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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 Center.
- * 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 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday 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.

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Eastacado High School 2009 Homecoming Queen & Court



Pictured above are members of the Eastacado High School Homecoming Court. They are, from left to right: Lily Tovar, Adrianna Alaniz, Denequa Lee, 2009 Homecoming Queen; Stephanie Sanchez, and LaShondra Ray.

Homecoming Queen and her court were presented at the Eastacado Matadors and Pampa Harvester on Friday night, September 4, 2009, at Lowrey Field.

The Matadors won the game won 30-14 before a very large crowd of Matadors supporters. The Southwest Digest salutes these young ladies and ask them to continue to making outstanding contributions to their school and community.

Former Lubbock Resident: A. Phillip Randolph Perry Releases New Recording

A. Phillip Randolph Perry, known by his classmates at Coronado High School and a member of the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, where his dad, Floyd Perry, Jr., was pastor for ten years, recently recorded a CD.

Randy started his church music at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church under his late mother's tutelage, Ms. Bertha Louise Jordan-Perry. Ms. Perry started Randy on the piano, and later added the organ.

Currently, Randy serves as Minister of Music for the New Life Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. He has written songs for the world famous Edwin Hawkins Singers. This year, he wrote and produced his second cassettes with religious music. Also during the Christmas season this year -- December, 2009 -- Randy will travel to Tokyo, Japan to participate in a conference for church musicians.

During high school, Randy participated in the marching band at the Coronado High School from 1981 until 1985. His music instrument of choice was the clarinet.

After graduation from Sydney Lanier High School in Montgomery, Alabama, Randy



A. Phillip Randolph Perry

enrolled in three colleges, namely; Crowley County College, Arkansas City, Kansas, with an A.A. degree in Music; Troy State University, Troy, Alabama, with a B.A. degree in Music & Business; and Troy State University, with a Masters degree in Music.

At present time, Randy operates his music studio and continues to study music theory with a Master Pianist in Montgomery.

He gives God all the glory for all He has done for him!

Revised Formula Puts 1 in 6 Americans in Poverty

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The level of poverty in America is even worse than first believed.

A revised formula for calculating medical costs and geographic variations show that approximately 47.4 million Americans last year lived in poverty, 7 million more than the government's official figure.

The disparity occurs because of differing formulas the Census Bureau and the National Academy of Science use for calculating the poverty rate. The NAS formula shows the poverty rate to be at 15.8 percent, or nearly 1 in 6 Americans, according to calculations released this week. That's higher than the 13.2 percent, or 39.8 million, figure made available recently under the original government formula.

That measure, created in 1955, does not factor in rising medical care, transportation, child care or geographical variations in living costs. Nor does it consider non-cash government aid when calculating income. As a result, official figures released last month by Census may have overlooked millions of poor people, many of them 65 and older.

According to the revised NAS formula:

-About 18.7 percent of Americans 65 and older, or nearly 7.1 million, are in poverty compared to 9.7 percent, or 3.7 million, under the traditional measure. That's due to out-of-pocket expenses from rising Medicare premiums, deductibles and a coverage gap in the prescription

drug benefit.

-About 14.3 percent of people 18 to 64, or 27 million, are in poverty, compared to 11.7 percent under the traditional measure. Many of the additional poor are low-income, working people with transportation and child-care costs.

-Child poverty is lower, at about 17.9 percent, or roughly 13.3 million, compared to 19 percent under the traditional measure. That's because single mothers and their children disproportionately receive non-cash aid such as food stamps.

-Poverty rates were higher for non-Hispanic whites (11 percent), Asians (17 percent) and Hispanics (29 percent) when compared to the traditional measure. For blacks, poverty remained flat at 24.7 percent, due to the cushioning effect of non-cash aid.

The Northeast and West saw bigger jumps in poverty, due largely to cities with higher costs of living such as New York, Boston, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The Census Bureau said it expedited release of the alternative numbers for this month because of the interest expressed by lawmakers and the Obama administration in seeing a fuller range of numbers. Legislation pending in Congress would mandate a switch to the revised formula, although the White House could choose to act on its own.

Arloc Sherman, a senior researcher at the nonprofit Center on Budget and Policy Priorities,

said that because the revised formula factors in non-cash government aid, the amount of increase in poverty from 2007 to 2008 was generally smaller compared to the current measure.

"Food stamp participation rose during the first year of recession and appears to have softened what could have been an even greater increase in financial hardship," he said.

Sherman said the revised formula could take on greater importance in measuring poverty for 2009 as more Americans take advantage of tax credits and food stamps under the federal stimulus program. Food stamp assistance currently is at an all-time high of about 36 million.



At EHS Homecoming Pep Rally, Old New Matador Mascots Doing their 'Thing' to Pump Up The Football Team Before The Victory!!

Mt. Olive Will Celebrate Its 96th Church Anniversary Sunday

Crosbyton, Texas -- The Mt. Olive Baptist Church will celebrate its 96th Church Anniversary Sunday afternoon, November 1, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. Ruby N. Price, sister of the late H. L. Phillips, is the pastor.

The celebration will begin Saturday, October 31, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. with the 25th Annual Mother Dorothy R. Terrell Banquet & Pageant.

The Banquet and Pageant is in honor of its founder and organizer Mother Terrell. The Lord called her home to Glory

June 8, 2009. She was a tireless warrior for the Lord all the days of her life.

Members said they are going have a glorious time in the Lord, and will always be grateful to the works of Mother Terrell.

"We are blessed to celebrate wonderful celebration," said Rev. Price.

"Remember, our doors are always open for you to come and visit with us at anytime," she continued.

"Just think of how far we



Rev. Ruby N. Price

have come over the past 96 years, and to God be the glory," she concluded.

Prompt Passage of Economic Recovery Act Payment for 2010 Needed Law Does Not Provide for a Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment for 2010

With consumer prices down over the past year, monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for more than 57 million Americans will not automatically increase in 2010. This will be the first year without an automatic Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) since they went into effect in 1975.

"Social Security is doing its job helping Americans maintain their standard of living," Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security said. "Last year when consumer prices spiked, largely as a result of higher gas prices, beneficiaries received a 5.8 percent COLA, the largest increase since 1982. This year, in light of the

human need, we need to support President Obama's call for us to make another \$250 recovery payment for 57 million Americans."

The Social Security Act provides that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits increase automatically each year if there is an increase in the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) from the third quarter of the last year to the third quarter of the current year. This year there was no increase in the CPI-W from the third quarter of 2008 to the third quarter of 2009. In addition, because there was no increase in the CPI-W this year, under the law the starting point for determinations regarding a possible 2011 COLA will remain the third quarter of 2008.

Some other changes that would normally take effect in January 2010 based on the increase in average wages also will not take effect, even though average wages did increase. Since there is no COLA, the statute prohibits an increase in the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax as well as the retirement earnings test exempt amounts. These amounts will remain unchanged in 2010. The attached fact sheet provides more information on 2010 Social Security changes.

Information about Medicare changes for 2010, when available, will be found at www.Medicare.gov. The Department of Health and Human Services has not yet announced if there will be any Medicare premium changes for 2010. Should there be an increase in the Medicare Part B premium, the law contains a "hold harmless" provision that protects

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

For your information, the following programs will be taking place at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive. Your participation will be most appreciative.

Open Mic Poetry Night: Bring a poem to share or just listen. Monday, November 16, 2009 Sign up begins at 6:30pm and Reading starts at 7:00pm

Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 2:00pm. We will be discussing, "In Love With Losers" by Latoya S. Watkins. The group welcomes new members or those who would like to drop-in from time to time to discuss the monthly selection. Titles up for discussion are made available for free checkout at the library. For more details, please call Helen Viser-Fitzgerald at 767-3300 or email at: hviser@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor a Fall Festival on Saturday evening, October 31, 2009, from

6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. There will be plenty of food, games, and fun.

The Youth Directors are Sister Robbie Walker and Sister Bobbie Walker. Rev. Sonia J. Scott is host pastor.

Bring your sweetheart and friends to the annual Monster Mash Dance at the Lubbock Senior Center on Thursday, October 29, 2009, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy "treats", a costume contest and then dance the night away to live music by the West Texas Express. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dancing beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Lubbock Senior Center is located at 2001 19th Street. Call 767-2710 for more information.

A Celebration of Twenty Years of Service will be given in honor of Pastor B. R. Moton and Family on Sunday afternoon, November 1, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue.

The theme for the celebration is "The Good Shepherd," with scripture being John 10:14-18.

Special guest will be Rev. W. D. Davis and the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend.

Covenant Health System will host a free event called Girl Talk on Monday, November 16 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Girl Talk is for girls between the ages of 10-13 and their parent or guardian. The event will focus on topics such as physical and emotional changes to communication and self-esteem issues. Please inform those you know an R.S.V.P is required by Wednesday, Nov. 11 to 1.866.4COVENANT (1.866.426.8362).

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. There are many in the community who are ill.

Sister Eva Cade, who has been unable to attend church services, but was able to attend Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday morning. She is an amputee. She was all in smiles and praised God for being so good to her.

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson FALL SHEERNESS

Ladies summer is gone, fall is here and with it is pure sheerness. The fabric this season looks and feel a lot like summer. The colors remain light and bright, with a hint of bronze hues. You will see lots and lots of bold colorful prints, designs that will take your breath away.

Every top, blouse, sweater or shirt will make a fashion statement. Ruffles are great! emerging more in sheer fabrics for the fall. The softness of sheer will warm your hearts and grab the attention of others. GOING SHOPPING? remember not to over look that beautiful blouse, just because it's sheer, sheerness is what's happening this fall.



Fashion..always wear a smile.

Fashion.. just for the fun of it.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, October 25, 2009, church services got started with a lot of excitement at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "The Gain In Giving" with

the printed text coming from Mark 10:17-31.

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

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "O, I Want To See Him".

The responsive reading read

by Rev. Lee comes from Psalm 37:1-11. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "He Is Lord".

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

The Senior Choir sung
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Gasps At President Obama's Honor

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who won the peace prize in 1983.

Some around the world objected to the choice of Obama, who still oversees wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and has launched deadly counterterrorism strikes in Pakistan and Somalia.

Obama said he was working to end the war in Iraq and "to confront a ruthless adversary that directly threatens the American people and our allies" in Afghanistan, where he is seriously considering increasing the number of U.S. troops on the ground and asking for help from others as the war enters its ninth year.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi in Afghanistan condemned the Nobel committee's decision, saying Obama had only escalated the war and had "the blood of the Afghan people on his hands."

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki called the Nobel decision "hasty."

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith On Justice Clarence Thomas!!

One of my Anglo-American attorney friends is very fond of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. She reminded me in a conversation that African-Americans should not be negative about Justice Thomas because he stands out as a great American and for justice for all Americans. My response was "we as humans have our own opinion and as African Americans we may perceive life differently as justice relates to African-Americans."

However, to my chagrin (relating to the non-action of Justice Thomas) I was totally surprised at a news story caption: "Clarence Thomas To Other Supreme Court Justices: Be Quiet". Jay Reeve wrote: Clarence Thomas, the justice long known as the silent member of the Supreme Court, criticized his colleagues Friday (October 23, 2009) for badgering attorneys rather than letting them speak during oral arguments. Thomas—who hasn't asked a lawyer a question during arguments in nearly four years—said he and the other eight justices virtually

always know where they stand on a case by reading legal briefs before oral arguments.

"So why do you beat up on people if you already know? I don't know, because I don't beat up on 'em. I refuse to participate. I don't like it, so I don't do it," Thomas said during an appearance before law students at the University of Alabama.

Thomas didn't name names, but fellow conservative Justice Antonin Scalia is generally considered the court's most aggressive questioner during oral arguments. President Barack Obama's lone nominee so far, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, isn't afraid to ask questions either. Thomas scoffed at the idea that the justices try to use questions to influence the opinions of fellow member of the court. "All nine of us are in the same building," he said. "If we want to sway each other we know where we are. We don't need oral arguments to do that. It doesn't make any sense to me."

Reeves noted that Thomas compared Senate confirmation to selecting the referees for a college

football game in hopes of getting favorable calls for one team or the other. "That's all based on a particular outcome you want. That is the antithesis of judging. You're corrupting your process. I think the conformation process is both unnecessary, it's uninformed with respect to what the court actually does and it's very dangerous."

Thomas also noted "the court is too dominated by Ivy League lawyers and lacks regional diversity. People constantly worry about racial, gender and ethnic diversity and home states matter, too."

I am happy to know that parts of Justice Thomas are likened to brass. When he applies his thoughts to action (and quit acting like he is afraid of white males) black women may respect him and he just might become another Thurgood Marshall.

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We Thank God for Jesus Preachers Love God More Than???

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

Matthew 28:19-20a -- Jesus said, go you, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the name of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

Many Pastors started out to do GOD'S WILL. But the Devil offered them a THRILL, AN A CHANCE FOR HIS DEAL!!!

Matthew 4:8 -- The Devil took him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the Kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and said, all these things will I give you if you will fall down and worship me.

****** PREACHERS, DON'T DEAL; THAT'S HOW YOU ROB GOD!!! ******

Jesus used the word of GOD to keep the Devil at bay. It's the same WORD OF GOD, PREACHERS ARE TO USE IT TODAY!!!

Psalm 119:11-12 -- Your word I have hid in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Blessed you are. O' Lord, teach me your statutes.

Many Pastors take their eyes of the LORD THEIR GOD. CADILLACS AND MERCEDES FROM THE DEVIL ENTER THEIR HEARTS!!!

John 21:15b -- Jesus said, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me, more than these?

****** PREACHERS, WHAT DO YOU LOVE MORE THAN GOD???**

Luke 9:62 -- Jesus said, no man having put his hand to the (GOSPEL) plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Many Pastors want THE BIG CROWDS AND MONEY, AND LET EVERYTHING GO ON. GOD'S HOUSE IS FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD. OTHER THINGS ARE WRONG!!!

Matthew 23:25 -- Jesus said, Woe (CURSED) unto you scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! For you make clean the outside of the cup and platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Many Pastors want DIA-

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THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE SIN IN THE CHURCH, AND NEED TO QUIT!!!

Luke 19:46 -- Jesus said, it is written, my house is the house of Prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.

****** PASTORS, THAT IS HOW YOU ROB GOD!!! ******

Many Pastors don't care about the Sinner's Man's Soul. The thing they want is THE BIG CROWDS TO TAKE THEIR GOLD!!!

Matthew 15:7-8 -- Jesus said, you hypocrites, well did Esai'as prophesy of you, saying, this people draw near unto me with their lips, and honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Many Pastors are like Jonah: KNOW GOD'S WILL AND WHAT TO DO. BUT THE DEVIL GOT THEM DOING WHAT HE TELLS THEM
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, October 25, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School got underway with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis was in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "The Gain In Giving." The scripture text was Mark 10:17-31. The Unifying Topic was "Opting Out."

The teacher of the morning was Rev. Walter Jackson. The review was done by Pastor

Canady .

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Ethel Williams.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls.

The morning message was entitled "Get Ready, Doom Is On The Way!" The scripture text was Genesis 18:28-32.

The Song of Inspiration was "Precious Lord."

The morning announcements

were read by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in of the Lubbock community. Among them include Sister Susie Davis. Let us pray for Sister Davis.

The weekly meetings include: Mission meets on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p. . Bible Study at 7:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal is held at 5:00 p. . on Friday evenings. The Ushers meet each Saturday morning at 11:00 a. m. All who are involved are

asked to attend these important meetings.

*The Life that counts must t oil and fight
Must hate the wrong and love the right;
Must stand for truth, by day, by night
This is the Life that Counts!*

Thought For The Week:
"It's better to declare the truth and be rejected than to withhold the truth just to be accepted."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the

St. Matthew Baptist Church. You will be glad you did so, We will be looking for you and your family members.

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

LOVE DEEPLY
A Finally, holy people love deeply (1 Peter 1:22-25). Peter clearly states, "Love one another deeply, from the heart" (v. 22). That is far easier to say than to

live. It's said best in the often-repeated rhyme:

*To dwell above with those we love,
Oh, that will be glory!
But to live below with those we know,
Now that's another story!*
Consistently showing sacrificial love to our brothers and sisters in Christ is an essential, but often-neglected, aspect of holy living. The best commentary on Peter's words here probably come from the apostle John: "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Today, the scripture **St. John 10:1-30**.

(1) Verily, verily I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, he same is a thief and a robber.

(7) Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

(9) I'm the door, by me if any man enter in, shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

(10) Thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

(27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

(28) And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand;

(29) My father which gave them me is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

(30) **I and my Father are one.**

"The sheep knows his master's voice. The devil came s an angel of light, real sheep won't obey him. Satan has no right to control our children. He only comes to kill and destroy. He has killed too many -- enough is enough."

Thought of the Week:
"Check the positive statements you make to children, and to your children, and, the negative statements. Remember it takes four positive statements to undo one negative one. Parents, what comes out of your mouth when

you are angry. Think about it!
Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ will **America be saved!** There's no other way!!

Read Isaiah 53:5 and I Chronicles 7:14.

Keep smiling and loving your enemy as well as your friends, **and we will make it, Lubbock.**

Here is the upcoming Sunday School Lesson:

Introduction to the Old Testament. In the five previous OT series we have covered all of the 17 Books of **HISTORY** and all of the 17 Books of the **PROPHETS**. This series covers the other five Old Testament books known as the Books of Poetry and Wisdom. The five books to be discussed in this series are: **JOB**: This book is a monument to Wisdom. Martin Luther said it is "magnificent and sublime as no other book of Scripture." Thomas Carlyle said, "there is nothing written in the Bible or out of it of equal merit." It describes how catastrophe comes to a rich and righteous man named Job who loses his wealth, children, and health. His losses were, by all accounts, undeserved, but his friends tell him he must be at fault and he needs to repent. Job maintains his innocence and wishes to confront God for an explanation. The book stresses what our relationship to God should be. **PSALMS** contains 150 "songs" which were sung during the worship of God. About half of them were written by David. We will discuss the type of topics covered in each of the Psalms.

PROVERBS contains a collection of King Solomon's wise sayings. We will discuss the three major types of "Wisdom" covered in this book: (a) wisdom for youth, (b) wisdom for all people, and (c) wisdom for leaders.

ECCLESIASTES contains a collection of Solomon's conclusions about what does and does not lead to human happiness. King Solomon was one of the richest and wisest men who ever lived. Solomon, by his own

words, did his own personal research on things that most people would believe might make them happy. You may be surprised at what Solomon has to say about many of the things people desire to have.

SONG OF SONGS - This is the third book written by Solomon. It is said that Solomon wrote over a thousand songs, but this one is entitled the "song of songs" suggesting that it was his very best or most important one. It, literally, cele-

brates Solomon's marriage to a bride (a Shulammitte woman) whom he totally adored and loved completely. We may be surprised by how explicitly sexual desire and attractiveness is discussed by both Solomon and his lover. However, the attraction between a man and a woman was God's plan and gift from the beginning when Adam asked for a helpmate to keep him company

LIVE COURAGEOUSLY
Holy people live courageously. Do you ever feel a bit out of place as a Christian? In a way, you should; this world is not our

home or our final destination. Peter says we are to be as strangers or aliens. I've received a new understanding of that concept in the last year. I spent the first 30 years of my working life exclusively with churches and Christian ministries. For the past year I have been in the secular workplace. I have truly struggled with how to live a holy life in an arena that does not value holiness.

I have decided the best way to live as a "stranger" is to follow the example of Jesus. He didn't always go along with the crowd, but he was the perfect balance of God's truth and God's grace.

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Obsequies

Jamica Freeman

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at St. James Baptist Church with Rev. E. L. Harris, pastor, officiating.

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

Freeman, 27, of Lubbock passed away on Monday, October 12, 2009, at University Medical Center.

She was born on April 30, 1992 to Charlotte and Jimmy.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her children, Asia, Zinaisa, Jhontrareis and Datreion; mother, Charlotte (Joe); father, Jimmy (Sandra); grandmother, Fannie Stewart; ex-husband, Robert Freeman; five sisters, Patricia (Geryling),



Jenea (Timothy), Leslie (Albert), Priscilla (Dale) and Kee-Ke (Ronald); two brothers, Walion (LaToya W.) and Clarence (LaToya H.); three god-children; nine nieces; 12 nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Alonzo Floyd

Funeral services were held last Friday morning, October 23, 2009, at 20th & Birch Church of Christ for Alonzo Floyd.

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

Floyd "Baby Brother", 45, of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2009 at University Medical Center.

He was born on July 17, 1964 to Johnny and Alonzo Floyd in Dallas.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Johnny Floyd; four sisters, Phillis Campbell, Tracey Floyd, LaWanda Albrooks and Willie Floyd; three



brothers, Torrence Banks, Tony Floyd and Ricky Floyd; seven nephews; six nieces; two great-nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Robert Lee Smith

Funeral services for Deacon Robert Lee Smith were held Monday, October 19, 2009 at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ with Supt. David Haynes, pastor, officiating.

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

Deacon Smith, 88, of Lubbock, passed away Monday, October 12, 2009 at Heritage Oaks Nursing and Rehab.

He was born April 24, 1921 in Temple, Texas. He was a member of Christ Temple COGIC.

He leaves to cherish his memory two daughters, Darline Becky and Sandra Rogers; one



son, Robert L. Scott; nephew, Rev. John L. Barnes; niece, Bennie Sims; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. We would like to thank Heritage Oaks for their services.

Ludacris gives away 20 used cars and free gas to struggling contest winners

If you're like us, when you think Ludacris, you think bad acting (Darius Parker on Law and Order SVU) and fantastic rapping. Fo' rizzle, Area Codes needs a special recognition Grammy. It's that brilliant. However, when you think Ludacris, you don't think "philanthropist." But you should. Not only does Chris "Ludacris" Bridges head up The Ludacris Foundation (TLF), but that same foundation just held the Metro Atlanta Ludacris Stimulus Package which sought essays from licensed Georgia residents in need of a car. Thousands of essays were submitted and on September 6, TLF held an event called, "Stars for Cars - The LudaDay Give-away" where twenty winners were handed the keys to their new(ish) cars.

Says the Illinois-born rapper, "People are getting laid off and now are looking for jobs. To be efficient, you need some transportation of your own to get there. That's why I wanted to give back to those who need it." The cars come with free gas for 30 days, although the contest winners are responsible for tags, registration, tax and insurance. Sounds like a good deal to us.



Especially as the winners didn't get previously owned Chevies. Ludacris partnered with a Nissan dealer to supply the used cars and at least one winner got a Maxima.

One of the more moving essay winners was from a man named Mading Duor who described how his mother, father and five brothers and sisters were killed in Sudan. Not only that, but after moving to Atlanta, Duor's son was killed by a drunk driver. Said Ludacris, "His story touched my heart. He's endured so much in his life and he's still here standing. I'm very proud to have helped him."

Lil Wayne Pleads to Attempted Gun Possession

NEW YORK (AP) — Lil Wayne, who owned last year's best-selling album and is currently No. 1 on the pop charts, pleaded guilty to attempted weapon possession on Thursday, and expects to receive a one-year jail sentence.

The performer, arguably rap's most popular artist and one of pop's biggest acts, previously had pleaded not guilty to illegal gun possession charges that carried at least 3 1/2 years in jail upon conviction. He remains free on bail while awaiting his



Lil Wayne is expected to serve a year in prison after pleading guilty to attempted weapon possession.

February sentencing. The somber-looking rapper did not speak as he left the courthouse with members of his entourage, who piled into four SUVs.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

A VERY IMPORTANT ELECTION SET FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009! THIS N THAT wants to advise of a very important election which is set for **TUESDAY** November 3, 2009. This election which will involve the proposed **SOCCER FIELDS** which will be located a great distance from **EAST LUBBOCK** we need to vote on Tuesday. It would have been a very **GOOD MOVE** for a **TOWN HALL MEETING** to explain the importance of this election. Anyway regardless of how you may feel it is very important to exercise your concern at the **POLLS** on Tuesday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. **THIS N THAT** is asking as many as will to go and **VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009!!**

FIFTY-THREE SOCCER FIELDS ON TAP TO BE CONSTRUCTED! THIS N THAT has learned that a committee recommended that approximately **53 SOCCER FIELDS** be constructed at an approximate cost of **\$9,000,000.00** in the **Bond Election** which is set for **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2009**. **THIS N THAT** has received a concern about the locations of these soccer fields as they will be miles from our young people who reside in East Lubbock. Anyway regardless of what one may think **ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS** need to go to the **POLLS** on Tuesday. Hopefully this will become a reality.

LUBBOCK BRANCH NAACP WANTS TO GET BACK ON TRACK! THIS N THAT is glad to see the movement of an effort to get the **LUBBOCK BRANCH** of the NAACP back on track and become a force in working for those who are trouble in alleged discrimination situations. It is good to see this **MOVEMENT** and may be there will be some good signs that the **LUBBOCK BRANCH** is back on track. Let us all encourage and stay tuned to this special effort. According to the report **NEW OFFICERS** will be elected soon. Sounds real good but let's just wait and see what will take place.

SOUTH MLK ST ILL A PART OF MPO! THIS N THAT learned this week that the proposed **SOUTH MARTIN LUTHER KING 'FLY BY' IS STILL ON THE LIST!** THIS N THAT learned from an official of the **METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL (MPO)** that this project is still on the list but there is one problem. That problem is **THERE IS NO MONEY FOR THE PROJECT.** THIS N THAT also learned last week that the Texas Department of Transportation will be out of money by the year **2012.** Anyway it remains on the list but there is no **MONEY.** Who knows anything could happen and believe this project will become a reality. For real this project would be a tremendous asset for **EAST LUBBOCK**

and its ripple will contribute much success to the **TOTAL CITY OF LUBBOCK!**

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "WORKING TOGETHER" as a team much can be accomplished that is if **EVERYONE** is on the same page and pulling collectively.

STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU, SISTER VERNITA HOLMES! THIS N THAT is still waiting to hear when the next **TOWN HALL MEETING** for District Two will be held. Hopefully our school board member **SISTER VERNITA HOLMES** will call one before the end of the first semester. **THIS N THAT** will be still waiting to hear when and where.

T. J. PATTERSON GOLF CLASSIC MADE GIANT STEP IN FORT WORTH! THIS N THAT is pleased to report the annual **T. J. PATTERSON GOLF CLASSIC** held at the Woodhaven Country Club in Fort Worth last week was a very **SUCCESSFUL EVENT.** According to **JIM WYATT** Coordinator of the annual classic the outcome was **VERY SUCCESSFUL** and scholarships will help young people of Texas. Next year's classic will be held in Corpus Christi prior to the **ANNUAL TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CONVENTION** due ring October, 2010. Hopefully there will be some **WEST TEXAS GOLF CLUBS** in the tournament.



THINK ABOUT IT!

Lubbock Do Not Need This Kind Of Action!

by Eddie P. Richardson

If it is to be it is up to me should be the code of each one of us and live by it. We must do for our selves what we are waiting on the aid station, city, county, state, and federal government to do for us what we must should, do for ourselves. Jesus Christ and twelve White men are not going to come down and around and do for us what we must and should be doing for our selves. The days of the petty free ride is over. The big thieves have robbed America into a debtor nation for the second time in history. The first time was the Great Depression which was basically short lived. This time was and is much longer lived because, this time it's robbery from within major corporate bandits, such as Hal-

burden Post office officials, and even government officials.

The top took this country down from the top down while the poor and less fortunate suffered more as usual and always pay the highest price for the big boys greed. For us to become competitive at the market place with our goods and services we are going to have to be competitive with our goods and services at the market place and be able to compete and not be frozen out as is usually. The case we must and we shall be able to compete at the market place, we demand to be tax payers, to get off the relief rolls and on the tax rolls. If the system freeze us out and not let us competitively with our contracts, and goods and services, its time for us to go back to the

streets with our demands for our equitable share of the American dream which must be professional and non violent.

ATTENTION CITY OF LUBBOCK

It has been brought to the attention of the *Southwest Digest* that we have some serious problems with Lubbock Power and Light. Through our investigation because of the abundance of calls to our office about pole cut offs, non cut off notices, especially with our senior and disabled citizens. We hope Councilman Floyd Price will take a look at this situation, especially since this situation involves senior, disabled, and handicapped citizens.

It was to believe, but we have the facts which were given to us

HAVE WE FORGOTTEN THAT THE BEST PEOPLE TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS ARE US?

by donnell ASKARI hooper

There is a great need for the people in East Lubbock, Texas to confront the man and the woman in the mirrors of our homes and check that person for abandoning or doing nothing for the abandonment of the legacies of the True P.L.A.Y.A.S. of our community. Some of these True P.L.A.Y.A.S. are still living and many of them are dead and gone. These P.L.A.Y.A.S. laid the foundation for us to continue to build on that foundation so that our houses would be homes, our businesses economic emporiums, our communities real estate investments and worthy inheritances for our children generation after generation. What has gone wrong?

I'll tell you, far too many of us have become **BLOW UP DOLLS** and **BELOW THE WAIST CLONES!!!!** Far too



many of us have reverted back to being just **CAVE MEN** and **CAVE WOMEN**; don't want nothing but a few rocks! Far too many of us have become **UNOFFICIAL JUDGES** sentencing us to a life of **HARD KNOCKS**. Far too many of us have given up on us and sold us out to the lie that we are nothing but a

bunch of useless **NIIG%!**, **WHITE TR#!.** AND **WETB@#!** I'm here to tell you all, that we are in the position **RIGHT NOW** to improve our condition of living in our city on our own!

I know how just like those living among us who are feeding us these lies that things won't get any better in East Lubbock, Texas! Our children have the right to inherit more than what is being produced in our communities now. Success is ours now!!! Let's calm it. **AS SOON AS WE PUT ALL THE RIGHT P.L.A.Y.A.S. TOGETHER WE WILL BE AN UNBEATABLE TEAM!!!!** **THAT ENDS WILL JUSTIFY THE MEANS. "SUCCESS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU WAIT ON. SUCCESS IS SOMETHING YOU OBTAIN WHEN YOU KEEP YOUR ASPIRATION TURNED ON!!!"**

Ludacris is Getting Sued By His Own Lawyers



Ludacris

Ludacris has been in the news lately for giving away free cars, food, money and more to those less fortunate. So, this does come as a shock when we see he's getting sued for unpaid legal fees. There has got to be an explanation for this.



Bill Gates

Groundbreaking is expected in 2012, and the opening is slated for 2015. Construction is expected to cost about \$500 million, with half the funds to be provided by Congress. Museum director Lonnie Bunch has been quietly working to raise funds. He says the Gates Foundation grant is a vote of confidence for the project. © 2009 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed

In Cinque
by Renetta Howard
anything can tell you that but the Medicare cost in-



Virtually every day it is possible to receive e-mail about 'Friends' or 'Friend Week' or some message about the value of friends. Too often, we read them quickly and forward them to our friends and acquaintances or simply read them and delete them. There is a lot of wisdom in some of the messages, especially the ones about guardian angels, the ones who are your friends. Then there is the notion about life as a cookie and friends being the chocolate chips of life. I do like chocolate chips cookies, especially the one with nuts. Life needs to be sweet with a few nutty times to add zest and flavor.

There are a lot of people in our lives whom we refer to or call friend. There are those who offer you refuge in a storm; food when you are hungry, money when you have an emergency and bail if you happen to land in jail. These are all wonderful to have in your life, but many of these needs are once in a lifetime occurrences for which you might need a friend. There are instances that if these bad times happen more than once, your friend will not be there to help you. There are friends however, who will go all the way with you no matter how long the journey.

Most often, the friend who will see you through to the end is often a close relative like your mother, father, sister or a brother. Then there are times when perhaps the only person on this earth that will be with to the end if your mother if you are fortunate enough to have one. Some of us are without a mother or a mother substitute. But when you find or already have someone in your life that will see you to the end of any problem and share the burden as if it were their own, you have got a friend.

Many married couples are friends and these are the kind of marriages that last until 'death

do they part.' Friends are very hard to come by and when you have one, you will know you have a friend. There will never be any hassle about supporting you in your time of need when you have a friend. If they cannot help you, they will find someone who can. We do not need any special week to celebrate our friends. Every week, every day, should be a time to let our friends know how much we appreciate them whether they are family or not. Everyone needs a friend. Let us get 'in cinque' and let our friends know in a special way, how much they really mean to you, on a regular basis.

New Light News

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"Home Over The Mountain" and "Lord, Don't You Know." Sis. Jackson sang "Precious Lord," before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Unconditional Love" with the scripture text coming from John 3:16; 7: 17. The Senior Choir sang "At The Cross" after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several came up for prayer. All visitors who were in attendance were acknowledged by the ushers.

Pray in the morning, noon and night. Pray in and out of season. It's hard to stumble when you're on your knees.

Scripture For The Week: Finally brothers whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure whatever is lovely, whatever is com-

Twens challenged by grown-up malady: Breast cancer

CNN - Hannah Powell-Auslam of La Mirada, California, had surgery this month to check her lymph nodes, just in case breast cancer had spread.

Taylor Thompson of Little Rock, Arkansas, also had an aggressive form of breast cancer, one that has a 98 percent chance of returning. It required surgery in June.

They're two young women fighting breast cancer. Or rather, two girls: Hannah is 11. Taylor is 13.

While Taylor and Hannah's cases are rare, they're extreme examples of a troubling trend mendable if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise dwell on these things. **Philippians 4:8**

The Gates Give Black History Museum \$10 Million

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is giving \$10 million to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture planned for the National Mall in Washington.

The grant announced Thursday will support the capital campaign for design and construction of the new museum. Allan Golston, president of the foundation's U.S. programs, says the museum will make the stories and history of African Americans available to everyone.

emerging with breast cancer, medical experts say. Younger women are getting a disease that usually strikes around menopause -- and no one knows why.

"The breast is a very sensitive, vulnerable organ," said Dr. Marisa Weiss, founder of Breastcancer.org, a breast health Web site. "The breast is the only organ in men and women that is formed after you're born." Most of the breast forms during adolescence, she said. "It's while organs are formed that they are most vulnerable to changes and insults."

Citizen Advisory Committee Members 2009

The Lubbock City Council appointed the following members for the November 3rd Bond Election.

They are: Kevin McMahon, Chair; Todd McKee, Clayton Isom, Alice Lozado, Charlie Hamilton, Kevin Watson, Christy Martinez-Garcia, Randy

Egenbacher, Maurice Stanley, Frank Morrison, Dan Burns, Ken Corbin, John Cervantez, and Dwight Pierce.

The Propositions are: Proposition No. 1, Street Improvements, \$43,085,000; Proposition No. 2, Fire Fighter Facilities, \$7,500,000; Proposition No. 3, Recreational Facilities, \$1,200,000; Proposition No. 4, Soccer Facilities, \$9,000,000.

Thank God For Jesus

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TOO!!!

Malachi 1:6 - 7 -- (THE LOD SAID) A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? And if I be a master, where is my fear? Said the Lord of host unto you, O' Priests, that despise my name. And you say, wherein have we polluted you? In that you say, the table of the Lord is contemptible?

Many Pastors want into the CHURCH BUSINESS, BECAUSE OF THE ANNIVERSARY. THEY KNOW THIS IS NOT OF GOD, BUT THEY ARE FULL OF GREED!!!

Luke 12:1b-2 -- Jesus said, Beware you of the Leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

Social Security

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about 93 percent of Social Security beneficiaries from paying a higher Part B premium, in order to avoid reducing their net Social Security benefit. Those not protected include higher income beneficiaries subject to an income-adjusted Part B premium and beneficiaries newly entitled to Part B in 2010. On September 24th, the House passed legislation by 406-18 that would, on a fully paid-for basis, prevent abnormally large premium increases. The President is calling on the Senate to enact this legislation before it becomes too late for the Social Security Administration to update its computer systems to implement this needed change.

For additional information about the 2010 COLA, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

Section 8 Waiting List Opening

The Lubbock Housing Authority will conduct a lottery for placement on the Section 8 Waiting List.

Lottery Open date: November 2, 2009

Lottery Close date: November 30, 2009

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Additional information on the lottery is available now at 1708 Crickets Ave or at www.lubbockha.org on the News Releases page.

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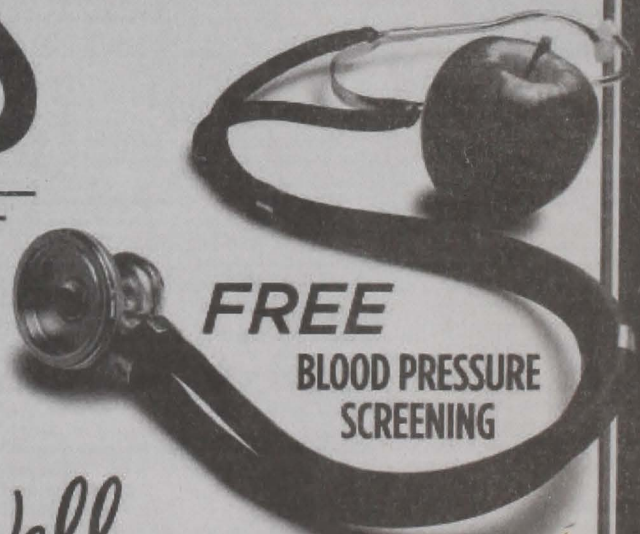
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