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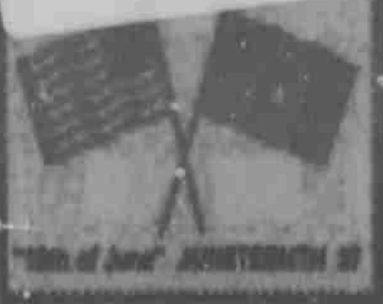
# Southwest Digest

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## Community Meetings

\* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.

\* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

\* Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.

\* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

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

\* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

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

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

\* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

\* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meet s on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentation 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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## Former Lubbock Councilman: David Nelson Will Run For Lubbock County Judge

David Nelson has filed for a place on the Republican ballot to become the next Lubbock County Judge. Nelson is a partner in the law firm of Nelson & Nelson and has been a practicing attorney in Lubbock County for more than 30 years. He served two terms on the Lubbock City Council, is the former Chairman of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and currently serves as a

Member of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice. Last week, Nelson named longtime Lubbock businessman Mark Griffin as his Campaign Treasurer.

During his tenure on the Lubbock City Council, Nelson successfully lowered taxes. Additionally, he has received several professional and civic honors, including Lubbock's Outstanding Young Lawyer, and was recognized as the United

## Obama Family Lights the National Christmas Tree at Ceremony in Washington



U.S. President Barack Obama (L), First Lady Michelle Obama (R), and their daughters Malia (2nd L) and Sasha participate in the National Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on the Ellipse near the White House in Washington on December 3, 2009. UPI/Dennis Brack/Pool

Way's Campaign Volunteer of the Year in 2007.

His experience as Chairman of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards - the state agency that certifies the construction of, and oversees the operation of, all the county jails in the 254 counties in Texas - provides Nelson with keen insights into deliver-

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## Recession Hits Lubbock!



Lubbock has its share of homeless. Just take a look at this photo taken of people living near the Mae Simmons Swimming Pool, just north of the overpass when you are driving over it. There are also numbers of persons, who are homeless living around the Mahon Library after dark.

This photo reminds all of us of what the recession has done to the United States of America. So as we celebrate the Christmas Holidays, let's not forget why we celebrate.

Photo Courtesy of B. J. Morrison

## Texas Tech Law Presents Scholarship to Timothy Cole Family



Timothy Cole Family Receiving the \$100,000 Check For Scholarship

A scholarship presentation and a reception for the donors and the family of the late Timothy Cole was held Wednesday afternoon, December 2, 2009, at the Texas Tech School of Law in the Law School Forum. Cole, wrongfully convicted in 1986 of a Lubbock rape, was the first Texas man exonerated after death for a crime he did not commit. Cole died in prison while serving a 25-year sentence.

In memory of Cole, four attorneys created a \$100,000 scholarship to awarded to law students interested in public service. Kevin Glasheen, Noe Valles and Chad Inderman, Texas Tech law alumni, classes of 1988, 1993 and 2004 respectively, and Jeff Blackburn contributed to the scholarship fund. Cole died on December 2, 1999, in the state penitentiary for

a crime he did not commit. Through the work of the Texas Innocence Project and Texas Tech law students, Tim Cole's innocence was proven.

During the special presentation, Walter B. Huffman, Dean, and W. Frank Newton, Professor of Law, gave the welcome.

After the presentation of the scholarship by Glasheen, Valles, Inderman and DeHoyos of Lubbock, remarks were given by family members; Mrs. Ruby Session and Mr. Cory Session.

"This is one of the most extraordinary families I have ever encountered - to turn something so devastating into something this positive is a tribute to the quality, the resilience, and the values of this unique family. They are special, and it's a very small but fitting thing we do here at the law school today to honor the memory of Tim Cole



Timothy Cole

and his family," said Calv L. Lewis, Associate Dean for Student Affairs & Diversity, Associate Professor of Law, Texas Tech University of Law.

For more information, contact Casey Carson, Director of Alumni Relations, Texas Tech School of Law, at 742-3990, ext 15.

## Lord's Will, I Will!



Doing the Meals on Wheels fund raising. "Feed a Friend - It Is Easy As Pie" - for a \$5.00 donation to Meals on Wheels, participants received a fresh baked pie. Rev. B. J. Morrison, who works with Meals on Wheels, said for an extra treat, he brought his two horses with him to ride the kids. There were approximately 35 children who received a ride and had their photo taken with the horses.

Pictured above are: Jennie Thornton, riding Joice; her brother, Tyler Thornton, riding Trickie. They are grandchildren of Jennie Thornton. Also, helping with the rides was Derrick Pollard, Jr. son of Ethel Pollard and John Borrelli who delivers meals five days a week.

Rev. Morrison said, "The Lord Blessed this to be another way of giving back to the community."

"It is just good to be able to do something positive in the community. The Meals on Wheels makes it possible for many to receive a delicious, hot meal on a regular basis. It's just good to see!

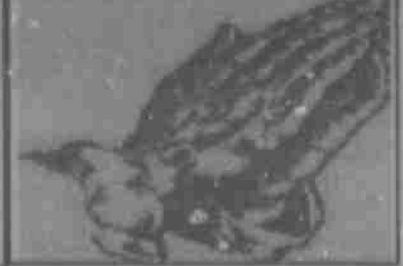
Photo Courtesy of B. J. Morrison







# Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith  
"Calling President Obama - SON!"

I was taken aback the other day after reading a negative letter to President Barack Obama from a senior citizen male who lives in Florida. As a younger senior citizen than whatever the letter writer was, I believe that we should first of all be grateful we are still alive and secondly encouraged those who are younger to make their lives better by being positive by example rather than being negative by our words and actions.

Another NO! NO! — was this dandy went on to negatively accuse and chastise the first lady: Michelle Obama. This old boy must not know that putting your lips on a Black Woman will cause your blood pressure to drop way below 120/80. He's being living in his protected world to long.

This is what he wrote on November 20, 2009:—Dear President Obama,

My name is Harold Estes, approaching 95 on December 13 of this year. People meeting me for the first time don't believe by age because I remain wrinkle free and pretty much mentally

alert.

I enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1934 and served proudly before, during and after WWII retiring as a Master Chief Bos'n Mate. Now I live in a "rest home" located on the western end of Pearl Harbor allowing me to keep alive the memories of 23 years of service to my country. One of the benefits of my age, perhaps the only one, is to speak my mind, blunt and direct even to the head man. So here goes.

I am amazed, angry and determined not to see my country die before I do by you seen, hell bent not to grant me that wish. I can't figure out what country you are the president of. You fly around the world telling our friends and enemies despicable lies like: "We're no longer a Christian nation" "America is arrogant"—(Your wife even announced to the world, "America is mean-spirited." Please tell her to try preaching that nonsense to 23 generations of our war dead buried all over the globe who died for no other reason than to free a whole lot of strangers from tyranny and hopelessness.)

I'd say shame on the both of you but I don't think you like America nor do I see an ounce of gratefulness in anything you do for the obvious gifts this country has given to you. To be without shame or gratefulness is a dangerous thing for a man sitting in the White House. After 9/11 you said, "America hasn't lived up to her ideals."

Which ones did you mean? Was it the notion of personal liberty that 11,000 farmers and shopkeepers died for to wind independence from the British? Or maybe the ideal that no man should be a slave to another man that 500,000 men died for in the Civil War? I hope you didn't mean the ideal 470,000 fathers, brothers, husbands, and a lot of fellas I knew personally died for in WWII, because we felt real strongly about not letting any nation push us around because we stand for freedom.

I don't think you mean the ideal that says equality is better than discrimination. You know the one that a whole lot of white

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We Thank God for Jesus  
"Jesus Said 'Feed My Sheep; Not Fleece'"

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

**II Timothy 3:1-2, 5** — This also, that in the last days, perilous (Dangerous) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, for such turn away.

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

(Fleece: Means to strip of money, clothing and property by fraud, and other means.) The Lord tells us in his word, thing to happen in the last and evil days. Churches who are not about God's His business, souls being saved!!!!

**Matthew 24:11-12** — Jesus said, many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many, and because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax (Grow) cold.

\*\*\*\*\* ARE YOU ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS??? \*\*\*\*\*

(I Billy "B. J." — A Disciple of Jesus has been sent with the word of God to teach. Jesus said in his word d, they hated me when I preached!!!

**Mark 13:13** — Jesus said, you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

\*\*\*\*\* ARE YOU BEING HATED??? \*\*\*\*\*

Jesus asked the question today that he asked Peter: 'Will you feed my sheep.' Many shepherds today want to do that. They want to fleece!!!

**Mark 11:17** — Jesus said is it not written. My house shall be called of all nations the house of Prayer? But you have made it a Den of Thieves.

The Word of God says what it means, and means what it says. Many Churches are about the money business, and that is not God's way!!!

**Isaiah 56:9-11** — The Lord said, all you beast of the fields, come devour. Yes, all the beasts of the forest. His watchman are blind. They are all ignorant.

They are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark; sleeping, lying down (Thinking of Tricks), loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough (\$\$\$), and they are shepherds that cannot understand and. They all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his Quarters (4 Quarters = To Anniversary).

In the Book of Acts 7 where we have Stephen being stoned for preaching the truth, od's disciples will get same. Get stoned to death if the Gospels in you!!!!

**Acts 7:51-58a** — (Stephen said — You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears. You do always resist the Holy Ghost. As your fathers did so do you. They cast him out of the city, and stoned him (To Death).

\*\*\*\*\* Are You Being Stoned For Jesus??? \*\*\*\*\*

The dying world all around us, and they're on their way to Hell. Salvation is for all mankind, and that's the message we're to tell!!!

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, December 6, 2009, with a most inspiring day of worshipping our God. Rev. Edward Canady is the host pastor.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with Superint. Sister Shirley Dav is in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "A Son Is Born." The scripture text was Ruth 4:13-17; Matthew 1:1-6. The Unifying Topic was: "The Lineage of David." The teacher of

the morning lesson was Rev. Jimmy Brown. The review was given by Pastor Canady.

The main thought of the Sunday School lesson was: "And the women, her neighbors gave it a name, saying, there is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed; he is the father of Jesse, the father of David." **Ruth 4:17.**

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Brother Gerald Jackson. The St. Matthew Baptist

Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. What a time we had singing God's Praises!

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Restore." His scripture text was Psalm 51:11-12. The Song of Inspiration was "Joy To The World."

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

Mission meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m. Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

The Ushers will meet at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday mornings.

All who are involved in these meetings are asked to be present.

The morning announcements were read last Sunday morning by our First Lady Sister Shirley Canady.

Let us not forget our sick and shut in: Rev. Nina Davis, Rev. Walter Jackson, and Brother Gerald Jackson.

But what to those who find?

Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show.

The Love of Jesus.

What it is.

None but His love ones know."

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**Thought For The Week:**

"If we focus only on Christmas, we might lose sight of Christ."

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ple from their sins (Matthew 1:21). Thus, the name "Jesus" signifies "Savior."

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If you are looking for a Church Home, then consider visiting the St. Matthew Baptist Church. When you visit, why not bring someone with you. Just come and worship God with us.

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If you have any questions about St. Matthew Baptist Church, then contact our pastor, Rev. Edward Canady.

Remember God is able, no matter the situation!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Sister Annie Mae McBride last Saturday morning, De December 5, 2009. The devotion was done by Sister McBride, Sister Dorothy Hood, and Sister Elnora Jones.

The morning scripture lesson was presented by Sister Jones.

The Genealogy of Jesus through Solomon and Foster Father, Joseph. Matthew 1:1-7.

Some of the names are difficult to pronounce, but it's good to read this.

The Book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham. Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his Brothers' Judah begot Perez and Zarah by Tamar, Perez begot Thezron, and Herzon begot.

Ram begot Amminoabad, Ammsndsb begot Nashshan, and Nahshon begot Solomon.

Solomon begot by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse and Jesse begot David the King. Dav id the King begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam. Rehoboam begot Abijah, Abijah begot Aea.

And Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to Dav id are fourteen generations, from David until the Capacity in Babylon are fourteen generations and from the capacity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

I wish you could have been there to hear this teacher. We meet every first Saturday of each month. Let us hope you will make plans to come.

Are there many of you suffering? If so, read **James 5:3-16.** Sister McBride was the winner of our door prize.

Remember Saints, the Har-

vest is still white, but the labors are still few.

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**The Continuing Need for Hope Today**

We come to the Christmas season with the beauty of the message that the Son of God was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died a substitutionary death,

and rose from the dead to offer salvation to people. But, another important message is that Christmas carries with it the message of hope. That in Jesus, things can and will become better, if not always in this world, then certainly in the one prepared for his people in Heaven.

All of us bring to our relation-

ship with the Lord a variety of fears,

disappointments, heartaches, failures, questions, worries, and most certainly, sins. All these easily destroy our confidence, our faith in ourselves, our grand plans for our futures. They destroy our hope as they create in us a despairing spirit, a despondency of soul, not to mention discouragement and despair. And, oh how we need the hope that the birth of Jesus brings—hope that in him things

do get better. Indeed that is what Jesus is and what he offers.

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Our doors are always open for you to come and visit with us on the first Saturday of each month. If you have any questions, call 762-3347.

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

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# Obsequies

## Lee Ann Robinson-White

Funeral services for Lee Ann Robinson-White were held last Saturday afternoon, December 5, 2009, at the Greater New Light Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Jackson, pastor, officiating.

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

White, 54, of Lubbock, departed this life Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at UMC.

She was born to Thelma and Otis Robinson on April 1, 1955 in Crosbyton, TX. She graduated from Dunbar Struggs High School and also attended South Plains College. She is preceded in death by her first husband, T. C. Johnson; her late husband, John D. White; her father, Otis Robinson; and a daughter, Brandi Johnson-Hall.

She leaves to mourn her



daughter, Lisa Brown (James); granddaughters, Tancquasha, Pranda, and Shanna Brown; grandson, LaRoy Brown; mother, Thelma Dawson; sisters, Margaret E. Love and Diadria Thomas; brothers, Robert Robinson (Bridget), Roy Holmes (Brenda), and Shawn Holmes; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Alicia Keonna Rodgers

Funeral services were held last Friday morning, December 4, 2009, at Westview Baptist Church in Slaton.

Interment followed at Englewood Cemetery under the direc-



tion of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Rodgers, 7, of Slaton, passed away on Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at her residence.

Alicia was born on June 29, 2002 to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Rodgers. She attended Slaton Public School, where she was in the second grade. She was a member of Freewill Missionary Baptist Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Rodgers; one sister, Alexis Rodgers; four brothers, Reginald McCray, Gregory Devroe, Tony Rodgers and Mitchell Rodgers, Jr.

## Christopher Lynn Bolton

Funeral services were held for Christopher Lynn Bolton last Friday, December 4, 2009 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Slaton with Rev. C. C. Peoples, pastor, officiating.

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

Bolton, 30, of Lubbock, departed this life on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009 at Covenant Medical Center.

Christopher was born on Sept. 23, 1979 to Willie Rayfield Bolton, Jr. and Gwendolyn Bolton. Christopher united with the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Slaton, Texas at an early age. He was a faithful member until moving his membership to Bethel Baptist Church in Abernathy, Texas. Chris was an active member of Bethel and the New Zeal District Association. He was the drummer for the Bethel Baptist Church Choir, a member of Brotherhood and a Sunday School teacher for Young Men's Class #4. Chris graduated from Monterey High School in Lubbock, Texas on May 22, 1998. He received several honors while attending Monterey. He continued his education and graduated from Midland College on May 13, 2005. While obtaining his nursing degree, Chris was employed by Methodist Hospital, currently Covenant Medical Center Lake-



side, in Lubbock. Christopher enjoyed working with children. He was station in PICU and on the pediatric floors. He has received several awards and honors and recently received the "Values in Action" award from Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital. Chris was well loved by numerous doctors, nurses and patients. Chris always had a positive attitude and a beautiful smile for everyone that he met.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Ashley Bolton; two daughters, Kianna Jade Bolton and Krislyn Renea Bolton; parents, Willie and Gwendolyn Bolton; sister, Schrhonda R. Caldwell (Barry); three nieces, Shyana, Shakaila and Shanya; two nephews, Michael (M.J.); mother-in-law, Colleen Mosley; father-in-law, Tommy Mosley (Tammie); two brothers-in-law, T.J. and Blake

## Mission On The Move On Saturday Morning, December 12, 2009

The second Saturday of each month is here once again. This special program is called "Mission On The Move," where a hot meal is prepared for those who are hungry in the community.

This program is sponsored by the Bethel African Methodist

Episcopal Church's Sunday School, with the assistance of the Ma Jone Missionary Society.

Since its beginning the second Saturday in 2008, more than 1,200 hot meals have been prepared and served in the A. W. Wilson Fellowship Hall, 2202 Southeast Drive.

Meals will be served Saturday morning, December 12, 2009.

"We are excited about this special outreach program," says Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor.

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## Deadline Set For Black History Calendar Is Almost Upon All of Us!

If you want to be a part of Black History in Lubbock and the South Plains of Texas, you can do so by participating in a proposed Black History Calendar.

The deadline for the Black History Calendar is Monday, January 4, 2010.

This is a project of the Roots Historical Arts Council.

For more information, contact Eddie P. Richardson at (806) 762-3612.

"We are trying to promote Black History by promoting Lubbock's Black citizens who have contributed to this area in business, education, arts, sports, law and other areas," says Mr. Richardson.

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11:am Bible Class-9:00 am All Have Sined Rom.

5:23 Worship-10:15am

Evening Worship-5:pm We Must Do God Will

Wednesday: Bible Class Devotion-7:00pm Obey Him To Enter Heaven

Matthew 7:21, Mark: 3-9

How Do We Obey Him?

Herning The Gospel-Rom. 10:17

Beleve-Heb 11:6

Repent of our sins-Lu.13:3

Confess that Jesus is the Son Of God-Act-8:37

Be Baptized-Mark 16:15-16

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**TIM COLE MEMORIAL IS GOOD FOR TEXAS & TEXAS TECH SCHOOL OF LAW! THIS 'N' THAT** wants to say ..... **CONGRATS** ..... to the Texas Tech School of Law ..... for ..... **REMEMBERING THE STORY** ..... of ..... **TIM COLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** ..... which was announced on Wednesday afternoon ..... December 2, 2009 ..... Law School Forum at the Texas Tech School of Law..... In memory of .....**TIM COLE** ..... who was wrongly convicted in 1986 of a Lubbock rape ..... a ..... **\$100,000 SCHOLARSHIP** ..... has been set up for law students interested in public service..... **KEVIN GLASHEEN, NOE VALLES, CHAD INDER-**

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**LOST A RELATIVE!** **THIS 'N' THAT** ..... lost a relative in Wichita Falls, Texas..... She was ..... **OPAL EVELYN JOHNSON**..... More about her in next week's edition..... She was our ..... **HISTORIAN!**

This may sound like a broken record. However, it is oh so true. For too long, we have sat around and waited for someone else to do for us what we should be doing for our selves and complaining about what is wrong with our with our area of town or our community. My question to you is what are you doing about the situation? If you are not a part of the solution, you are a part of the problem. There are always ways you can help improve the situation in your community by reporting strange or unusual actions in your community, checking out strange people or strange vehicles churning the neighborhood, illegal activities in the neighborhoods, abuse of any kind, be a part of the village with the children, be a good neighbor and work with and support other members who are working to have a safe and friendly community.

fits as well. To add insult to injury, if you are eligible for a widow or survivor's benefits, two thirds of that amount is also penalized. There is the possibility that you will receive nothing.

Senator John Cornyn of Texas is a member of the Senate Finance Committee and he advised me that if the GPO is repealed....." it will cost at least \$21 billion—potentially more—over a ten year period and would make it more difficult for the country to address the looming fiscal burden posed by the aging Baby Boom generation. Likewise, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has testified that eliminating the WEP would cost approximately \$19 billion over a ten year period and increase Social Security's long-range deficit."

This is money that we, the workers have put into a fund which is used for everything that the government needs money for, and sacrifices those of us who earned it. An attempt to make your condition in life better, gains you a penalty. We need to get 'in cinque' and elect Congressmen who will make better use of Social Security benefits for workers instead of just for themselves! Congressmen and their spouses get a lifetime pension, not Social Security, which is almost as much as their salaries when they retire! What would happen if they too, had to receive Social Security instead of the lifetime pension?

We would all take as our personal creed: "If it is to be it is up to me" and live by it make ourselves a committee of one to be a positive force in our communities. Back to the soap box for our long denied communities to become the competitive force

at the market place should be the leadership, and initiative must come from, within the community by us for us working with us and for us by using their vast resources including money, consultation, and working with us but not leading us.

### Candle Light Services Set For Alexander COGIC December 20th

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### 'BY THE TOKEN OF TIME'

By BROTHER ASKARI



We are told by in scripture that time belongs to God and the time has been given to us as a trust. God has trusted us to use this time we have been allotted, wisely. In order for us to do the right things with the time that we have been trusted with by God, we must make wise decisions. We have heard for years that "A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE." SO IS YOUR TIME! We have been hearing people tell us it's time for this and time for that. The truth of the matter is, it's been time for everything we want to happen, to happen. The question has been asked, "Why haven't the improvement and empowerment district (2) deserve happen yet while the rest of this city is being smile upon with good fortune?" Our waste of time and opportunities to have now instead of later has had a detrimen-

tal effect on us." It is written in the book of WISDOM "By the token of time surely mankind is at lost, expect those who come together in the mutual teaching of truth patience and perseverance" Patience in this context does not mean 'KEEP WAITING.' It mean "KEEP STRIVING ALL OF US IN THE RACE TO ALL THAT IS GOOD AND WHOLE-SOME FOR US TO LIVE A LIFE OF TRUE SUSTAINANCE." Waiting will get you left out. The day we come together and exchange the "MUTUAL TRUTH" our lives will improve tremendously and empowerment will be earned by the fruit of our labor. Time is our's to use and benefit from not waste. It is alright to dream and pray for the things we want but, once we wake up from our dream or finish our day dream and get up off our knees from pray we have to pursue our desire of success or our lives will end up being a great mess or ever less. Don't settle for less strive for Greatness. **MAY GOD'S PEACE AND BLESSING BE WITH YOU ALL.**



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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

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By now, I am certain that you, who read this column, are aware that I have been protesting the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision WEP, since the first time that I retired from employment and applied for my Social Security benefits. Consequently, I wrote to every Congressman from the three states in which I have been employed as a teacher or social worker, where I paid into a pension plan, but not into Social Security.

I received answers from many of the Congressmen during my initial protest, and the only negative one which I received came from Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi. Most of the Congressmen gave me some encouragement about certain bills which had been introduced in the House of Representative and in the Senate; some still in Committee. My second protest came about when I applied for Social Security Survivor benefits and the initiative to pass the Health Care Bill requiring everyone to have medical insurance which will carry a penalty if you do not purchase insurance.

Everyone knows or should know about the GPO and

the WEP. If they were eliminated, individuals who are victims of these two provisions would have the finances to purchase medical insurance. Individuals whom have worked at any job where the pay is derived from tax dollars and where you do not pay into Social Security, but have a pension plan, your Social Security benefits are penalized. You have adequate cov-

erage to apply and collect Social Security benefits, but because you did not pay into Social Security on the job where you receive a pension, two thirds of the amount of your pension is deducted from what your Social Security award should be! You will receive one third of your vested interest. The other part of this penalty is the WEP. It robs you of two thirds of your bene-

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## Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church Hosted 25th Annual Mother Dorothy R. Terrell Banquet



Christopher Jackson & Yadria Horton

The Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church hosted its 25th Annual Mother Dorothy R. Terrell Banquet & Pageant on October 25, 2009. The location of the church is 411 North Front Street in Crosbyton, and Rev. Ruby N. Price is the pastor.

This year's winners for the 18th consecutive year was 17 year old Christopher Jackson, son of Willie Faye Jackson, and grandson of L. D. and Dorothy

R. Terrell, deceased, and Willie T. Jackson, deceased.

He is a member of Greater Mount Zion, and serves on the Usher Board. He is also a senior at Crosbyton High School where he participates in football, basketball, track, band, and FFA. He is a wonderful young man. All are praying for God's blessings for him. Congratulations, Christopher, for a job well done.

## Parson Smith

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people understood when they helped to get you elected.

Take a little advice from a very old geezer, young man. Shape up and start acting like an American. If you don't I'll do what I can to see you get shipped out of that fancy rental on Pennsylvania Avenue. You were elected to lead not to bow, apologize and kiss the hands of murderers and corrupt leaders who still treat their people like slaves.

And just who do you think you are telling the American people not to jump to conclusions and condemn that Muslim major who killed 13 of his fellow soldiers and wounded dozens more. You mean you don't want us to do what you did when that white

Yadira Horton was this year's second runner-up. She was last year's winner for the female division.

She is the granddaughter of Pastor Price and daughter of Roland Jackson

She is also a member of Greater Mount Zion where she serves on the Usher Board, and is Assistant Sunday School Secretary.

Yadira is a former track participant and is a junior at Crosbyton High School. She continues to participate in basketball. She is part of the Management/Training Team and participates in theater and drama.

Yadira is a sweet young lady, and we pray God's continued blessings. Congratulations, Yadira, for a job well done!

## Thank God For Jesus

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**Luke 4:18-19** — Jesus said, the spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

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Unsaved people are in our neighborhoods, and lives next door. How far is our Mission? Then preach the Gospel to the poor!!!

**Revelation 2:4** — Jesus said, nevertheless I have something against you, because you have left your first love.

## MISSION ON THE MOVE!

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cop used force to subdue that black college professor in Massachusetts who was putting up a fight? You don't mind offending the police calling them stupid but you don't want us to offend Muslim fanatics by calling them what they are, terrorists.

One more thing: I realize you never served in military and never had to defend your country with your life but you're the Commander-in-chief now, SON. Do your job. When your battle-hardened field General asks you for 40,000 more troops to complete the mission, give them to him. But if you're not in this fight to win, then get out. The life of one American soldier is not worth the best political strategy you're thinking of.

Once a man! Twice a child.

## Rose Parkway Girls

Continued from last week  
Some, at the request of their daughters, have come to sit in

the meetings just to support and enjoy! At the beginning of each meeting, the girls snap to the beat as their sway and say their very own original, rhyming and spirited "chant" which centers on setting goals, being on the honor roll, doing the right thing, being a team, not being mean and "that's their theme!"

On one occasion, a field trip was taken to the Cosmetology Department at Monterey High School where they received professional manicures from the students there. The teacher, Mrs. Hackney, also allowed a few of her students to share information concerning successes her students have had in student contests as well as the requirements for a career in the area of cosmetology. This experience was followed by another field trip to a local nursing home where the girls "gave back" what they had learned to nursing home residents. The girls very patiently, lovingly and meticu-

lously provided manicures to all participating residents. Judging from the "oohs" and "aahs", the big smiles and the number of "thank you's" from the residents and administrators, the club members provided a needed and much appreciated service. The girls boarded the bus for Parkway again feeling as rewarded about what they had done as the residents felt about receiving their manicures!

Future activities on the calendar will include direct contact with respected, honorable young female speakers from the community who are proven to be exemplary role models. Other plans include a Mini Career meeting and a trip to Baskin Robbins for fun and to develop relationships. A young female practicing attorney, a young lady who is near earning her Ph.D from Texas Tech, and the young manager at Parkway Wells Fargo Bank, and others will be a part of their speakers.

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