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White Cop Shoots, Kills Off-Duty Black Cop in Harlem



The scene after Monday night's (August 17, 2009) fatal police shooting on 125th Street and 2nd Avenue. (Paolo Mastrangelo's)

Harlem, N. Y. —A white cop fatally shot a black off-duty officer in plainclothes who was chasing a robbery suspect in East Harlem last night. The victim, a recently married father of a 1-year-old and 7-month-old from Brooklyn named Omar Edwards, had been an NYPD officer for two years and patrolled housing projects as part of the Housing Bureau Impact Response Team. Police sources say that when Edwards left duty and went to his car around 10:30 p.m., he found his driver's side window broken and a man inside searching for valuables. According to the Post, he called 911 before confronting the thief.

After a scuffle, the suspect, Miguel Santiago, slipped away and Edwards gave chase with his gun drawn. As the two men ran down East 125th Street between First and Second Avenues, a team of three other plainclothes officers came upon them in their car. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly told reporters last night that the unnamed white officer who fired on Edwards is a four-year veteran of the department, and he discharged six rounds from his 9-millimeter Glock, hitting him in

the arm and chest. One police source tells the Daily News, "This is always a black cop's fear, that he'd be mistaken for a [suspect]." Another source tells the Times that officers at the scene only learned that Edwards was NYPD "when they ripped open his shirt in an effort to revive him and saw a Police Academy T-shirt." They then found a badge in his pocket; he died less than an hour later at Harlem Hospital Center. Police are now investigating whether the officers identified themselves or ordered Edwards to drop his weapon before the one officer fired. The News's source insists they did identify themselves, yelling, "Police! Stop! Drop it!" But when Edwards turned around to comply, the other officer opened fire. Santiago, the alleged car thief, was apprehended.

Twenty-year-old bystander, Maalik Lane, was at a nearby bus stop when he heard more than five gunshots, telling the Times, "I saw police, up to 20 police cars. I was, like, someone is a shootout with police. The bus driver said, 'Somebody shot the police.' I feared for my life." Another

local tells the Post the scene after the shooting "was very chaotic. I heard a lot of police officers. They were hugging each other, and when I asked a cop what happened he said, 'Leave me alone.'" And the Daily News tracked down Edwards's mom at her Brooklyn home, where she said, "I'm hurt that they took my son. That's my baby they took from me. And all I got was his last hug and kiss when he went to work [tonight] and he said, 'Ma, I'll see you when I come home.'" Mayor Bloomberg told reporters, "The police commissioner and I just talked to Officer Edwards' widow, and the widow's father, who happens to be a 19-year veteran of the NYPD. We both expressed our condolences on behalf of the city. There is nothing you can ever say to bring back the deceased. While we don't know all the details of what happened tonight, this is a tragedy. Rest assured that we will find out exactly what happened here, and we will learn from it so it doesn't happen again."

Above is a photo of the crime scene at 125th Street and 2nd Avenue in Harlem. More information will come next week about this situation.



Jeffery Collins

Estacado High School Graduate Enjoys Being A Businessman In Lubbock

If you ask Jeffery Collins, he will tell you how exciting it is to be a businessman in Lubbock.

"When I was a young fellow, I would watch my father, Harvey Collins, clean floors. He was so good, so I decided right then when I became an adult, I will get my own cleaning floor business," said Jeffery Collins.

He was actually 12 years of age when he had this idea of becoming a businessman. After graduating from Estacado High School in 1982, he decided to work toward becoming a businessman. He began his own business. After 30 years of business, he will tell you it takes a lot of hard work, but the results are great.

"At this time in my life, I am glad I decided to organize J. C.'s Floor Cleaning Services," he said.

"There is no doubt about it, I have been blessed to reach this goal in life. I want to reach out to all the commu-

nity in Lubbock," he says.

He will tell you that he has built his business on nothing but hard work, quality, and dedication.

"When I rise up from sleeping in the morning, I am excited about getting up because this is another challenge for me, and I just can't wait to get started," he smiles.

He will tell you that if you have a floor or carpet, and you want a top job, just let J. C.'s Floor Cleaning Services have an opportunity to take care of it he promises.

A member of Twentieth & Birch Street Church, he will tell you he wants to be able to give something back to the community.

"I want to be able to give something positive to the Lubbock community," he says.

If there are those who want to ask questions about the floor cleaning business, call him at (806) 928-9848.

Race For The Cure Kick Off And Survivor Race Celebration

Cardinal's Sports Center will host a Race for the Cure kick off event on Thursday, August 27th at 5:30pm at the 50th Street location. Three local survivors will be honored with commemorative New Balance attire and limited edition Pink Ribbon productions will be available for purchase. Attendees may enjoy snacks, shop and register for the 15th Annual Race for the Cure!

Please RSVP to ashley@komenlubbock.org or 806-698-1900 ext 5.

SAVE THE DATE for the 15th Annual Lubbock Area Race for the Cure, Saturday, October 3rd at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure - Born in a promise between two sisters, Nancy Brinker to her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died from breast cancer at the age of 36, vowed to end breast cancer and created Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Since launching the breast cancer movement 25 years ago, Komen has transformed the culture, how the world talks about and treats this devastating disease

and helping to turn millions of breast cancer patients into breast cancer survivors. Today, Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists, the only grassroots organization fighting to cure breast cancer. Komen for the Cure is 125 Affiliates strong, located in cities and communities across the U.S., Germany, Italy and Puerto Rico. With over \$1.2 billion invested to date, Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the world's largest source of non-profit funds dedicated to curing breast cancer at every stage, from the causes, to the cures, to the pain and anxiety of every moment in between. Komen has committed to invest another \$1 billion in the next five years.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure has been named a top-rated charity by Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities.

75 cents of each dollar will remain in the Lubbock area.

Ms. Sarah Davis Celebrated 90th Birthday Here Recently



Ms. Sarah Davis, (center) is shown with family members during her 90th birthday. From left to right are: Veotha Smith, Ruby Hobdy, James Davis, and Velma Lethridge.

Ms. Sarah Davis celebrated her 90th birthday recently with a big bash at the 20th and Birch Church of Christ.

Her kids from left to right: Veotha Smith of Montgomery, Alabama, Ruby Hobdy of San Antonio, James Davis of Atlanta, Georgia, and Velma Lethridge of Lubbock were

in attendance.

Also here to celebrate were many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and cousins.

If you see her, she'll tell you what a great time they had together. Praise God for Ms. Sarah Davis!

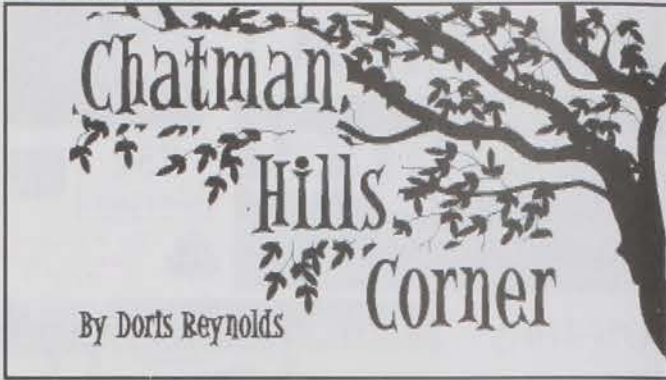
Photo provided by Clinton D. Hobdy, Jr.

Original Sesame Street Prime Time Special Set September 9th

As more and more families struggle with the current economy, Sesame Street has created a brand-new special, Families Stand Together: Feeling Secure in Tough Times, to help provide information, comfort and support to children and their caregivers.

Premiering September 9 at 8pm et/pt on PBS, the one-hour HD special hosted by Al Roker, Deborah Roberts and Elmo, combines real-life stories with families who share how they're coping with these hard financial times; tips from financial expert Jean Chatzky and psychologists; and original scenes with Elmo and Grover who help children understand what it means when a parent loses a job and how even they can help when money is tight...in the way that only Sesame Street can!

Remember September 9th.



The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, August 23, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Rev. B. R. Moton is host pastor. Sister Bennie Sims is president the Federation of Choirs.

The Women Missionary Society will hold its fifth

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, August 16, 2009, church services were well attended at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where the proud pastor is Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Church School started at 9:45 a. m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching a marvelous lesson entitled "Disregarding The Directive." The printed text was Numbers 20:1-13. This lesson reminded all of us who's really in control.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "Oh, I Want To See Him." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee, and it came from Psalm 98:1-9. The altar prayer was led by Pastor Jackson. The Senior Choir followed by continuing singing.

Sister Rochelette Hood read the morning announcements, including the weekly events. She also told of upcoming events which will be held. All birthdays were acknowledged for the week.

There was a special time for the pastoral period which was done by Rev. Jackson.

The offering followed this portion of the services.

The Senior Choir sang "Trouble In My Way" and "My Whole Life I Give To You." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Pastor Jackson delivered another spirit-filled sermon. His sermon was entitled "The Best Is Yet To Come." His scripture text was Joshua 1:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Sister Sudell Cavanaugh sang "Bright Side" after the sermon.

The invitation to discipleship was extended, and several came for prayer.

All visitors were acknowledged.

When prayers goes up, blessings come down. Pray for President Barack Obama, his family, and his official staff.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candle stick and it gives light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

ATTEND CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS! GOD IS ABLE!

Sunday services on Sunday afternoon, August 30, 2009, beginning at 3:30 p. m. The topic to be discussed will be "Five Things God Hasn't Seen!"

Church services were well attended at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning, August 13, 2009.

Services begun with the Praise Team singing several selections. The morning scripture and prayer were offered.

The New Hope Choir sang several selections. Pastor Moton delivered a strong sermon. His subject was "Since I Found Jesus, Nothing Else Matters." His scripture text was Philemon 3:7-9.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Shamecia Bailey. The welcome to visitors was done by Winnie Jackson.

Tuesday, August 18 – Summer commencement exercises will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Monterey High School, 3211 47th Street. More than 70 seniors from all four LISD high schools will walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. Dr. Sam Ayers, Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning for Quadrants III and IV, will

preside. Coach John Hill from Lubbock Christian University will be the commencement speaker.

LISD contact: Nancy Sharp, 766-1062

Friday, August 21 – The annual sales tax holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. and continues through 12 a.m. Sunday night. The list of tax-exempt items has been expanded this year to include most school supplies including backpacks.

LISD contact: Nancy Sharp, 766-1062

The Class of 1959 of Dunbar High School will be gathering in Lubbock for their reunion on Saturday, August 29, 2009.

For more information, contact Doris Williams, and she may be reached at (806) 762-1092.

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Fashion tip..always wear a smile

Fashion..just for the fun of it.



Shop in our local stores at the South Plains Mall.

ested to come and be with us as this was the first graduate class at the new facility

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among some of those on the list include: Sister Bobbie Patterson, who was a patient at Covenant Medical Center.

Others on the list include: Sister Eva Cade, Sister Mary Tucker, Sister Charlie Bell Pratt, Sister Bobbie Brown, Sister Lillie Smith, Sister Ruby Donaldson, Sister Dorothy Nash, Sister Emma Rowe, and Sister Bernice Wright.

Also, Brother L. C. Brown, Brother Rudolph Belvin, and Brother Clarence Ervin and his wife Sister Joan Y. Ervin

God is able!

The Lubbock Interdenominational Service will meet at the Christ Temple COGIC on Sunday afternoon, August

30, 2009, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Supt. W. David Haynes is president



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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith The Danger Of Playing The Race Card!

This writer is truly upset over the REAL mindset of Judge Head. Judge Head has apologized to everyone that was offended by the material he posted. He has apologized to the Republican Party, members of the judiciary, and to his colleagues on the Commissioner's Court.

Judge Head has expressed that his dislike for President Obama has nothing to do with his race—only his policies. Head also expressed that a person color was irrelevant to him. Only their way of thinking of what good government represents was important. In this vain he would support them and if not in his tradition he would not (meaning in a real sense that whatever President Obama does is contrary to his ideology and without merit in his land of perfect conservatism and white male rule).

The Southern Poverty Law Center wrote the following on 8/12/09: "The 1990s saw the rise and fall of the virulently antigovernment

"Patriot" movement, made up of paramilitary militias, tax defiers and so-called "sovereign citizens." Sparked by a combination of anger at the federal government and the death of political dissenters at Rudy Ridge, Idaho, and Waco, Texas, the movement took off in the middle of the decade and continue to grow even after 168 people were left dead by the 1995 bombing of Oklahoma City's federal building—an attack, the deadliest ever by domestic U.S. terrorists, carried out by men steeped in the rhetoric and conspiracy theories of the militias. In the years that followed, a truly remarkable number of criminal plots came out of the movement. But by early this century, the Patriots had largely faded, weakened by systematic prosecutions, aversion to growing violence, and a new, highly conservative president.

They're back. Almost a decade after largely disappearing from public view,

right-wing militias, ideologically driven tax defiers and sovereign citizens are appearing in large numbers around the country. "Paper terrorism"—the use of property liens and citizens' "courts" to harass enemies—is on the rise. And once-popular militia conspiracy theories are making the rounds again, this time accompanied by nativist theories about secret Mexican plans to "reconquer" the American Southwest. One law enforcement agency had found 50 new militia training groups—one of them made up of present and former police officers and soldiers. Authorities around the country are reporting a worrying uptick in Patriot activities and propaganda. "This is the most significant growth we've seen in 10 to 12 years," says one. "All it's lacking is a spark. I think it's only a matter of time before you see threats and violence."

A key difference this time is that the federal government—the entity that almost

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We Thank God for Jesus "God's Sign"

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.L." Harrison, II - Your brother in Christ, Jesus always.

Matthew 24:3 — As He (Jesus) sat on the Mount of Olives, the Disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us when shall these things be the sign of your coming, and the end of the world?

God told us when, and about his coming and the signs. Many are playing church, and are not paying them any mind!!!

Revelation 2:7a — Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit said unto the churches.

Matthew 24:5-6 — Jesus said, for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive you. And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

You said there was a time coming, and be the end of the world. What it means is the end of the life of a man, woman, boy or a girl.

Luke 12:39 — Jesus said, know this, that if the goodman of the house had known

what hour the thief would come He would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken into. Be you, therefore, ready also. For the son of man comes at an hour when you think not.

(The Greek word for world is: Kosmos, meaning the social system. It is an age of today. Not an age of the world. The man that died yesterday He is gone, but we're yet here. So the world is not gone. Only that life.)

The man went to work that morning He didn't know that day was his last. He saw the signs of time. Was he ready? Did he get ready? The family is now sad!!!

Mark 13:32 — Jesus said, but of that day and that hour knoweth no man. No, No, the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son (Jesus), but only the father.

Lord, we've heard of all the troubles. It's all over the land. Wars and rumours of wars. It's the family of the

Blood Brother Man.

Matthew 24:11-12 — Jesus said, many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity (Sin) shall abound. The love of many shall wax (Grow) Cold.

**** HAVE YOU SEEN THE COLD HEARTS???

**** We see the family members killing each other. Doing it at will. We see the hate of a cold hearted country. They don't want to forgive!!!

Matthew 10:34-36 — Jesus said, think not that I am come to send peace on the earth: I come not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes (Enemies) shall be they of his own household.

Mankind is not paying attention to God's almighty signs of time. You and my

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, August 16, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

The morning Sunday School lesson was entitled "Disregarding The Directive." The scripture text was

Numbers 20:1-13. The morning lesson was taught by Rev. Walter Jackson and Sister Nina Davis.

The key verse was, "And the Lord, spake unto Moses and Aaron, because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore, ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." Numbers 20:12.

Every one present enjoyed the lesson. It was a blessing!

The morning worship hour got underway with Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson in charge. A continuing in prayer was done by Sister Nina Davis. We all enjoyed praising God.

The Senior Choir of St. Matthew Baptist Church sung out of their hearts and souls. What a time!

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Walter Jackson. His subject was "If Not Now, When?" His scripture text was Philippians 2:8-11. The key verse was #10. The song of Inspiration was: "If It Had Not Been For The Lord."

The weekly meetings at St. Matthew Baptist Church include: Mission meets at 6:00 p.m. every Wednesday; Bible Study begins at 7:00 p.m.

Friday evenings, the Choir rehearsal is held and begins at 5:00 p.m.

On Saturday mornings,

the Ushers meet at 11:00 a.m.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking and praying for a Musician. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445.

When trials overwhelm our souls,
And tempt us to despair,
We need to reach out to the Lord!
And just Trust His tender care!

Thought For The Week: "God's love does not keep us from trials; it helps us to get through them."

Remember, the doors of the St. Matthew Baptist Church are always open to anyone who is looking for a Church Home. If you are, then do come and attend worship services with us on Sunday morning.

Shall we see you Sunday?

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast wants to clear up a point in Mark 11, regarding believing you receive when you pray, because there is no physical evidence to support what you believe in the natural. It can be awesome for you since we as humans are conditioned from childhood

to see, feel, hear taste, and smell. Thus, when it comes to this business of praying and believing, you receive without having anything too touchy, taste, hear, see or smell. It is awesome!

It is like jumping out of an airplane without a parachute. Imagine what that might be

like. We trust you will not try it, but just imagine it. We are so conditioned by our senses by walking by faith is a foreign experience, because of our conditioning. We really have to develop our faith and wear ourselves from our senses in order to be successful. If not, we will be intimidated and tempted to judge a situation by what we

see, feel, hear, taste or touch. Mark 11 crystallizes the idea of believing you receive without seeing anything. When we pray believing, we receive before we finish the prayer, because we know that he hears us. Be sure we have faith in God.

The scripture pture says we can speak to that mountain in your life, and it will move. Just step out in faith. The word of God is your only

support, but there's power in the word of God to move every mountain we have in our home, community, our children. Let's trust God! Step out in faith!

Thought of the Week: "Why are we so concerned about trying to save the masses, when that one last soul is so important. Go for one today!"

"Watch your attitude. It will make you a different person." Try it!

We are e sending a call out to all bereaved families and those who are sick at this report, Remember, God's word has power to heal bodies and broken hearts.

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

PS: Just Pray, Saints! Keep Praying! It will pay off after while. God is able!

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Obsequies

Mary Kathryn Pitts



of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Pitts, 66, of Lubbock, passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at University Medical Center.

She was born February 24, 1943 in Commerce to Kathryn King.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, three brothers, one sister, seven grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Active pallbearers were Quentin Walker, Fredrick Walker, Jerry Walker, Timothy Bailey, Rickey D. and Willie Quigley.

A poem was read by Bobbie Walker and Robbie Walker.

Elder Willie Barber offered prayer.

Funeral services were held last Saturday, August 15, 2009 at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor, delivered the eulogy. Burial followed at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction

Michael Jackson will be buried on his 51st birthday



Katherine Jackson has proposed she or one of her children be added as an executor to Michael's will.

LOS ANGELES, California (CNN) — Michael Jackson will be buried Saturday, August 29, on what would have been the singer's 51st birthday, according to a statement from publicist Ken Sunshine.

The private ceremony will take place at Holly Terrace in

The Great Mausoleum at Glendale Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California, and "will be limited to family and close friends," the statement said.

Jackson died June 25 of cardiac arrest. The famed entertainer was 50.

Other Jackson plans have moved sluggishly. Monday, a judge delayed his approval of the exhibition agreement between concert promoter AEG Live and the Jackson estate until Friday, when he will hear testimony about why Michael Jackson's mother, Katherine Jackson, thinks it should be renegotiated.

The three-city exhibition of Jackson memorabilia could be derailed, as relations between Jackson's mother, the men Jackson named as executors of his will and the promoter of his planned comeback concerts have been challenging.

Questions surrounding Michael Jackson's death and AEG Live's role in his last days are an "obvious source of tension" as Katherine Jackson objects to the agreement, Jackson attorney Burt Levitch said.

Michael Jackson's family has "floated" the possibility of filing a wrongful-death lawsuit against AEG Live because of its "very, very active role in Michael's life during the last six months," Levitch said Monday.

Levitch said AEG Live "apparently paid for the services of Dr. Conrad Murray."

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On behalf of the Sawyer and Barnes families, we would like to thank you all for your show of support to Linda and Tom during her illness, and I pray your friendship and peaceful support will not diminish.

Thank God For Jesus

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

BIG RALLY SET FOR FRIDAY AFTERNOON! THIS 'N' THAT ... has been advised of a ... RALLY ... to

be held at the ... **GAZEBO** ... of Lubbock County ... because of the ... situation with ... **COUNTY JUDGE TOM HEAD** ... remarks he apparently placed on a bulletin board in the Lubbock County Court-house ... This is the reason for the ... **RALLY** ... which is set for ... **FRIDAY AFTERNOON** ... August 21, 2009 ... beginning at 1:30 p.m. ... **THIS 'N' THAT** ... is hoping as many who are concerned will be in attendance ... According to organizers of this rally ... there will be speakers at the event ... With the names which have been mentioned ... it should be a very good ... **AFTERNOON** ... about a situation ... which the organizers need to be addressed.

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: STAND UP ... and be counted against things which are ... **WRONG!!**



We look around and we see many things! Some good, some bad. On this past Saturday at the Church of the Blessed, over 1000 children, parents, grand parents, and others received every thing from back packs, school supplies, caps, T-shirts, wrist bands, tooth brush sets. That's the example of the good! All of this was about Prayer!

The bad is, we are still on the Judge Tom Head's issue of the racial postings on the court house bulletin board where racial offense materials on the people's court house bulletin board. There will be a peaceful assembly Friday on the court house lawn addressing this issue and asking for the judge's resignation!

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THINK ABOUT IT !

Some Good Some Bad!

by Eddie P. Richardson

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

It is difficult not to hear mention the name 'Michael Jackson' on any given day if you watch television on a regular basis. If the subject is not his music or his dancing, the untoward things he has been accused of doing, his final resting place, his children, then it is perhaps how and why he died. There is something however, that you do not hear enough about and

that is the good that he did which was not related to his career.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee did her best to point out the humanitarian side of Michael Jackson at his memorial services. She spoke of his attempt to fill the needs of humans wherever he found a need. She spoke about how he provided burn centers, treatments for Aids victims, food to the hungry and many other things for people in need. She is also pushing Congress to set aside a day in honor of Michael Jackson. There is still another item which little has been mentioned, The Oxford Lecture: Michael Jackson Spricht Uber Kindheit Heute in March, 2001, which was published on July 14, 2009 by



Catherine Coy.

The essence of the speech was "How to Forgive Your Father." After reading this article, I was definitely moved to tears as the depth of this man's being seems to issue forth in it. It would take a great imagination to begin to see, hear and feel the heart and soul of the speaker if you only knew what you had seen on the surface of the being. The speech is deep! This speech is a by product of Michael Jackson's work with an Oxford Rabbi to form an operation called Heal the Kids.

In this speech, Mr. Jackson spoke about how he never had a proper childhood and blamed his father because of it. He spoke about the hard taskmaster that his father had been and how he expected perfection from him and his siblings in their performances. He explained

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Thieves & Burglars Robbing Our Community. All Should Be Treated Like Rats and Roaches

by donnell (ASKARI) hooper

This year the Southwest Digest has been broken into four (4) times. One of those times, Mr. T. J. Patterson was at his desk completing articles for the paper. Kings store on East 19th has been broken into. Tariq's store on MLK & Broadway has been broken into. Wiley's Bar-B-Q has been broken into. The Beauty of the Nile Salon has been broken into as well. Street Shoes has been broken into and several homes and apartments.

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sho' nuff messes up when they steal in the community they live and we don't treat them like the RATS & ROACHES they have become!!!!

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Parson Smith

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meat—the entity that almost the entire radical right views as its primary enemy—is headed by a black man. That, couple with high levels of non-white immigration

and a decline in the percentage of whites overall in America, had helped to racialize the Patriot movement, which in the past was not primarily motivated by race hate. One result has been rash of domestic terror incidents since the presidential

campaign, most of them related to anger over the election of Barack Obama. At the same time, ostensibly mainstream politicians and media pundits have helped to spread Patriot and related propaganda, from conspiracy theories about a secret network of U. S. concentration camps to wholly unsubstantiated claims about the president's country of birth.

Judge Head and the leaders of Lubbock and across the country take note that a mixture of armed groups and those who spread hate is a recipe for disaster for Lubbock and across the country. The privilege we now enjoy will come to an end. Look at Iraq and Iran at this present HOUR!

In Cinque

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his father seldom expressed any love for him, but occasionally got his favorite food for him, glazed donuts. He said that in order for us to heal the world, it all begins with forgiveness and we must



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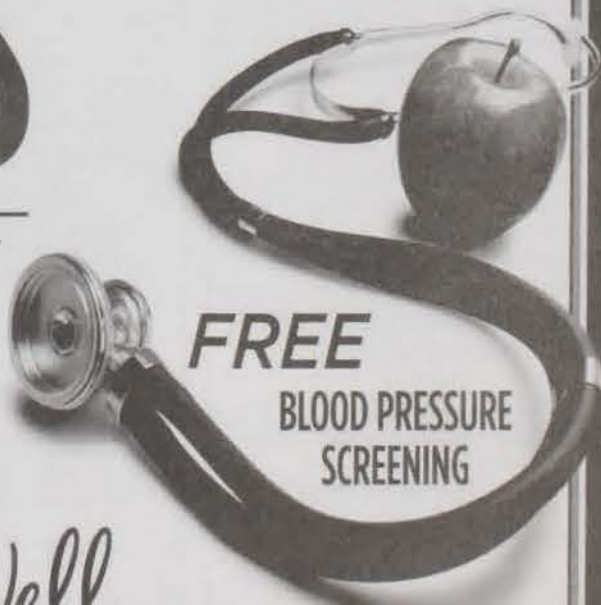
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