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100 Black Men of West Texas Moving Forward To Help Community



Members of the 100 Black Men of West Texas

Here they are, members of the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc. -- Back Row, left to right: Twain Henry, Executive Director; Scholars, Inc., Dwight McDonald, Attorney-at-Law; Calvin Lewis, Associate Dean TUT Law School; Dr. Charles Henry, Retired Educator; Ron McLaurin, Attorney-at-Law; Chad Grant, Human Resources Director; William Hull, Associate Professor Texas Tech University; and Calvin Davis, Federal Attorney.

Seated, left to right: Floyd Price, City Councilman, District Two; Homer Norville, Former President 100 Black Men of West Texas; Greg Ricks, President/US Air Force Retired; Leon Williams, Educator; Clemmie Payne, US Navy Retired; and Charles Hankson, Pastor.

Mission Statement

The mission of the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc. is to improve the quality of life for all individuals in our community by enhancing the educational, health, and economic opportunities for those individuals with an emphasis on enhancements for African Americans.

NASA At Dunbar Middle School

Friday morning, October 9, 2009, at 6:35 a. m., the NASA LCROSS mission came to a final end. The spacecraft was intentionally crashed into the moon's surface to detect the presence or absence of water ice in a southern polar crater. This valuable information will help in NASA's mission of space exploration back to the moon and beyond to Mars.

In celebration of this event, Dunbar Middle School hosted a viewing party/breakfast. Students, parents, and teachers were invited and treated to waffles made by Dunbar's principal, Jimmy Moore, as they watched the pre-crash coverage and impact on NASA TV. This event was also a culminating activity for Space Week where the members of the NASA Explorer School team conducted activities

in their classroom. Projects such as shoe box gliders, model rockets, rainsticks in the shape of rockets, and mission patch symbolism were completed by students in each grade level. Dunbar has also hosted Aerospace Education Specialists from Johnson Space Center throughout the month of October. These specialists have conducted STEM-G (science,

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Jimmy Moore - Principal



Dunbar Middle School Staff

All Brothers Different Mothers

This was the topic at the home of Blas Mojica a Navy seal there were veterans from across the country at a family type reunion from across the United States fellowshiping and remissioning. They were exchanging some true to life war stories and some grueling experiences they had in Vietnam Naum over forty years ago from then until now they have kept in touch they plan to keep this up and invite other veterans from other branches of services to become a part of this veterans fellowship. see related story.

Best Support Unit One, NAUM Special Warfare Unit, North Amphibium Base, Coronado, California Unit was created in 1964 to handle roots used by Special War (SEALS), mostly in

Vietnam. The unit consisted of US Navy RATES to operate and maintain these boats for Special Warfare Operation on the rivers and coast.

The BSU sailors deployed to Vietnam in detachments. These detachments were known as Mobile Support Teams. These teams operated all types of high speed boats. The primary support was for SEAL covert operations on the rivers in Vietnam Delta.

The MST teams provided boat operation, GVN Support, insertion/extraction for the SEALS.

Blas Mojica, Bill Moreo, John Rapp, and Rick Sheppard were boat operations. John Woody was the Officer in Charge for many of these opera-

tions. All served together at various times and places.

Most of the Vietnam operations happened between 1966 and 1969 time frame.

The MST Operation was located in DeNang and trained other sailors to operate a big fast boat in North Vietnam and was called the Nasty PTF (Potral Torpedo Fiel) Boat.

MST Two operated various fast boats to haul SEALs to and from operation on the Delta Rivers.

The MST Tours were for less than one year allowing the BSA one personnel to stay together for long periods of time.

Their units were among the most heavily combat decorated units in the U. S. Navy.



In order to help achieve their rights, an agent orange or any service connected human defects. All veterans of all American Armed Forces are invited to be members of the Brotherhood. For more details, contact Willie P. Richardson at the Southwest Digest by calling (806) 762-3612. Brothers from another Mother, continuing a Brotherhood. Pictured above are: left to right: Rick Sheppard, Bill Morris, John Rapp, Blas Mojica, and John Woody. Sitting is Rudy Alantz.



President Obama, speaking Friday, said the award was "an affirmation of American leadership."

Obama: Nobel Peace Prize is 'call to action'

(CNN) -- President Obama said Friday that he was "surprised and deeply humbled" by the decision of the Norwegian Nobel Committee to award him the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize.

The committee said it honored Obama for his "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

Obama said he viewed the decision less as a recognition of his own accomplishments and more as "a call to action."

The decision appeared to catch most observers by surprise. Nominations for the prize had to be postmarked by February 1, only 12 days after Obama took office. The committee sent out its solicitation for nominations last September, two months before Obama was elected president.

Obama had not been mentioned as among front-runners for the prize, and the roomful of reporters gasped when Thorbjorn Jagland, chairman of the Nobel committee, announced that the president was the winner.

The Nobel committee recognized Obama's efforts at dialogue to solve complex global problems, including working toward a world free of nuclear weapons. Watch CNN's Christiane Amanpour's analysis »

"Only very rarely has a person to the same extent as Obama captured the world's attention and given its people hope for a better future," the committee said.

Jagland said the decision was

"unanimous" and came with ease. Watch the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize announcement »

He rejected the notion that Obama had been recognized prematurely for his efforts and said the committee wanted to promote the president just it had Mikhail Gorbachev in 1990 for his efforts to open up the Soviet Union. Ed Rollins: Obama now must earn it

"His diplomacy is founded in the concept that those who are to lead the world must do so on the basis of values and attitudes that are shared by the majority of the world's population," the committee said of Obama. Listen to Jagland explain why Obama was this year's choice »

Obama said he did not feel he deserved "to be in the company" of past Peace Prize winners, but would accept the prize while pushing for a broad range of international objectives, including nuclear nonproliferation, a reversal of the global economic downturn and a resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

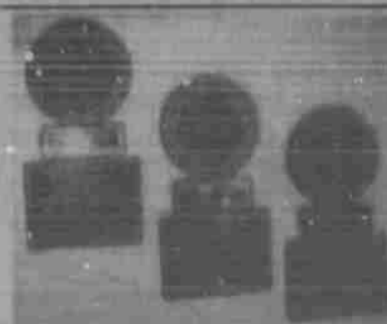
He also acknowledged the ongoing U.S. conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, noting that he is the "commander in chief of a country that is responsible for ending a war and working in another theater to confront a ruthless adversary that directly threatens the American people" and U.S. allies.

"This award is not simply about my administration," he said. It "must be shared" with everyone who strives for "justice and dignity."

Third Time's a Charm

Iles Elementary School, a magnet school focusing on the Fine Arts, is located at 2401 date Avenue. Along with its unique historical character and intriguing charm, comes a community of teachers, parents, and students who with great zeal and determination have continued to make history in East Lubbock.

In 2007, Iles made history by



becoming the first public school in Quadrant 4 to reach the exemplary rating given by the Texas Education Agency. Iles ahs continued to go above and beyond

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T. J. Patterson Annual Golf Classic Set For Fort Worth

The T. J. Patterson Annual Golf Classic will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at the Woodhaven Country Club, 913 Country Club Lane in Fort Worth, Texas.

Registration, lunch and warm-up will be held from 10:30 a. m. until 11:45 a. m.

The Shotgun start will begin at 12:00 p. m. At 4:00 p. m., there will be a Women's Challenge.

There will be an Awards Banquet/Reception beginning at 6:00 p. m.

This annual classic is sponsored by the Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM).

The classic is named after Patterson, who was the first president of TABCCM. He also was the first Black elected as president of the Texas Municipal League (TML).

Funds from classic are used for scholarships for young people in Texas.

City Councilman T. J. Wyatt of Victoria, Texas serves as coordinator of the event.

"We really appreciate all who participate each year for this worthy event," said Councilman Wyatt.

Let's Get Involved In Lubbock Government! Your Help Is Needed!

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 E. 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 Saturday, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yorkhouse Canyon.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Center.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 8:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 8:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 74th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Sooper meet - 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 Jutes South Culture of & 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 the Fellowship Cafeteria.

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Chatman Hills Corner
By Doris Reynolds

Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will be the Anniversary speaker at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, October 18, 2009, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

The public is invited to attend these services.

The Bridge Bash, THIS SATURDAY, October 17th from 2pm-6pm!

The Bridge Bash is an outdoor fall festival at The Bridge of Lubbock (1301 E Redbud) featuring a raffle with great prizes, live music, a cake walk, climbing wall, and fun for the whole family. Come on out to celebrate good times and a great organization!

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J. Keith's Jewelers valued at \$1800!

South Plains College and Tech Prep will host the Career Expo from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on Oct. 20.

The Career Expo will expose high school juniors and seniors to various educational and career opportunities in our region.

The Expo will inform students of post-high school education requirements for careers in the workplace/industry, programs, degrees, certificates, scholarships and deadlines affiliated with the student's higher education program.

Last year, more than 500 business and college representatives filled the Civic Center Exhibit Hall and concourse the interactive displays, games, group presentations, prizes and the offered information. More than 3,000 students, teachers and counselors are expected to attend.

Free Barbeque Served At Chatman Park on Saturday

The Narrow Gate Church Feast Of Tabernacles will sponsor a Free Barbecue Saturday, October 17, 2009, from Noon until 5:00 p. m. at the Chatman Park, East 28th Street & Ivory Avenue.

All are invited in the neighborhood and other areas of the City Lubbock to attend.

Brother Perry "PC" Clark is pastor and Sister Laverne Clark, minister.

For more information, call (806) 577-9766 or leave a message at (806) 317-9521.

Iles School

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by reaching this top rating for two additional years. Dr. Brian Yearwood, principal, states: "This magnificent achievement could not have been accomplished without the hard work and dedication of our staff, the support of our parents and community, and the motivation and drive for success of our students. We are very pleased with our Iles family."

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New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, October 11, 2009, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church at 3013 Idalou Road, with a lot of excitement, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson, "Restored To Wholeness" with the printed text coming from Mark

5:1-13, 18-20.

The Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted 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. Jackson, and the text was Psalm 108:1-13. The altar prayer was led by Rev.

Jackson with the choir singing "I Need Thee."

Sis. Rochellette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. All birthdays for the week were acknowledged also. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor and the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "Two Wings" led by Sister Ann Mosley and "What A Friend"

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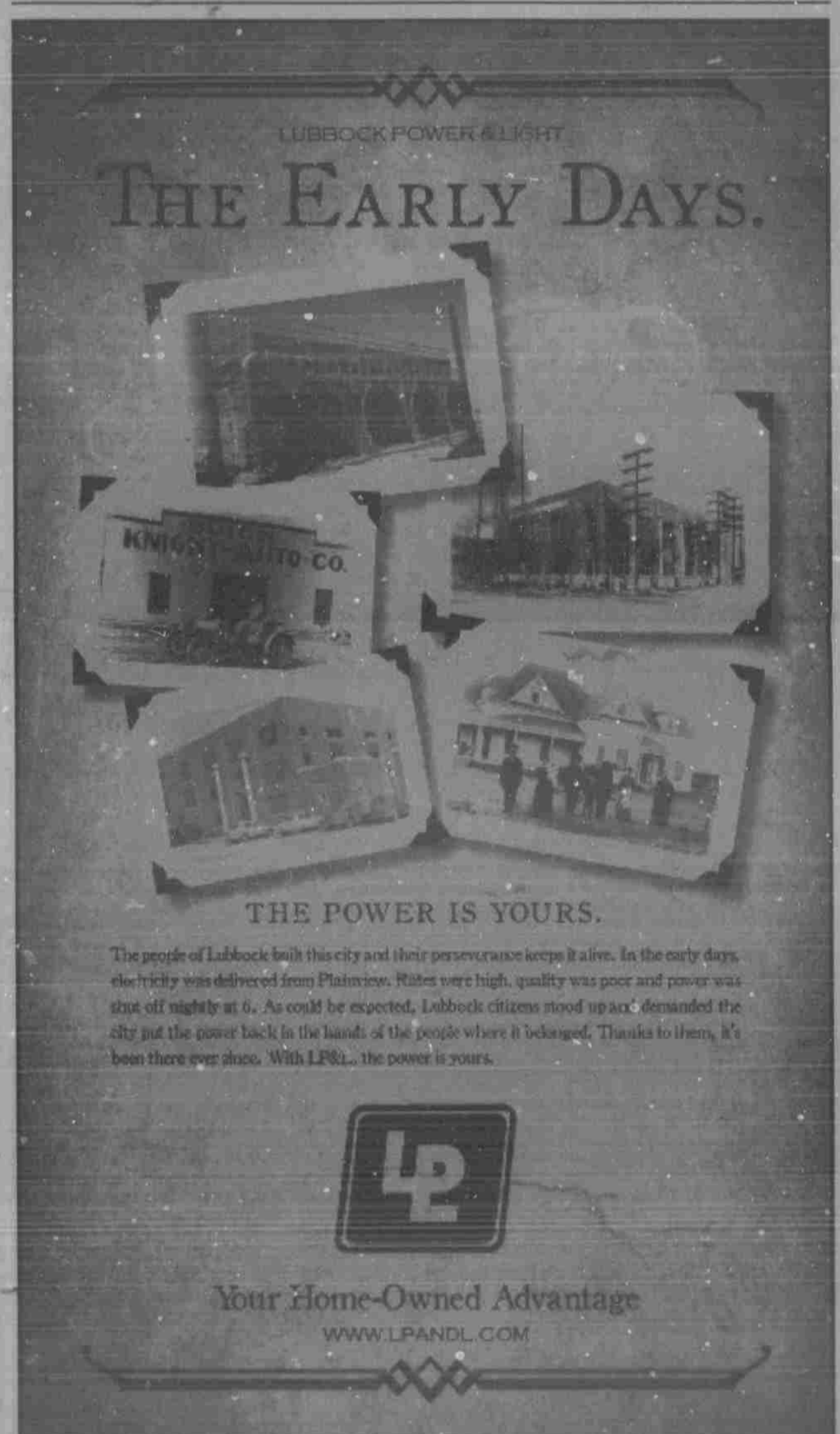
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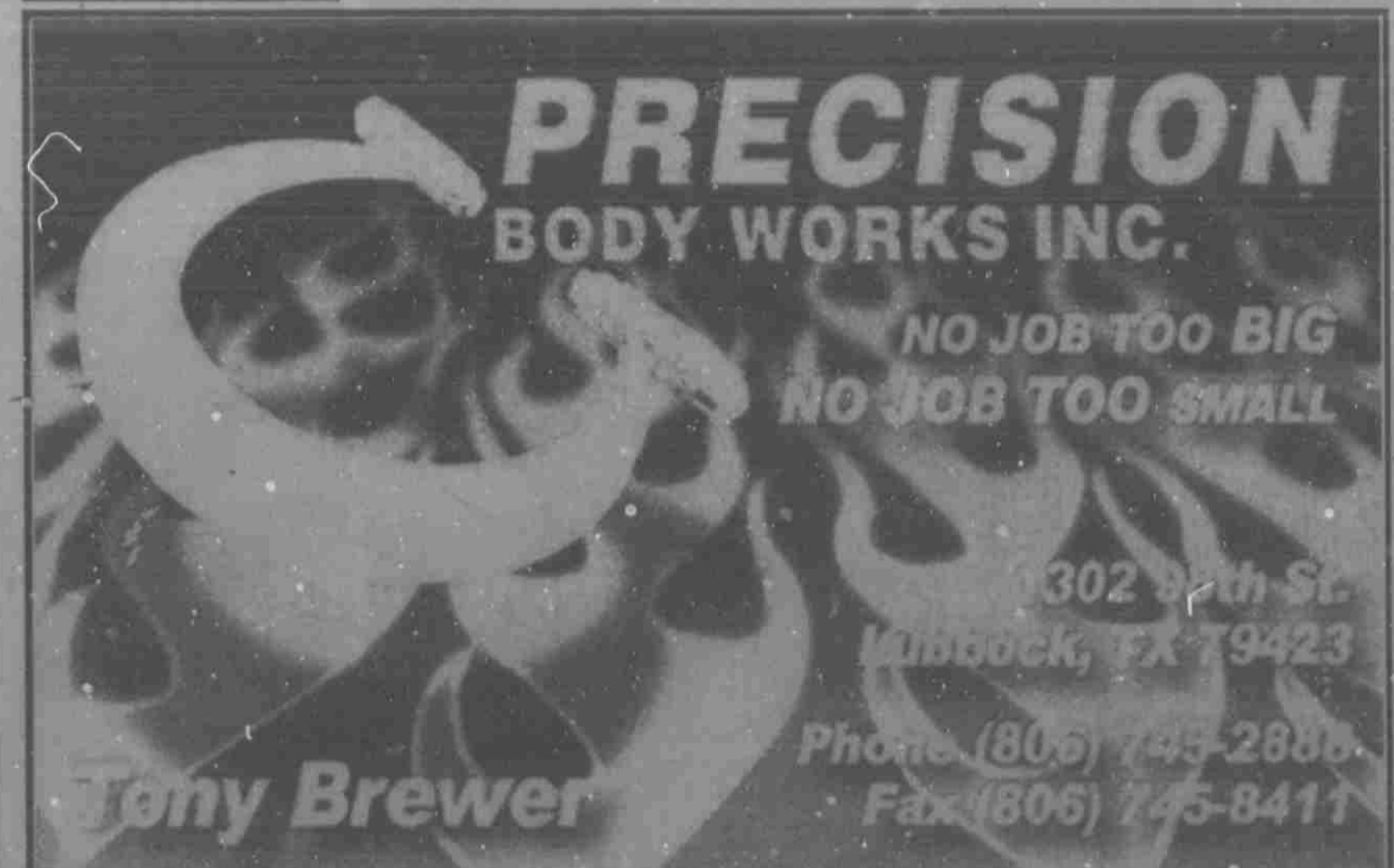
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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

"Racism Is Not A Mammary Gland"

For openers: Tricky Ricky, the president of the Country of Texas that will secede from the United States has walked in front of and step back into something he should have looked into as the present governor of Texas. He appears to have no feeling for the living or the dead. However, he allegedly is too busy seeing to it that his Texas police force round up illegal Mexicans so they want become a part of his new pure bred country of Persian like misfits in a wholesome society.

Walter Williams, a professor of economics at George Mason University and whose column is distributed by Creators Syndicate was featured in Monday, October 12, 2009 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Opinion page. The opinion was dubbed as "Disagreement with Obama viewed by some as racism." Many times this writer disagree with the thought processes of Williams as it relates to white and black issues because they reflect a conservative "Uncle Tom" "Yes Sir-Mr. Gilmore" temperament. However we agree in part with some conclusion he has made in the fore mention column. He appears to have been shaken by some white man who referred to President Obama as "This black boy" on the Jim Lehrer "News Hour." Admittedly this "white boy"

who made the remarks about the most powerful man on planet earth has more guts than a brass (you figure it) monkey! We agree with Williams that Obama's presidency is truly a remarkable commentary on the goodness of Americans and how far we've come in resolving matters of race. History has proven that Obama convincingly won votes in states with insignificant black populations, such as New England states, Iowa (of course Grassley, the anti-Health Care and Legal Aid to the Poor is a senator) and Minnesota. Yes history does reflect that Obama managed 53 percent of the popular vote and 365 of the Electoral College votes when he only needed 270 votes. However, this writer along with others believes the massive discontent with Obama is racism. We believe that racism is not reflective of the young educated whites less than 40 years of age. However, the Bubba's will be Bubba's even if they have obtain or have been given by default a PhD. The cogitation of this writer gives credence to Williams' thoughts that race is no longer the problem that it once was. And not all white and black bigots and every vestige of racial discrimination have been eliminated. We agree with Williams that white bigots and well as

black bigots are not respected in our society. We are in harmony with Williams that when one says that race is no longer the problem it once was. However, it is not the same as saying that there are no major problems that confront a large segment of the black population. Grossly fraudulent education is a major problem but it has nothing to do with racial discrimination as evidenced by the fact that the worse education received is in the very cities where blacks dominate the political structure. Crime is a major problem but it has nothing to do with racial discrimination, particularly in light of the fact that blacks commit most of the violent crime in America and well over 90 percent of their victims are black. The fact of a 70 percent illegitimacy rate and only 35 percent of black children raised in two-parent homes is a major problem but it has nothing to do with racial discrimination. This writer would encourage Black Americans in Lubbock to set your life's bar high in morals, education, work ethics (Get a job do not sit on your backside waiting for a handout) and respect for other people who do not look like you. Racism is not a mammary gland!

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"The Devil Treats For Tricks"

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Isaiah 1:4 -- The Lord said, yes a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity. A seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters, they have forsaken the Lord.

America when she started out, she was called the Land of Love. But when she left the Lord, she's now called The Land of Blood!!!

Nahum 3:1-3b -- Woe to the bloody city full of lies and robbery. The prey departs departs not, and there is a multitude of slain, and great number of carcasses. There is none end of their corpses. They stumble upon their corpses.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE KILLINGS???

Jesus told the churches in Matthew 28:19 -- Preach the good news to a dying world. The Devil uses the Churches' help to deceive the man, woman, boys and girls!!!

Isaiah 45:18 -- This said the Lord that created the heavens. God himself that formed the earth and made it. He established it. He created it not in vain. He formed it to be inhabited. I am the Lord, and there is nothing new under God's sun. The Devil even tried to change God's plans with his begotten Son!!!

Matthew 4:10 -- Jesus said get thee hence, Satan. For it is written, you shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him only

shall you serve.

JESUS STAYED WITH THE WORD OF GOD!!!

Churches are trying to win the children over by playing Hell-O-ween games. Jesus stayed with the word when tempted, and was not ashamed!!!

John 12:31-32 -- Jesus said, now is the judgement of this world. Now shall the Prince (The Devil) of this world be cast out, and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.

DON'T LIFT UP THE DEVIL, LIFT UP JESUS!!!

Many Churches will have trick and treats, playing the Devil's game. The children's minds are on: Give it to me or I'll take it -- Shame, Shame, Shame!!!

Mark 8:33 -- Jesus said, get you behind me, Satan. For you save not the things that be of God. But the things that be of men.

America wanted her rights, and she gave them out to everyone. Her streets are full of killings. They have rights to do it, and do it for fun!!!

Galatians 6:7-8 -- Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that

sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

If God is not mocked, why are the Churches playing Devilish games??? While souls are going to Hell by the thousands -- Shame, Shame, Shame!!!

Romans 1:21-22 -- Because that, when they (The Churches) knew God. They glorified him not as God. Neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves (The Churches) to be wise. They became fools.

Even now the Devil is using the Churches to help build his Hell-O-ween. God is not pleased with the Churches. Jesus should be the every theme!!!

James 4:4 -- You adulterers and adulteresses, know you not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

America is so wrapped up into witchcraft, it's played in the House of God!!! Hell-O-ween in the Churches? God forbid!!! It's a place to worship only the Lord!!!

Isaiah 5:20-21 -- The Lord said, woe (Cursed) into them that call evil good, and good evil. That put darkness for light, and light for darkness. That put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

St Matthew's Baptist Church News

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

Sunday School got underway with Assistant Superintendent Sister Annie Onasanya in

charge. The subject of the morning lesson was "Restored To Wholeness." The scripture text was Mark 5:1-13, 18-20. The Unifying Topic was "Recognizing Jesus."

The teacher of the morning's lesson was Rev. Walter Jackson. The lesson was re-

viewed by Pastor Canady. It was another wonderful lesson.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Ethel Williams. The Song of Inspiration was "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

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

The morning message was entitled "Do You Believe This." The scripture text was John 11:25-26. It was delivered by Pastor Canady.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in citizens. Among them include Sister Barbara Johnson and Brother Gerald Jackson. Let us remember them in our prayers.

The weekly meetings include: Mission, Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m. Bible Study will begin at 7:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal is held every Friday at 5:00 p. m. The Ushers will meet every Saturday morning at 11:00 a. m.

Sunday, October 18, 2009, is our Family and Friends Day. We will have a special program at 3:00 p. m. All Family and Friends are invited.

The life that counts must toil 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."

Attend Church Sunday morning!

like and ask God to forgive you for your sins.

Don't forget your drive by prayers wherever you are in this city. You don't have to make a lot of noise. Make a big thing out of it. Just sit in these sin infested communities and pray, Saints. Don't let the enemy steal your faith!

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Out Reach Prayer Breakfast

Did you know that sin and sickness are twins. Sin opens the door for sickness, and Christ can heal all of our sickness and disease. He gave this power to his disciples. It is written in Matthew 10:1: "Also with his stripes we were healed." Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24, "By his stripes ye were healed."

A few things we're tired of Aren't you?? We are tired of our children being strung out on DRUGS. We're tired of seeing more prisons built and our chil-

dren are filling them up. We're tired of seeing Christians depressed as if there's no hope. We're tired of seeing people of God unable to live a normal life, because there's not enough resources coming into the home. We're tired of seeing one parent families struggling with children out of control. We're tired of seeing kids taking over our communities doing things which are illegal. They're having no fear or respect for others. Their loud music which degrade women.

Who said we can't work in power. Read Acts 1:8 who said we can't be healed. Who said we have to be and live in poverty? This is a day of new things. We can prepare for a storm that may not come, but if we prepare God's way, we can't lose. We need to love all mankind, man,

sharing. If we prepare in this manner, we can ride out every storm as eagles.

Stand firm on the word of God and take our stuff back that the enemy has taken from us. In other words be an intercessor and ask the Holy Spirit who is the instigator of prayer to help

you. Do this for your family, your children. For your leaders and our Pastors and their families as well as other churches. We need to pray for them. Pray for other members of families who do not belong to any church, regarding of color or attitude. Pray for those you don't

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Obsequies

Marsha Gayle McGraw

Funeral services were held for Marsha Gayle McGraw last Saturday, October 10, 2009 at Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

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

McGraw, 47, of Lubbock, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009 at her residence.

Marsha was born on April 25, 1961 to Homer and Mary McGraw in Lubbock, Texas. She graduated from Estacado High School in 1979. She was employed by Aramark for two years.

She leaves to cherish her



memory, her daughter, LaCretia; one son, Harlen, Jr.; four grandchildren, MiShone, MyKeah, MyKell and Harlen III; two brothers, Homer (Letha) and David; two sisters, Shirley and Jolynette; two special cousins, Reona and Yolanda; two aunts, Gloria and Nancy; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Stephen Craig West

Funeral services were held last Saturday morning, October 10, 2009, for Stephen Craig West a.m., at Lyon's Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in



New Light Baptist Church News

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led by Deacon Hicks. "Guide Me O' Thou Great Jehovah" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon "Let's Talk This Over", with the scripture text was Isaiah 1:18-20. The Senior Choir sang "Come Unto Jesus" after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several went up for prayer.

Pray for the weekly meetings which are held in the various churches and pray that the member will come together as one in unity.

Scripture For The Week: "How can we illustrate the kingdom of God or what parable can we use to describe it? It's like a mustard seed that when sown in the soil is smaller than all the seeds on the ground.

Mark 4:30-31
NEW LIGHT WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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

Craig West, 25, of Lubbock, passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1984 to Thelma West and Bobby West. He graduated from Estacado High School and attended Brookhaven Community College in Dallas, Texas. Upon his return to Lubbock, he was employed at the Lubbock State Support Living Center. He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby West.

Stephen is survived by his son, JaMayron; mother, Thelma West; a brother, Bryon West; two sisters, LaQuitha Duncan and Erica Johnson; four nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Quailon Deondrick Gray

Services were held last Friday afternoon, October 9, 2009, at the Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ for Quailon Deondrick Gray.

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

Gray, 29, of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009 at U.M.C. after a lengthy illness. He was born to Oscar Gray, Jr. and Avis L. Gray, in Lubbock, on July 14, 1980. He attended Lubbock Schools, Wheatly Elementary and Estacado High School.

He leaves to cherish his mem-



ory, his mother, Avis Gray; grandmothers, Jeffthel Morrison and Joanne Nichols; step-grandfather, B. J. Morrison; three children, Quavondrick, Amoria and Jailon Gray; one sister, Shaneka Gray; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Autopsy Shocker: Michael Jackson Was Healthy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's arms were covered with punctures, his face and neck were scarred and he had tattooed eyebrows and lips, but he wasn't the sickly skeleton of a man portrayed by tabloids, according to his autopsy report obtained by The Associated Press.

In fact, the Los Angeles County coroner's report shows Jackson was a fairly healthy 50-year-old before he died of an overdose. His 136 pounds were in the acceptable range for a 5-foot-9 man. His heart was strong with no sign of

plaque buildup. And his kidneys and most other major organs were normal.

Still, Jackson had health issues: arthritis in the lower spine and some fingers, and mild plaque buildup in his leg arteries. Most serious was his lungs, which the autopsy report said were chronically inflamed.

Outreach Prayer

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We'll see you on the first Saturday. Pray for us, others, and love yourself.

Thought of the Week: "Attend your prayer meeting as that is where you get your power."

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

NASA Dunbar

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technology, engineering, math, and geography) activities in each of the core areas.

Dunbar's current 7th grade student body also enjoy the added bonus of their names being permanently on the moon. Last year, each student's name was sent to NASA and included on the LCROSS mission. The completion of this mission has also come full circle for several teachers at Dunbar. Malli Travis, Sandi Davis, and Samuel King were able to observe the blanketing process for the mission at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland two summers ago.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

ANNUAL T. J. PATTERSON CLASSIC HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE! THIS N THAT is happy over the annual efforts of the T. J. PATTERSON GOLF CLASSIC which is held each year during the annual meeting of the Texas Municipal League (TML) This year's special effort will be held at the WOODHAVEN COUNTRY CLUB For Worth, Texas..... This classic is sponsored by the TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLACK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS (TABCCM) Funds are used forSCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEXAS STUDENTS to attend a college or university..... The name of the classic is that of T. J. PATTERSON who was the first President of TABCCM and the first Black elected as President of the Texas Municipal League..... It has done some very positive things for YOUNG BLACKS IN TEXAS It is just great to see BLACK FOLK doing somethings for the betterment of the young Blacks of Texas..... More will be made know from this year's effort..... Special THANKS goes out to all members of the TABCCM and coordinating

effort by CITY COUNCILMAN JIM WYATT of Victoria, Texas.....
PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: In reading the Bible Proverbs 16:3 --- "COMMIT TO THE LORD whatever YOU DO AND YOUR PLANS will succeed."
DON'T LET IT QUIT, THE LUBBOCK BRANCH NAACP NEEDS TO BE FUNCTIONING AGAIN! THIS N THAT is asking that the effort to RESTORE THE LUBBOCK BRANCH NAACP will continue..... because our community needs this effort to move again..... Hopefully something will happen soon.....
STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER! THIS N THAT waiting to hear from SISTER VERNITA WOODS-HOLMES about when she will be calling another TOWN HALL MEETING..... THIS N THAT will continue to wait until the meeting is announced It is just good to come together and hear from what the citizens are saying..... Hopefully something will take place in the very near future.....

CITIZENS HAVEN'T SEEN COMMISSIONER GILBERT FLORES! THIS N THAT have been asked by many in the community as where is our LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER GILBERT FLORES as they mention that when he ran for office his campaign posters were seen everywhere there was an BARACK OBAMA POSTER..... These citizens are just wondering where is LUBBOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONER GILBERT FLORES.....
ISABEL LUNA SAYS HE'LL SEEK OFFICE IN 2010! THIS N THAT visited with ISABEL LUNA this week and he said he willSEEK ANOTHER POLITICAL OFFICE IN 2010..... He didn't elaborate on the position but says he will definitely seek an office..... He's been traveling around these United States of America and EYES ARE WIDE OPEN! If you see him ask what position he will be seeking.....
SUPPORT OUR LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS! THIS N THAT is asking that as many as can TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS!.....



THINK ABOUT IT!

Yesterday, Today, And Tomorrow!

by Eddie P. Richardson

Recently, I was reading the latest issue of D. A. V., the disabled American Veterans' magazine and, read this article written by the National Chaplain, Dr. Charles W. Edwards.
 It was entitled "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."
 There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension. One of those days is yesterday with its mistakes and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.
 All the money in the world can not bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we preformed. We cannot erase a single act we preformed. We can

not erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.
 The other word we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversities, its burden, its large promise, and poor performance. Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control.
 Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds--but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn. This leaves only one day--today.
 Any person can fight the battles of just one. It is only when you add the burdens of those awful eternities --yesterday -- and tomorrow-- that we break

down.
 It is not the experience of today that drives people mad; it is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Therefore, by the grace of God, live one day at a time
 Dr Charles Edwards, Jr. is from the state of Texas, a Black man and his military service began as Army private in the infantry, and his carrier ended as a brigadier general. He is a life member of Austin Chapter 128, D. A. V., and has had a very military career over the years serving active duty and reserve duties in the Chaplains service..

A MESSAGE TO THE STREET PLAYER

By donnell (ASKARI) hooper

Every since I have been back home I have witness something that is disrespect and a disgrace to the term P.L.A.Y.A.S. PEOPLE LIVING ACCORDING (to) YOUR ASPERATION (to) SUCCEED. True Playas strive to own REAL ESTATE not putting all that work in to end up being A WARD OF THE STATE. The conclusion that I have come to is that there are very few REAL PLAYAS and to many of us JUST PLAYING and it is costing us because of the extreme waste of intelligence and talents happening in our community. Yeah there are tons of so-called playas getting money and saving it to buy prison time because there is to

much bullsh*%! on your mind. Far to many of us are talking about who is really making real moves while doing nothing but talking. It makes good since to play to win in the game rather go out the game with dam fool shame. We have people coming from other countries with nothing but an idea to come up in the land of plenty. We don't call them PLAYAS but they come here in our community and now they own all the property and business in a community, that we have lived in all our lives. They get rich and we talk about how much money they have. Some of us are unconscious that we are the reason they're getting rich and we are staying broke



and poor. Wake up people because in LIFE'S GAME OF LIVING TO SUCCEED, WE HAVE TO STOP JUST LIVING FOR THE WEEK-END. I'LL GET BACK WITH YA'LL ABOUT THIS LATER. "PEACE"

our health care system. After many months of thoughtful deliberation, the fifth and final committee responsible for health care reform has passed a proposal that has both Democratic and Republican support. This effort was made possible by the tireless efforts of Chairman Max Baucus and the other members of the Senate Finance Committee. It's a product of vigorous debate and difficult negotiations."

would ask, "What have you done lately to make things better for this city, this state, and/or this country?"
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The White House Wire

News for the African American Community

President Obama on Passage of Senate Finance Committee Health Care Bill - "A Critical

Milestone" "Today we reached a critical milestone in our effort to reform

In Awe of Our President

As the days pass and the world continues to turn, I remain astounded at the narrow minded thought processes of many West Texas citizens. Reading the Saturday Avalanche Journal and seeing one condescending, belittling letter to the editor after another, just served to remind me of why I continue to hold on to my ties to the east coast although after nearly 30 years in Lubbock, I consider myself a naturalized West Texan. It is a shame that being the recipient of the prestigious world renowned Nobel Peace Prize is still not enough to satisfy certain citizens of this country.

The sad thing is I am witnessing hate to a degree that I would never have considered possible in this day and age. We have become "Ugly Americans" within our own country.

I am proud of President Obama's achievements and proud that he was selected to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. We should be proud for him as a country! For those who continue to complain and criticize I

Instead of continuing to complain about our Leader In Chief I believe it is time for us all to come together and do what is necessary to fix our broken nation. For so long we have been considered "Ugly Americans" throughout this world. Our President has done much and will continue to do much to repair that image of us abroad.

gars and blowing smoke and faredly leading the people are only trusting the prestigious name that esteems the NAACP. In a nutshell, a town hall meeting is fine, but we need to realize there's a difference in a leader who possess a wishbone as opposed to a leader with a strong backbone. Enough said!

"Mo" Williams
 (Editor's Note: It was the intent to create a dialogue about the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP. Thank God, it has begun. Now we need some concerned people to get involved. At the same time, it was also our intent to thank Rose Wilson. Shall we come together and move down the road? Ye Ed).

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



We live in an inquisitive world. Many of the things which we inquire about are necessary in order to solve problems that once rectified, will enhance our lives. There are some things however, that need no inquiry. In that category of unnecessary inquiry falls much of the rhetoric which deals with the opinions of other people and their lives. Some of the things that we inquire about are none of our business. Some of the things that we are told about, especially in the live media, are none of our business either. Who is marrying or divorcing who, or where some celebrity spent their vacation and how much it cost should not really concern most of us, unless we like to throw a pity party because we did not have the kind of money that was spent for the occasion. Most of us do not care how much Michael Jordan is spending for his new home in Florida or his cigar smoking in California. That is not the kind of news one can use.
 On the other hand, it is good to know when your President, the president of your country has won a prestigious award like the Nobel Prize for Peace. That is a world accomplishment, especially when it is GIVEN to you, not purchased, borrowed or stolen. It has always been this writer's belief that when something is given to someone, that someone was meant to have it. It was not a sale, a loan or a robbery.

In addition, individuals or groups have the right to give whatever they have control over, to whom ever THEY CHOOSE!
 In 1901, the first Nobel Prizes were given at the request of Alfred Bernhard Nobel in his will, that the initial \$9 million estate be set up to fund prizes in physics, chemistry, medicine and physiology, literature, and world peace (Funk and Wagnall's Encyclopedia.) The first United States' President to receive the Nobel Prize for peace was Woodrow Wilson, in 1919 most likely due to his work in establishing the League of Nations which the United States never became a member. Our country displayed a narrow view

of the president's leadership and broke his heart and body, but not his spirit in his efforts to bring peace to the world. He did not live to see his dream realized in the United Nations which we have today. The same kind of people who criticized Woodrow Wilson and had no knowledge of the depth of his actions, are the naysayers of today, of Barack Obama, led by the news media on the radio and television and some major newspapers. HE WAS GIVEN THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. The people who did not vote for him to become president are trying to make his tenure unbearable. Let us get 'in cinque' and put the naysayers behind us.

Letter To The Editor

"Non-functional NAACP"

Dear Editor:
 In the recent issue of the Southwest Digest, "This and That" section, published on October 3, 2009, over three fourth of your editorialized comments, you heaped commended praises about Ms. Rose Wilson and a non-functional NAACP Chapter. Fair and honest praises in its proper place is wonderful. I respect you and I respect Ms. Wilson, but in my nine years of being back in Lubbock, the NAACP hasn't taken an active role in any of the community issues.
 Truthfully, the truth was stretched out of proportion with a strong, aroma of bull manure!! Yes, I have met several people who were interested in reviving the non-functional NAACP chapter, but an active chapter in Garland, Texas advised us that they were aware that at one time, Lubbock's chapter was functional. They went on to say that in order for this non-functional

or defunct chapter to become active again, all interested people would have to go through protocol for establishing an active chapter for adults and youth. A good, dedicated, and committed leader should not throw in the towel, because of apathetic followers. Leading people is a serious role. As the person who heaped praises, please specifically list the milestones and accomplishments under her tenure!
 Was this local chapter recently involved in the ugly franco centered around Judge Tom Head? Where was the chapter's involvement with the City of Lubbock and its "field of dream" project -- the dog pound proposal for Lubbock's State park? Has the NAACP chapter involved itself in issues with LISD?
 Yes, your general praises are fine for those who wear blinders, but clearly, our leaders who are setting at the tables smoking ci-

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a special category for dressed up dogs and owners! Cost is \$1 per dog and free to the public. The event will take place in Maxey Park on the volleyball court north of the Maxey Community Center at 30th Street and Oxford Avenue. Dogs must be on leash at all times and have current vaccinations. In case of rain, the event will move into the

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