show's fairly graphic tone?

RK: No, I don't think the show will necessarily be changing. But there might be fewer conversations back and forth between the network and the producers about toning it down, because TNT understood the nature of the show that they picked up.

KW: Watching the second season's premiere episode, I was surprised how realistic the storyline was, revolving around the Latino versus black gang wars in L.A.

RK: All of our stories are based on real stories, actual events which have made the news in the city.

KW: Children's book author Irene Smalls asks, to what do you credit your enduring career from 227 to *Southland*?

RK: I have to give a lot of credit to my mom, who decided to send me to a regular public high school where I ran track and went to football games. So, I got to do the normal things that

kids do.

KW: I noticed that some classmates from your graduating class have also fared well in showbiz.

RK: Yeah, [director] Tim Story... [jazz pianist] Eric Reed... there are definitely some of us out there.

KW: Speaking of high school, teacher Eric Daniels asks, how have you managed to stay so busy?

RK: Oh, I don't know. [Chuckles] Luck, I guess. And by always being prepared, so that when an opportunity comes along, I can take it. I think that's the short answer.

KW: You've played the leading lady opposite a lot of great actors. Which one was your favorite screen husband or lover?

RK: I can't say. Each one had something that made them appealing. Chris Rock was awesome to talk to and funny at the same time. Eddie Murphy was surprisingly different, in a good

way, from what I had anticipated. With Will Smith, it was very refreshing to be around someone who's so excited about what he does. I'm sure that if he worked for the Sanitation Department, he'd be enthusiastic about how he throws out the trash. He fully commits to whatever he's doing. And Jamie Foxx was like a walking TV, entertaining all the time.

KW: Is there any question no one ever asks you, that you wish someone would? If so, please answer it.

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Parson Smith

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himself a man of God.

This is the wrong time to express your insulting opinions; Pat, if you have something silly to say, please keep it to yourself right now. Even if you are willing to believe that the Haitian people somehow earned the death and suffering that they are experiencing, this is not the time to express that sentiment. People are dying, and babies have lost their mothers. By making such comments at this very sensitive time, Robertson shows very little connection to the compassion that should be present in the spirit of God.

Pat Robertson, you are sounding like both a racist and an elitist. If you'd lost dozens of loved ones in such a devastating event, I am not sure how you'd feel about someone insensitively stating that your family brought its own demise by choosing to subscribe to a particularly religious ideology (even though this Haitian story is not true, since the people who are dying can't be proven to have made any kind of pact with anyone). The fact that your response to the death and destruction of Haiti varies dramatically from your measured and sensitive response to 911 clearly implies that you place higher value on lives that are white and American. Shame on you Pat—you are a (n) embarrassment to Christians every-

where.

When Robertson open his mouth, 7 demons flew out, but 7 x7 more flew in, he's a walking and talking symbol of what's wrong with American Christian right-wingers. His rumbling absurdities are testimony to his hypercritical behavior and beliefs. Poor soul is senile and does not know it.

Pat Robertson's comments were just ignorant. Everyone who would send money to his "church" should send their money to Haiti for relief. Enough said!

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