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Paul Quinn College Loses AccreditationLast Month

Quinn College has lost its enal amount of progress." accreditation because of finan-25, 2009 - a devastating blow that jeopardizes the future of the tiny liberal arts college in south- eral test of financial responsibilern Dallas.

Paul Quinn College Colleges need accreditation to award degrees and offer students federal financial aid. That seal of approval is also usually needed for student credits to transfer to other colleges.

Quinn's 440 students to find

"They had made progress ... they could come into compliance on everything," said Belle Wheelan, president of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Paul Quinn, one of eight historically black colleges in Texas, was put on probation two years ago. It still fell short in three areas: financial resources, financial stability and institutional effectiveness - essentially a college's ability to teach students what they need to know.

"They didn't have enough money. They were in debt," Wheelan said.

said he was disappointed by the progress," Wheelan said.

file an appeal," he said. "One of the issues folks need to understand is that we made a phenom-

For instance, he said the colcial and academic problems, lege expects to have a surplus of education major, said he strugofficials said Thursday, June more than \$200,000 at the end of this fiscal year.

> Paul Quinn had failed a fedity, based on last fiscal year. Colleges in that situation face extra federal scrutiny and must post letters of credit so they can continue to receive and award thing they were there. It's very federal student aid.

It's unusual for colleges to lose accreditation. Wheelan said It ultimately could force Paul the last time that happened with her agency was in 2007, with St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina, also because but they ran out of time before of financial problems. Later, however, a federal judge ordered the accrediting agency to reinstate the school's accredi-

Sorrell is Paul Quinn's fifth appeal process," he said. college president since 2001. A cal consultant, Sorrell was widely considered the best shot at turning around the long-struggling school.

In two years, he has instituted a number of changes, including a business-casual dress code, tougher academic standards and more aggressive

"He made great progress. He President Michael Sorrell just didn't make enough

With classes in summer 'We're absolutely going to recess, the 130-acre campus was mostly vacant Thursday. A guard at the front gate denied access to anyone without an

appointment.

William Baker, a sophomore gled with college in Muskegon, Mich., and followed two family members to Paul Quinn. He said the Dallas school has served him

"It's a school where you are identified by name, not just number. Anytime I needed anyfamily-oriented. The president was always walking around, shaking hands, checking on students," he said. "He always had an open-door policy."

Sorrell said he did not want to speculate on what loss of accreditation means for faculty and students.

"I want to stop short of rendering opinions on things like that until we've exhausted the

Dallas ISD trustee Ron Price businessman, lawyer and politi- is a Paul Quinn graduate. He said he was disappointed that the campus lost accreditation, and he noted that it often leads to a college's closing.

"My heart goes out to those 400-plus students who put their time, energy and resources into the college," he said.

Baker, 21, last year's sophomore class president, said he will transfer if future classes on't count toward a degree.

"But I'm going to continue to believe I'll come back here in September," he said. "Even though we are struggling, I believe it will turn around."



Mr. & Mrs. William Raven, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. William Raven, Sr. Celebrates 50th Wedding **Anniversary June 18th**

Mr. & Mrs. William Raven, Sr. of Lubbock celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 18, 2009, with renewed vows ad dinger with family members and friends at the Radisson Hotel.

Their children and grandchildren host ed t he celebration.

They are the parents of William Raven, Jr. and Donnie Raven Hayes.

Those present enjoyed this memorial occasion. "It just let us know how God has been to us," said Mrs. Raven.

"This was wonderful, and we are truly thankful" said Mr. Raven. "God is good," he concluded.



Mr. & Mrs. William Raven, Sr. are shown in 1959. They have recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Police: Ex-Boxing Champion Vernon Forrest Killed

ATLANTA (AP) - Vernon Forrest, a former two-division champion who gained stardom when he became the first boxer to defeat Shane Mosley, was shot to death in what police are calling an attempted robbery.

Atlanta police Sgt. Lisa Keyes said in an e-mail Sunday that the 38-year-old Forrest was shot several times in the back late Saturday right on a street

just southwest of downtown. Keyes said there were no sus-

Fulton County medical examiner Michele Stauffenberg confirmed the case was a homicide and that the autopsy showed Forrest died from "multiple gunshot wounds involving the torso and thigh," Keyes said a police report on the shooting was not immediately available.



Some of the unhappy students at Paul Quinn College are Dereck Fuller, 37; Shaundrea Guidry, 25; and Donnisha Walker, 25.

James Sisters In Chicago, Illinois Recently They Will Travel To Washington, D. C. In 2010



The James Sisters In Chicago, Illinois

The James Sisters met for an Page 2 'All Girl's Vacation' in Chicago, Page 3

Illinois on June 12, 2009. The older sister, JoMarie,

and Betty (middle sister), and

young si sister, Gwen, came fro m Denoit, Michigan, while Emestine (second oldest) from

Lubbock met them. They were accompanied by

their daughters, nieces, daughters, nieces, daughter-in-law, and a friend

They had a glorious time, and if God allows, they plan to



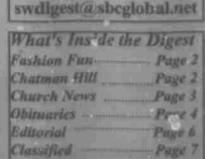
James Siters Enjoying Themsives In Chicago

Emestine was overjoyed to see her sister CoMarie traveling

and enjoying herself. JoMarie was left with some paralysis after suffering a stroke when they come together again.

The girls all belong to Mrs. Wilma James,, a longtime resident of Lubbock.

They can't wait until 2010





place at the Bethel African can Methodist Episcopal Church, proud pastor is Rev. Scnia J. Scott.

It will begin at 7:00 p. m.

Saturday, August 8th, the Youth will be in Booker T. beinvited to attend these servic-Washington Park, beginning at es. 2:00 p. m. There will be all kinds of gams for the young and old Sister Regina Slyvester is chairperson of these events.

Sunday afternoon, worship and fun. services will get underway at :1:00 p. m. with guest speaker being Presiding Elder J. W. Ford of the Tyler District of the Tenth

a few days, the Annual Friends District. He will be speaking on & Family Weekend will take the theme of "Dwelling Together In Unity." Psalm 133.

During the services, several 2202 Southeast Drive. The former members of Bethel will be recognized posthumously. They are Mae D. Simons, Willie It will get u underway on & Mildred Lusk, Edward C. & Friday night, August 7th, with a Lillian Struggs, Paul Hemanes, Gospel Musical, featuring tal- John Fair, T. S. Jamison, Dr. R. ented citizens of the community. A. Pillow, Leon Melton, and Centelle H. Lyons.

Their family members will

The afternoon will climax in the Mae D. Simmons Park shortly after t be services. There will be a fellowship with food

Brother Pobert Moore is chairperson.

The public is invited to

Among the activities happening at the Bobbie Gean and T. J. Patterson Library in August will include Open Mic Poetry Night. This will take place on Monday night, August 7, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p. m. which is sign up time. The reading will begin at 7:00 p. m.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and nd shut-in residents. Among them include Sister Dorothy Nash, who is a t home and is doing nicely.

Sister Buelah Winters and Brother Lester inters, husband and wife, are both home and are recuperating nicely.

Bother Bobby Walker is up and going since he has returned home. He gave a shouting testimony in church services at

by Shirley Roberson

Things to look for this fall..animal prints and colors to complement everything in your closet, animal prints will surface everywhere and in the most vibrant colors, sassy pinks, blues, reds, purple, oranges, just because it's

Bethel AME Church Sunday morning where serves s an Usher.

The New Hope Baptist Church will sponsor its Annual Church Family Prenic on Saturday afternoon, August 1, 2009, at the Booker T. Washington Park, which is across the street from New

Thank You!

We would like to take this time and say 'Thanks' to all of who called us, wrote us, visited us and payed for us doing our illness.

We thank God for each of you. We know God is able!

> Buelah & Lester Winters

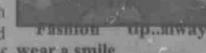
fall, your colors will remain light and bright, very bright. Goldtones and bronges will also invade the fall scene and when you combine bright colors with these earthy hues, girlfriend it will put you at the top of wear a smile the fashion scene.

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New Light Baptist Church News

Last Sunday morning, July 26, 2009, church services got underway with much excitement 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 the lesson. The subject was "Spreading The Wealth." The printed passage scripture w as Leviticus 25:8-21; 23-24. It was another timely discussion for all in attendance,

The morning worship hour begun at 11:00 a. m. with the Praise Team leading t he way singing God's praises. What at a time!

Rev. L. C. Lee led t he pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "We've Come This

Far By Faith." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee. The scripture came from Psalm 100:1-5. The altar prayer

Was led by Rev. Jackson with the Senior Choir singing "Bless The Lord."

Sister Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements, and told of all the upcoming events which will be

Held during the coming week. All birthdays were acknowledged for the week. There was also the Pastoral period held

By Pastor Jackson. After this, the morning offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sung "God Is Good" and "I'm Willing." "Amazing G race" was sung before the sermon. Rev.

Jackson preached the morning sermon. His subject was "Count It All Joy." His scripture text was James 1:1-4. After the Sermon, the Senior Choir

sung inspiring selection. There was the invita-

tion to discipleship and several came for prayer. Sister Linda Green acknowledged all

Visitors who were present for the morning worship hour.

Let us continue to pray for the lost, sick, shut-in, those in the nursing facilities, hospitals, jail and prison. Pray for the youth, teenagers, and young adults of our society.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my

Father's house are many mansions, and if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I will

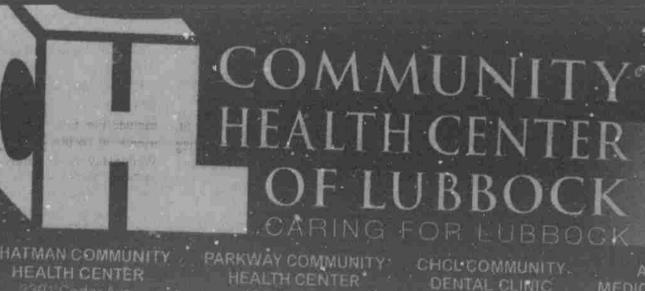
Come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know and the

Know. Thomas saith unto him. Lord we know not whither thou goest and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto Him, I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the father, but by me." John

If you are looking for a Chuch week, and do attend Church.

Home, then come and visit the New Light Baptist Church. You will be glad you did so. Also, bring a family member or friend with you

God Bless each of you this



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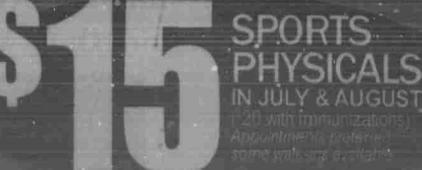
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"Black Males: Reaching For The Top In America"

Parson Smith would like to thank those of you who called, sent cards and offered prayers during my two stays in the hespital. With your prayers for the guidance of the hands of the physicians we are recovering quite well. We have a long way to go. However, we are on our way to recovery. Thanks again for your concern about our physical well-being.

Now to the issue at hand! One would think many conservative Americans would be happy that President Obama has regained the respect for all Americans as the leader of the free world. However, there are those in America who still have the Southern (white only) Dixie rat mentality. These pieces of works still believe that if you are not "lily white" you are genetically mutated and are inferior to their kind.

A practical example is seen a column posted July 9, 2009 by Lan Millhiser of Legal Research Analyst; Center for American Progress Action Fund entitled Sessions Uses Sotomayor as a Pawn in His Lifelong Crusade Against Civil Rights. Miller writes the following:

In 1986, an ambitious young United States Attorney named Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III was denied a seat on the federal bench because of his own deep-seated hostility to the very notion of civil rights. As a feder-

al prosecutor, Sessions conducted a tenuous criminal investigation into voting rights advocates registered African-Americans to vote-an investigation that culminated in an unsuccessful prosecution against a former aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He once quipped that he "used to think (the KKK)were OK until he found out some of them were "pot smokers," and he routinely referred to an African-American attorney who worked for him as "boy"-even once warning that attorney to be "careful what you say to white folks" after Sessions overhead him chastising a white secretary.

Moreover Sessions remains unrepentant for these incidents. although he did reluctantly concede at his confirmation hearing that it "probably was wrong" when he attacked the NAACP as un-American" "Communist-inspired" organization that "forced civil rights down the throats of people."

Twenty-three years later, Sessions is the highest ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee; and he is the architect of a right-wing campaign which claims that Sotomayor's past service on the board of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF) makes her unsuitable for the bench. Last week, Sessions claimed that this main-

stream civil rights organization took "extreme" positions in litigations. This week, Sessions clarified this remain in an interview with Fox News, explaining that he is concerned that PRLDEF "brought several race discrimination lawsuits for minorities."

We agree with the writers thinking that given Sessions' long history of baseless assaults on civil rights organizations, one has to wonder whether conservatives chose him as their leading voice on Sotomayor because they fundamentally agree with his lifelong stance on race.

One has to re-examine the of, you shall surely die. mindset of the Republican Party as it relates to any other race than lily white Americans as to why they would select a man with a questionable racist past to become the GOP's point-man for confirmation hearing for the next Supreme Court Justice. This sure does help the like of Uncle Tom Clarence Thomas and Yes Mr. Gilmore: Michael Steel! Clarence Thomas voted against the ruling of Sotomaytor's on the fire-fighters ruling.

Hispanics and Blacks in the city of Lubbook need to always stay vigilant and watch carefully everything that affects their livelihood. This includes watching other Hispanics and Blacks

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We Thank God for Jesus

"From Faith To Fake"

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

Isaiah 29;13 - The Lord said, for as much as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their mouth, and with their lips do honour. But have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me taught

Lord, t hat Devil is yet lying to this old world as he been doing all the time. In t he Garden of Eden when he lied to Eve and Adam, they didn't know he was lying!!!

by the precept of men.

Genesis 2:17 - God said of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it. For in the day that you eat there-

(And from t hat lie came the second sin in the garden. Cain killed his brother, Able!!!)

**** And Cocaine Is Killing Today!!! ****

And why do we believe his lies today? He's the father of lies wherever he goes. We know this is true. The Bible is our guideline said so!!!

John 8:44a - Jesus said, you are of your father the Devil, and the lust of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth.

word of God in what the Bible their rights. We're free at last, said. The new generation says:: "Seeing is believing, and don't eries - day and night!!! trust God today!!!

Faith!!! **** Lord, our forefathers lived in

poverty, but in their heart, they kept your word there. But this new generation, they don't want you around, any place or any where!!!

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him (God), and He will direct your paths.

**** Is God Directing America's Path Today???

The Devil lied to Eve and Adam, saying the tree in the middle of the garden, you may eat. But God had said of every tree in the garden you may eat, but not of that tree!!!

Jeremiah 16:19 - O' Lord, my strength, my fortress, and my refuge I n the day of affliction, the gentiles shall come unto you from the ends of the earth, and shall say, surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

**** Does America Trust In God Or rust In A Dreamer!!! ****

The Devil lied to the new Our fathers believed the generation, and told them of free at last, but they live in mis-

Romans 1:21-23a - Because **** Our Ancestors Had that when they (The Christians)

know God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations (Dreamers), and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the corruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man.

(The Devil and his lies call Rights: White Police Arrest A Black Harvard Scholar Rights, Grandson Kills His Grandfather Rights, Mall Shooting Rights, Road Rage Killing Rights, Black Rights, Gay Rights, Kill Your Own Mother Rights, No. Prayer In School Rights, KKK Rights, Woman Rights. Abortion Rights, Kill The Abortion Doctors Rights, No. Spanking Rights, Kill The Teachers And Students Rights, Bomb The Federal Building Rights, Children My Space Rigats, Drug Corner Rights, No. Respect For Anyone Rights, Disgracing My Woman Rights, Six Babies By Six Difference Mother Rights, Teachers Molesting The Students Rights, Kill The Family Rights, and many more of the Devil!!!)

**** God Bless America. Take The B - Out Of Bless, New Read!!! It 's God Less America!!! ****

Isaiah 1:4a - The Lord said, Yes, a sinful nation, a peo-Continue on Page 4

Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, July 26, 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 led

"Spreading The Wealth." The scripture text was Leviticus 25:8-21; 23-24. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Annie Onasaya, and it was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was: "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year. and proclaim liberty through out all the land u unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return

every man unto his family." Leviticus 25:10.

the morning lesson.

The morning worship hour got underway wi th Sister George A. Hereford and Deaconess Nina Davis in charge. Continuing in pray er was doe by Sister Barbara Johnson. We ail thank God for

the beautiful spirit.

The Sen Senior Choir of St. Matthew Baptist Church sung The congregation enjoyed out of their hearts and souls for the Lord.

The morning sermon was delivered ered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Pray ers of The Rights." The scripture was Isaiah 37:14-20; 33-35. The song of Inspiration was "On Ho w I Love Jesus," and it was led by Sister Shirley Canady.

Our weekly meetings in include the following: Mission meets at 6:00 p. m. every Wednesday. Bible Study meets

at 7:00 p. m.

Friday evening, the Senior Choir has rehearsal at 5:00 p. m. On Saturday morning, beginning nning at 11:00 a. m., the Ushers meet.

The Saint Matthew Baptist Church is still in need of a Musician. If you are interested,

then contact Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445. We know there are some talented Musicians in Lubbock, so just give a call. STRUCK COLD DOWN CO. OT AL OF S

Thought For The Week: "Freedom doesn't give us the right to do what we please, but to do what pleases God."

The doors of the St. Matthew Baptist Church are always open to anyone who is looking for a Church Home.

So if you are looking for a place to attend Church services on Sunday mornings, then just come on by. You will be glad you did so !

God loves all of us, and do't you forget it. He is always with us, nomatter whatwe do or where we may go!

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Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Jehovah God is our light and protector. He gives us grace and glory. No good thing will be withhold from those who walk along his paths. Mark 11:23 says: "If you have faith in God, this is the absolute truth. You can say to this mountain, rise up and fall into the Mediterranean and your command will be obeyed. All that's required is that you really believe and have no doubt. Listen to me! You can pray for anything. And if you believe you have it, It's Yours."

Let's not u se God's will so loosely. Sometimes it's the will of the flesh and the will of the

we already have. Such as give us more love for one another. Just think about it. Some Will not even speak to their Sisters or Brothers, not even a handshake. And ask for more Faith. Use a little common sense.

Use the faith you have. The more you use it, the more will be given to you. Let God work through you. The Lord told Nicodemus, you must be born again. Study the word and learn what the will of God's will is.

We've never read in the scripture where he said his will

all our sickness and diseases. So often, we pray for things His will is that you prosper and be in health!

A Few Thoughts:

"Saints, if you want a change in your Church, you pray for the

"Are you telling people who Jesus is???"

"Are you lifting up pastors in player???"

'Don't touch God's anoint-

"Hate is too heavier burden for any man to bear, so don't struggle with it in 2009,"

Prayer

"Dear God, this year brings all the hungry people food. All the lonely people someone to love. All the confused people a clear understanding of God. All the sick people a Freedom from Pain. In your name we pray.

Let's pray for the Leaders of Our Nation, "Just Pray Saints!"

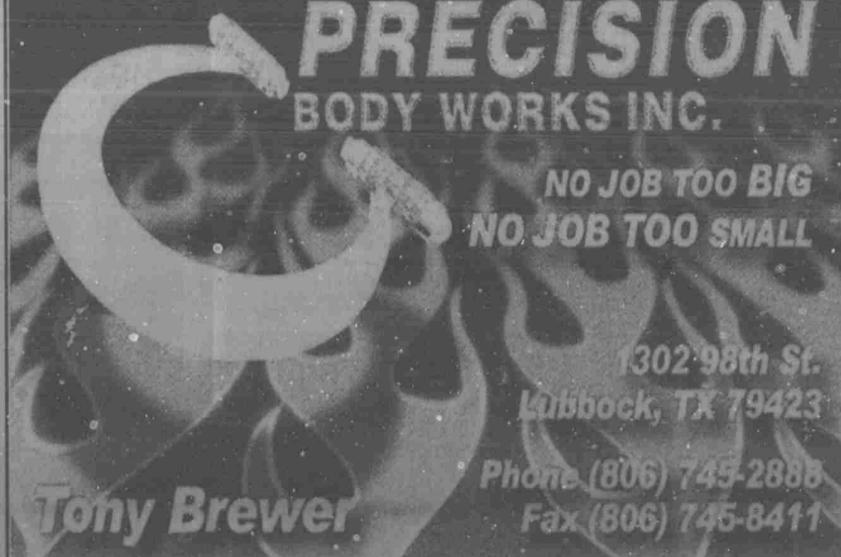
We will have another excit-

ing monthly meeting on Saturday morning, August 1, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a. m. at the home of Sister Elnora Jones, 2630 East 29th Street.

Anyone is invited to come and take part in our regular meeting, just come and be with us on Saturday morning. We'll be looking forward to seeing you. Remember God is able.

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





Marilyn T. Martin Hatchett

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m on Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Divine Love Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Burns and Rev. Leonard Chatman officiating.

Burial will follow at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home.

Eatchett "Frog", 44 of Lubbock departed this earth to be with her Lord on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at the Lubbock Heart Hospital with her loving husband, Joe Hatchett, of 22 years by her side.

She was born on November 10, 1964 to Henry and Claudean Martin. Marilyn was an active member of Divine Love Baptist Church. She graduated from Estacado High School and attended Vogue Beauty College. She was an active member of Impeteenth Picnic Committee and Estacado High School Booster Club.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Joe Hatchett; two daughters, Chassidy and Tomesha Martin; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Beware of First-Time Homebuyer Credit Fraud

DALLAS - The Internal Service Revenue today announced its first successful prosecution related to fraud involving the first-time homebuyer credit, and warned taxpayers to beware of this type of scheme. On Thursday July 23, 2009, a Jacksonville, Fla.-tax preparer, James Otto Price III, pled guilty to falsely claiming the first-time homebuyer credit on a federal tax return. Price faces the possibility of up to three years in jail, a fine of as much as \$250,000, or both.

To date, the IRS has executed seven search warrants and currently has 24 open criminal investigations in pursuit of potential instances of fraud involving the credit. The agency has a number of sophisticated computer screening tools to quickly identify returns that may contain fraudulent claims for the first-time homebuyer credit.

"We will vigorously pursue anyone who falsely tries to claim this or any other tax credit or deduction," said Eileen Mayer, Chief, IRS Criminal Investigation. "The penalties for tax fraud are steep. Taxpayers should be wary of anyone who promises to get them a big refund."

Whether a taxpayer prepares his or her own return or uses the services of a paid preparer, it is the taxpayer who is ultimately responsible for the accuracy of the return. Fraudulent returns may result not only in the required payment of back taxes but also in penalties and interest.

First-Time Homebuyer

Credit The First-Time Homebayer Credit, originally passed in 2008 and modified in 2009, provides up to \$8,000 for first-time homebuyers. The purchaser, however, must qualify as a firsttime homebuyer, which for purposes of this credit means someone who has not owned a primary residence in the past three years. If the taxpayer is married, this requirement also applies to the taxpayer's spouse. The home purchase must close before Dec. 1, 2009, to qualify, and the credit may not be claimed on the purchaser's tax return until after the taxpayer closes and has purchased the home.

Different rules apply for homes bought in 2008.

Full details and instructions are available on the official IRS Web site, IRS gov.

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Billy Joe Johnson

Billy Joe Johnson, 64, of Lubbook passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at the V.A. Hospital in Amerillo, He was born on November 3, 1945 to the late Herman and Velma Pearl Thomas Johnson. He was a veteran and served in the Vietnam War.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Bana; three sons, Billy Joe Johnson, Jr. of California, and Donnell Johnson and William Shipman of Lubbock; one daughter, Charlotte Thomas of Lubbock; several grandchildren, especially Savana and Alex Bue; six sisters, Dorothy Upshaw, Shirley



Johnson and Corine Johnson, all of Lubbook, Maxine King of Slaton, Sandra Babers of Dallas and Teresa Johnson of Houston; two brothers, Billy Ray Johnson and Herman Johnson, Jr., both of Lubbock; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Private disposition will be under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

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I would like to take the time to thank all of you for your donations, participation, thoughts, and prayers for the 2009 Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis event.

The goal for the event was to not only raise awareness of Crohn's disease, but to raise \$60,000. Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis ended up raising \$54,870. Earlier this year, I decided to create the team, Vera's Strollers. I set my own personal goal of \$1,500. Thanks to all of you, I was able to raise close to \$7,300. I 'm happy that \$0.80 per every dollar raised goes toward research.

Without all of your generous contributions, my fundraising efforts wouldn't have been met. Even though I've been diagacsed with t his incurable disease, the disease will never control my life again. I will continue to do whatever I can until we find a cure.

There is a saying that "you make a living by what you get, but make a life by what you give back." Thank you all for making a difference in my

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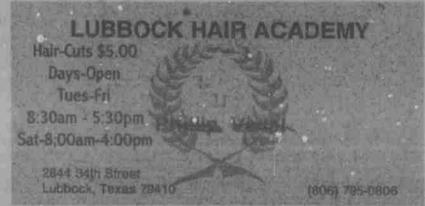
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On friday July 17th a new day came to Lubbook around 5o'clock p.m.when mayor Tom Martin made the following announcement there will not be a public hearing on July 28th, there will not be an animal shelter built in McKinzey park nor any other park in the city of Lubbock and not in any residential area of Lubbockthe statf will find some place in central Lubbock as a temporary sheltor until a permanent place can be found this is basically what he said after planiffs and others waited for an answer to the park situation every one felt the wait was well worth it.

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This is absolutely wonderful. On the other hand, we still have in our society too many young people who seemingly do not wish to be a member of any graduating class or a part of the workforce statistics. For many of them, it is just as traditional in their families as in those where there are graduates. It appears that unemployment and the welfare lines can become a 'hereditary thing.' It is a status that one inherits and become adept at keeping it in motion. They quickly learn the 'tricks of the trade' to

the system' usually falls on hardworking individuals who back on their feet once their ordeal gets a little push and comes to an end. Big busihess just got a push to help it get back on its feet and with an itemization and publication of the megabucks going into that effort, the system beaters have no remorse.

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The reason we can easily be victimized is our basic greed. Too may of us are looking for 'something for nothing.' That is the real rea-

by Renetta Howard keep 'beating the system' in son why we look for shortcuts The only fallout of 'beating run into some difficulty in is usually someone we trust their lives, but generally get who gets us involved in the

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Vick Reinstated by NFL, With Conditions

NEW YORK (AP) to play for.

months in prison for running a dogfighting ring, was reinstated est. with conditions by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell on July 27. He could participate in regular-season games as early as October.

Vick can immediately take part in preseason practices, workouts and meetings and can play in the final 'wo preseason games - if he can find a team that will sign him. A number of teams have already said they would not.

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> Goodell suspended Vick indefinitely in August 2007 after the former Atlanta Falcons quarterback admitted bankrolling a dogfighting operation on his property in Virginia. At the time, Goodell said Vick must show remorse before he would consider reinstating him.

"I accept that you are sincere when you say that you want to, and will, turn your life around, and that you intend to be a posi-

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tive role model for others," Goodell said in his letter to Vick. "I am prepared to offer you that opportunity. Whether you succeed is entirely in your hands."

"Needless to say, your margin for error is extremely limited," the letter said. "I urge you to take full advantage of the resources available to support you and to dedicate yourself to rebuilding your life and your career. If you do this, the NFL will support you."

Vick, once the highest-paid player in the league, said he was grateful for a second chance,

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to commissioner Goodell for allowing me to be readmitted to the National Football League," Vick said in a statement released by his agent, Joel Segal. "I fully understand that playing football in the NFL is a privilege, not a right, and I am truly thankful for the opportunity I have been given.

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The announcement came after a busy first week of freedon, for Vick, who met with union leaders and Goodell on consecutive days last week. His 23-month federal sentence ended when an electronic monitor was removed from his ankle early on July 20 at his home in Hampton, Va.

He met with DeMaurice Smith, executive director of the NFL Players Association, last Tuesday and, on Wednesday, he sat down with Goodell at a security firm in Allendale, N.J.

Goodell suggested that preventing Vick from playing at the start of the regular season wasn't a punishment but an opportunity for the quarterback to gradually make a transition back into the league.

"I have thought about every alternative, but I think this gives him the best chance for success," Goodell said. "We are not looking for failure here. We are looking to see a young man succeed."

But Vick's issues are far from over and he needs a team to call. his own. Already, the owners of the New York Giants and New York Jets said they have no interest in the 29-year-old quarterback, who was officially released by the Falcons last month.

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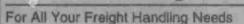
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Black, White Protesters Clash Over **Dragging Death**

PARIS, Texas (AP) -State police in riot gear rushed a downtown street to break up a standoff Tuesday between hundreds of black and white extremists who exchanged screams of "Black power!" and "White power!" during a protest over the state's handling of the case of a black man who was run over and dragged by a vehicle.

A skinhead carrying a Nazi flag and a shirtless white man were arrested on a misdemeanor charge of suspicion of disorderly conduct before the protesters separated peacefully, police spokesman Lt. Danny Huff said.

The conflict began with a march by about 100 mostly black activists who avoided a designated "protest zone" near Paris' courthouse and walked to the town square to chants of "Black Power!" and "No Justice, no peace!"

"We're going to be boxed in?" said protest leader Jimmy Blackwell of the Tarrant County Local Organizing Committee. "No, we're not your slaves!"

Once at the town square, the crowd ballooned to about 200 mostly black people on one side of a street. Across the street were about a dozen white supremacists, including four skinheads holding Nazi swastika flags. About 30 other white



Otha Latimore, 61, raises his fist during a protest between hundreds of blacks and whites in Paris, Texas. people were behind them.

The two sides shouted at each other while a dozen or so law enforcement officers kept them apart. After the groups screamed for several minutes and inched closer together,

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The rally in Paris, about 90 miles northeast of Dallas, is the third courthouse protest over the death of 24-year-old Brandon McClelland, whose mangled body was found Sept. 16 on a country road.

Prosecutors initially charged two of McClelland's white friends with murdering him. But a special prosecutor dismissed the charges last month, citing a lack of evidence, after a truck driver came forward and said he might have accidentally run over McClelland.

Some of the signs at the protest read, "Friends don't drag friends under pickup trucks" and "Who killed Brandon McClelland?" Another sign referred to the district attorney as a "Weapon of Mass Destruction."

The protest was led by members of the Houston chapters of the Nation of Islam and the New Black Panther Party, which the Southern Poverty Law Center considers black separatist and hate groups.

Things grew tense early on when a member of the Panthers walked into the protest zone set up for white supremacists and stood inches away from a skinhead. The skinhead screamed at the black man to go home as the two stood inches apart.

"We're not here for confrontation. We are peaceful people, but if necessary we are prepared," Blackwell said.

Rock Banks, who says he's the grand titan of the East Texas Ku Klux Klan, said his group met last week to discuss the event but decided not to hold a

Janayia McGrew Named An All-America Scholar

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"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, students recognized as All-American Scholars should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United

major rally because it would lead to more protests.

"If we showed up in force, with all of our robes on, they'dbe back here in a month," he said.

Banks' wife, Donna Hupburn, said protesters were "trying to stir up racial unrest" and should instead focus on "trying to close crack houses."

"You're allowed to have gay pride, black pride, Korean pride," she said. "Everybody is allowed to have pride but Caucasians."

Few of Paris' 26,000 residents watched the rally, which drew several dozens spectators.

Some said they were tired of the attention the protests were bringing to Paris. koger Hutchings, an employee at a pipe fabrication facility where employees have claimed racial bias, said the pretest was making the town appear to have a racial problem he does not believe exists.

"People here get along pretty good," said Hutchings, who is

Prosecutors initially accused Charles Crostley and Shannon Finley of murdering McClelland by running him over in Finley's pickup after a late-night beer

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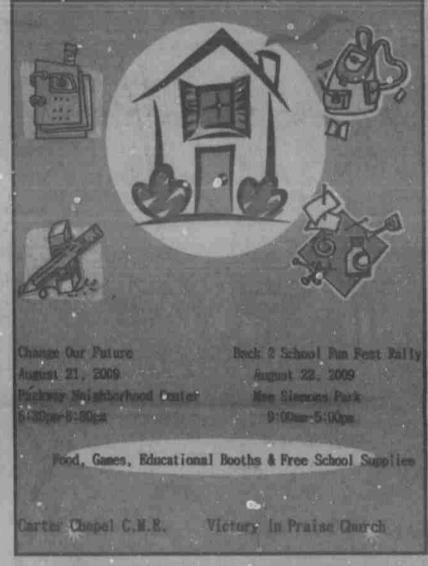


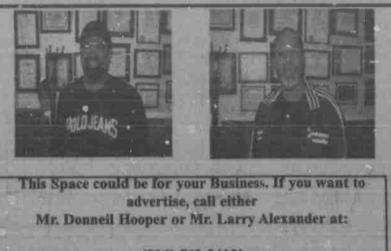
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