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**13 Year-Old Activist Carries Olympic Torch to Honour Children of the World**

Toronto, Ontario - Bilal Rajan, the 13 year-old UNICEF Children's Ambassador, youth activist, best-selling author and fundraiser, carried the Olympic flame through the streets of Toronto on Thursday. He was chosen to participate by the Royal Bank of Canada.

"Carrying the torch was an amazing experience and an incredible honour," said Rajan, whose relay started at the entrance of Sick Kids Hospital. He ran through the freezing temperatures to help raise awareness of child poverty in developing countries. "Too many young people in the world today lack basic necessities such as clean drinking water, health care and education."



Bilal Rajan, the 13 year-old UNICEF Children's Ambassador

Barely a teenager, the Toronto-based children's and environmental activist is already a force to be reckoned with. An accomplished writer, Rajan's book, *Making Change: Tips from an Underage Overachiever* (160 pages, Orca Book Publishers), shows people how they can take charge and make a difference in their communities, no matter what their age.

"The Olympics have such an important message of international cooperation, peace and friendship, and just to participate in this event was overwhelming," said Rajan.

At 4, Rajan stepped up to take on the problems of the world by selling clementine oranges door-to-door raising money for victims of the 2001 earthquake in

Gujarat, India. Since then, he has raised millions of dollars for children's causes. At 7, he founded Making Change Now, an organization dedicated to heightening awareness of youth and environmental issues and fundraising for those in need. In March 2005, he was chosen as an official Children's Ambassador for UNICEF Canada.

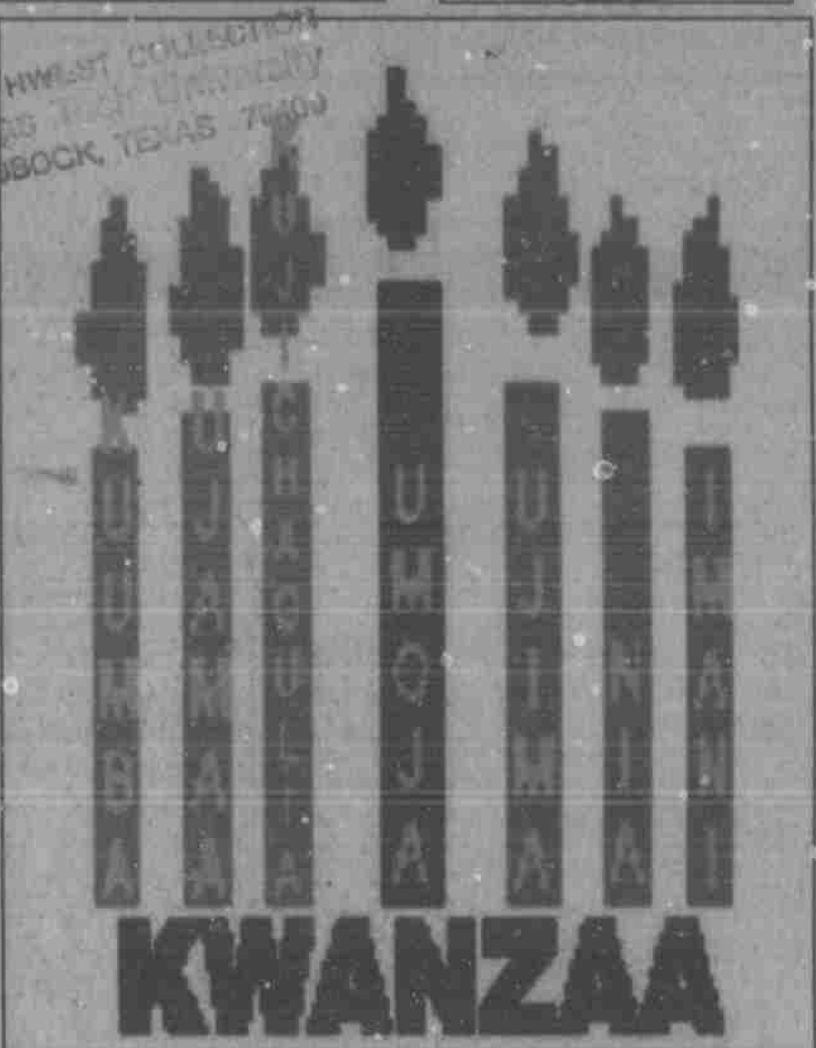
"From an early age," says Rajan, "I could see that millions of other young people around the world didn't have it so good. I realized two specific things: that I had to get involved and make a difference, and that I would need a lot of help in order to make that change."

Rajan recently created a new

website, [SudokuHub.com](http://SudokuHub.com), where users can play the numeric-based puzzle that is sweeping the world in popularity. But unlike other gaming sites, [SudokuHub.com](http://SudokuHub.com) will allow users to play and raise funds to provide food for malnourished children in developing countries.

"We wanted to find a way where young people could have fun while making a difference during the holiday season. After all, this is the time of year to give," says Rajan. "We expect the site to become the leading destination for online Sudoku players around the world."

Young people can make a difference!



**EVERYTHING ABOUT KWANZAA...**

**DEFINITION OF KWANZAA** Kwanzaa is a unique African American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is neither political nor religious and despite some misconceptions, is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture. Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language Kiswahili, has gained tremendous acceptance. Since its founding in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than 18 million people worldwide, as reported by the New York Times. When estab-

lishing Kwanzaa in 1966, Dr. Karenga included an additional "a" to the end of the spelling to reflect the difference between the African American celebration (kwanzaa) and the Motherland spelling (kwanza). Kwanzaa is based on the Nguzo Saba (seven guiding principles), one for each day of the observance, and is celebrated from December 26th to January 1st.

Umoja (oo-MO-jah) Unity stresses the importance of togetherness for the family and the community, which is reflected in the African saying, "I am We," or "I am because We are." Kujichagulia (koo-gee-cha-goo-LEE-yah) Self-Determination requires that we define our common interests and make decisions that are in the best interest

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**Southwest Digest Has Relationship With Lubbock Businesses**

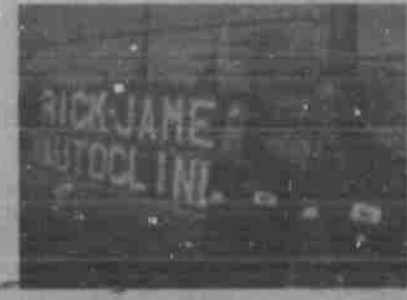
By Donnell Hopper

There are many outstanding businesses in Lubbock, Texas USA. Among them include Ramon and the crew at **FURR'S CAFETERIA** who provides GREAT food and service.

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**Police: NFL's Chris Henry dies after fall from truck last week**

(CNN) - Cincinnati Bengals football player Chris Henry died after a fall from the bed of a pickup during a fight with his fiancée, police said Thursday, December 17, 2009.

"Chris Henry died as a result of his injuries sustained during this incident," a Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police news release said. "Department detectives continue to work diligently on this active investigation."

Henry died at 6:36 a.m. ET Thursday, the statement said.

Shortly before noon Wednesday, Henry's fiancée tried to drive off during a "domestic situation," only to have Henry jump into the bed of the truck, police said.

"The domestic situation continued between the operator and Mr. Henry," according to a po-



Receiver Chris Henry, 26, played for the Cincinnati Bengals for five seasons. He was on the injured reserve list before his death.

lice statement. Henry "came out of the back of the vehicle" about half a mile from the house, it said.

Henry was a native of Belle Chasse, Louisiana, according to the Bengals' Web site. He and his fiancée, Loleini Tengr, have three children and had planned to be married in March, the team

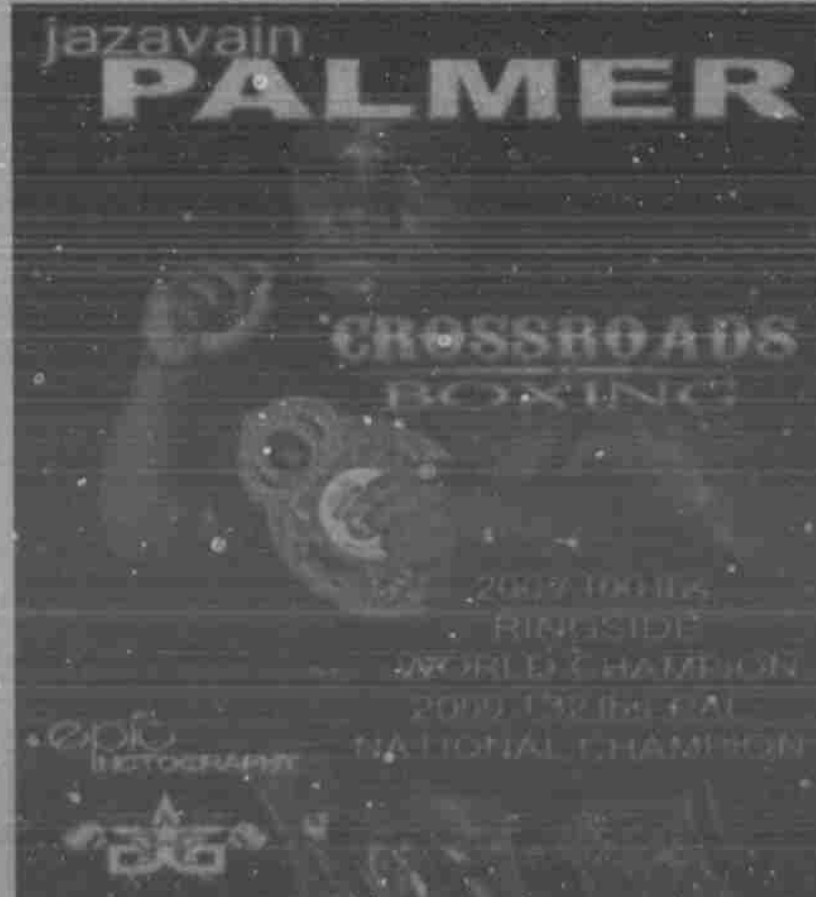
said.

Tengr's family lives in Charlotte. Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said he told players of Henry's death, speaking to them a couple of times Thursday. He declined to tell reporters what was said.

Authorities described Henry's

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**Meet Jazzvian Palmer, National Champion**



Jazzvian Palmer

Saturday, December 12, 2009, Jazzvian Palmer became a 2009 National Champion as he won the Silver Gloves State Tournament. He defeated Frank Baca of San Marcus.

Palmer represented the Cross-Roads Boxing Club of Lubbock. He will be competing in Arkansas January 10 thru 14, 2010. If he wins, he will compete in Kansas next February to represent his club and city in the Nationals.

Mr. Palmer and the Cross-Roads Boxing Club are in need

of sponsors and the support of the Lubbock Community. This is a refreshing effort and some of young men and women who are constructive and positive with their lives in area.

If there are those in becoming a sponsor or supporting these young men and women, please contact Johnny Melendrez at (806) 548-2446 or Mr. James Palmer at (806) 577-9737.

Thanks to all who will help with this effort as a sponsor. This is an exciting story of Jazzvian Palmer, one of our own.

**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 meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- \* Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- \* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- \* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- \* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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**Chatman Hills Corner**  
By Doris Reynolds

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**NOW YOU TELL ME LADIES, HOW GREAT IS THAT?**

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May each of You have a **MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**



**New Light Baptist Church News**

On Sunday morning, December 20, 2009, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, got off to a great beginning, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor. Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the adult lesson entitled: "A Unique Birth" with the printed scripture coming from Matthew 1:18-25; and the Youth lesson taught by Sis. Rochelette Hood entitled: "What A Special Day" and its printed text coming from Matthew 1:18-25 also.

as they did a good job. Afterward the offering was taken up.

The youth choir sung "Woke Up This Morning With My Jesus On Jesus" and Sister Angela Mosley sung Precious Lord." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled "The Reason is Dr. Jesus" with the scripture text coming from John 3:16. "I Need Thee" was sung by the congregation after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several went up for prayer. All visitors that was in attendance was ac-

knowledgeed by the usher Sis. Brenda Manahan.

Pray for those that's in the hospital, jails, prisons and nursing facilities. Pray for the lost souls especially our youths.

After service we had our Christmas celebration. There were gift exchanges and lots of food to be enjoyed by all. All that was in attendance had a fun time of fellowship.

Scripture For Week: If I speak the language of men & of angels but don't have love I'm a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I've the gift of prophecy & understand

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Watch Services will be held at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church on Thursday evening, December 31, 2009, beginning at 10:30 p. m. Communion will be served. Guest speaker will be Supt. David Haynes, Pastor of CLrist Temple COGIC.

Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will deliver the Watch Services at the Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church on Thursday night, December 31, 2009, beginning at 10:30 p. m.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church, where Rev. B.R. Moton is host pastor.

Services got underway with the Praise Team singing out of their hearts. After the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir sang with great inspiration. What a blessing!

Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon entitled "The Bearing Fig Tree." His scripture text was Mark 10:20-24; Mark 15:31.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Pamela Moton, and all visitors were welcomed by Sister Linda Henderson.

Merry Christmas to All!



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# Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith  
"Who is in Charge of Thinking for Christian African Americans?"

The thought of "who is in charge of thinking for Christian African Americans" came to mind when I accidentally stumbled upon an article written by David D. Kirkpatrick and published by the New York Times Magazine December 16, 2009.

This article appears to enforced the hypocrisy of the modern day "conservative movement" that is bent toward hell on pushing their way of thinking upon all Americans from: religion, separation of race, politics, economics, etc toward the idea that if it is not the white conservative way of thinking, it is not the "Owl Monkey's mark when it left the limb."

The following are from the article titled: "The Conservative-Christian Thinker."

On a September afternoon, about 60 prominent Christians assembled in the library of the Metropolitan Club on the east side of Central Park. It was a gathering of unusual diversity and power. Many in attendance were conservative evangelicals like the born-again Watergate felon Chuck Colson, who helped

initiate the meeting. Metropolitan Jonah, the primate of the Orthodox Church in America, was there as well. And so were more than half a dozen of this country's most influential Roman Catholic bishops, including Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, Archbishop John Myers of Newark and Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia. At the center of the event were Robert P. George, a Princeton University professor of jurisprudence and a Roman Catholic who is this country's most influential conservative Christian thinker. Dressed in his usual uniform of three-piece suit, New College, Oxford cuff links and rimless glasses George convened the meeting with a note of thanks and a reminder of its purpose. Alarmed at the liberal takeover of Washington and an apparent leadership vacuum among the Christian right, the group had come together to warn the country's secular powers that the culture wars had not ended. As a starting point, George had drafted a 4,700-word manifesto that promised

resistance to the point of civil disobedience against any legislation that might implicate their churches or charities in abortion, embryo-destructive research or same-sex marriage.

...It's part of a philosophy that has found support among a group of Catholic bishops who have become some of the most persistent critics of President Obama and the Congressional Democrats. George serves as their intellectual point man (Note: this lay lawyer appears to be their Baal High Priest). In the past few years, many of the evangelical Protestants who once defined the religious right have turned away after their disappointment with President George W. Bush. In their place, George's friends among the Catholic bishops have stepped to the fore, hammering Obama Pro for his pro-choice Catholic cabinet nominees, for being invited to speak at Notre Dame's commencement, for his stem-cell research policies and most recently for his health care proposals.

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We Thank God for Jesus  
"Christmas For Christ Or Merchandise"

**Isaiah 9:6** -- For unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders. And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The woman brought stamps at the post office. The other day, a deep frown or madness overcame her smile. That was on her face.

As she looked at the stamps of Mary holding Baby Jesus. She said, they are now putting religion in Christmas. I don't believe it!!!

**Mark 7:6** -- Jesus said, we'll have E-sai'as prophesied of you hypocrites. As it is written, t his people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

(I spell Xmas this way, because it is not God's business. Can you tell the drug dealer's house of lights his Xmas trees, his shopping bags? Anytime the sinner wants in on it not about God!!! Many of many people play the Xmas game, saying I love you, and will buy things to

try and show it. Buying presents, trees, toys, lights and lying Santa Claus. They have nothing to do with God's business. The stories make a killing this time of the year, because of the game the world is playing. Think!!! If there was a birthday party celebration, do you give a gift to one another. Or to whom the celebration is for??? God gave his gift. It was as Jesus. God's business is saving souls. Do you want to give a gift? Give yourself to God. Your soul would be the gift to God!!! You be the gift!!!)

**\*\*\*\*\* WILL YOUR CHRISTMAS ROB GOD OF HIS GIFT??? \*\*\*\*\***

That's another trick of the Devil. We're not to celebrate Jesus' Birthday. God wants mankind to believe on the death and resurrection of Jesus to be saved.

**John 3:17** -- Jesus said, for God sent His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Jesus died for the world and all their sins. The world believes

Him not. People lie to their children, telling them: Santa gave the toys you got!!!

**\*\*\*\*\* Will Santa Claus Rob God??? \*\*\*\*\***

(Here is wisdom: Luke 1:25 -- In the sixth month, Mary got pregnant. Makes it June and nine months it's March. The Spring of the year. \*\*\*\* What Shepherd in his right mind. Would be in the fields in the dead of winter time? And that is a time to be in the fields! Spring time.)

**Luke 1:26a - 27a** -- In the sixth month, the Angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph.

**\*\*\*\*\* WILL RED RIBBONS - CANDY CANES AND JINGLE BELLS. ROB GOD??? \*\*\*\*\***

The Wise Men showed respect. Gave gifts of Frankincense, Myrrh and Gold, but like King Herod and Santa Claus. Jesus' glory has now been stolen!!!

**Matthew 2:16a** - Then King  
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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got started at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 east 14th Street, last Sunday morning, December 20, 2009, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with our Assistant Superintendent Sister Annie Onasanya in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "A Unique Birth." The scripture text was Matthew 1:18-25. The Unifying Topic was "Immanuel Is Born."

The teacher of the morning lesson was Rev. J. Brown. The review was given by Pastor

Canady.

The main thought of the Sunday School Lesson was: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." **Matthew 1:21.**

The Morning Worship Hour began at 11:00 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Sister Onasanya and Sister Barbara Johnson.

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

The morning message was

delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "The Real Purpose of Christmas Is To Worship." The scripture text was Luke 2:10-11 and Matthew 2:1-8. The Song of Inspiration was "When The Gates Swing Open."

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.

Matthew 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 are read last Sunday morning by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady.

Let us pray for our sick and shut-in of the Lubbock Community. Your prayers are welcome.

The Members, First Lady and Pastor Canady of the St. Matthew Baptist Church wish

everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

**\*\*\*\*\***  
*Shout to the Lord,  
All the earth,  
Let us sing power and  
majesty. Praise to the King,  
Mountains bow down and  
the seas will roar at the  
sound of Your Name.*  
**\*\*\*\*\***

**Thought For The Week:**  
"Our thoughts about God should lead us to Joyful Praise,"  
**\*\*\*\*\***

Although we are almost about to enter a New Year, as we sit around our homes and dinner

tables during these holidays, why not just reflect on how good God has been to all of us. If you really take a real hard look, it should make want to shout and just call His name: Jesus!

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. When you come, bring a family member with you.

Remember our doors are always open to you and your family. Just be careful, and remember the reason for the Season! God Bless each of you until next week!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast thought this would be good to read so all would know who's birthday we're celebrating.

**Luke 2: 1-24**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus 2 that the whole world should be enrolled.

2 This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

3 So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

4 And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

5 to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

6 While they were there, the time came for her to have her child,

7 and she gave birth to her first-born son. 3 She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.

9 The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

10 The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

11 For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant

wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

13 And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

14 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels went away

from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

16 So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

17 When they saw this, they

made known the message that had been told them about this child.

18 All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

19 And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

20 Then the shepherds returned,

glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

21 When eight days were completed for his circumcision, 7 he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 When the days were completed for their purification 9 according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,

23 just as it is written in the law

of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,"

24 and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

**\*\*\*\*\***

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

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# Obsequies

## Lee Earnest Bagley, Sr.

Funeral services for Lee Earnest Bagley, Sr., 87, of Lubbock, were held Saturday, December 19, 2009, at Full Armor Ministries, 4201 Ave. J., with Bishop Leonard Chatham, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held Peace Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Bagley was born on May 25, 1922 in Mount Enterprise, Texas, later moving to Henderson, Texas, where he married Lovella Roquemore. He then moved to Lubbock, Texas, where he was a professional plumber for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Lovella Bagley; children, Linda Walker and Rodney Bagley, both of Dallas, Charles Bagley



of Carrolton, Glenda Bagley and Tarsha Henry, both of Plano, Michael Bagley of San Antonio, Brenda Davis of Midland, and Lee Bagley, Jr., Willis Bagley and Joe Bagley, all of Lubbock; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

## Carl Edward Taylor

Carl Edward Taylor, 66, of Lubbock, died on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at University Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 16, 2009 in the W. W. Rix Chapel.

Carl Edward was born on August 17, 1943 in Lubbock to John Henry and Frances Taylor. He graduated from Dunbar High School then went to welding school. He attended First Progressive Church.

Carl Edward enjoyed work-



ing on and racing cars, as well as welding. He was preceded in death by parents.

He is survived by one son, Trenton Taylor of Arlington; one stepdaughter, Isha K. Piper; two sisters, Joyce Lacy and Linda Johnson, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Paul Lacy and Charles Lacy, both of Lubbock; a step-sister; two nieces; numerous nephews; one great-niece; a host of cousins; and a special friend, Linda Murphy.

## Free Doctor's Clinic Available Here

The Family Church, 34th Street & Boston Avenue, holds a free doctor's clinic at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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# Parson Smith

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Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, the informal leader of this side of the American church gave a much publicized speech denouncing Obama as "the most committed abortion rights candidate in history." The Archbishop chose to publish his remarks on the Web site of a think tank co-founded by George (the lawyer who appears to know the mind of God and as sit beside God in Jesus' seat) —the man who had himself argued in an essay disseminated widely last fall through conservative circles, Fox News and Christian radio that Barack Obama was "the most extreme pro-abortion candidate ever to seek" the presidency.

Black America needs to become aware and filter out the underlying intent of these so-called agents of God. We as a people do not need any Conservative to

think for us. The acts of so-called Christian conservatives once enslaved our fore-fathers and mothers and our very being. The ills of conservatism toward other human beings pressed on John Newton, an Anglican priest and once upon a time Black slave trafficker heart so much so he wrote "Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!"

## City Offices Will Close

City of Lubbock offices will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25, 2009, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

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Friday, January 15th, is Youth Night at the Alderson Middle School, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 16th, the Annual Banquet will be held at the McInturf UMC, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Marsha Sharp.

The Citywide Celebration will be held Sunday, January 17th, at the Lubbock Civic Center, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Bishop David C. Cooper of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Monday, January 18th, Gospel Awards at TTU Allen.

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•Southside, 1631 84th Street  
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From December 26th through January 10th, residents can place trees in roll-off containers located outside of the gates at the Recycling Drop-off Centers.

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## Man exonerated, freed from prison after 35 years

BARTOW, Fla. — James Bain used a cell phone for the first time Thursday, calling his elderly mother to tell her he had been freed after 35 years behind bars for a crime he did not commit.

Mobile devices didn't exist in 1974, the year he was sentenced to life in prison for kidnapping a 9-year-old boy and raping him in a nearby field.

Neither did the sophisticated DNA testing that officials more recently used to determine he could not have been the rapist.

"Nothing can replace the years Jamie has lost," said Seth Miller, a lawyer for the Florida Innocence Project, which helped Bain win freedom. "Today is a day of renewal."



**James Bain**

Bain spent more time in prison than any of the 246 inmates previously exonerated by DNA evidence nationwide, according to the project. The longest-serving before him was James Lee Woodard of Dallas, who was released last year after spending more than 27 years in prison for a murder he did not commit.

As Bain walked out of the

Polk County courthouse Thursday, wearing a black T-shirt that said "not guilty," he spoke of his deep faith and said he does not harbor any anger.

"No, I'm not angry," he said. "Because I've got God."

The 54-year-old said he looks forward to eating fried turkey and drinking Dr Pepper. He said he also hopes to go back to school.

Friends and family surrounded him as he left the courthouse after Judge James Yancey ordered him freed. His 77-year-old mother, who is in poor health, preferred to wait for him at home. With a broad smile, he said he looks forward to spending time with her and the rest of his family.

## Chris Henry Dies

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injuries Wednesday night as "life-threatening." He was taken to the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

The 26-year-old receiver played for the Bengals for five seasons but was on the injured reserve list after suffering a dislocated forearm during a November 8 game against the Baltimore Ravens. The 6-foot-4, 200-pound Henry caught 12 passes for 236 yards and two touchdowns in eight games before being hurt.

An article on the Bengals Web site called Henry "one of the best comeback stories in the NFL" before being injured, saying he had rebuilt "his life and career in a three-year climb from a series of off-field problems."

The problems, the article said, included four arrests, three NFL suspensions and a release from the Bengals in April 2008. But Henry had since "put his life back together," according to the

article.

"He's a big part of what we are," left tackle Andrew Whitworth said in the article. "I really admire how he carries himself, how he's changed his life, and how he's made his career his passion. That's what this team has done. He's one of the guys that has helped give this team that attitude."

Mike Brown, the club's president, told reporters Thursday he didn't regret giving Henry a second chance.

Watch team management reflect on Henry's life.

Henry had "finally seemingly reached the point where everything was going to blossom, and he was going to have the future that we all wanted for him and he wanted for himself. And then this tragedy cut him down," Brown said. "It's a terrible tragedy that just at the time he was running to daylight, if you will, his life was snuffed out."

Funeral details were pending and will be released later, Brown

said.

Lewis said when he talked with Henry in August about coming back, "there was a different man that was sitting across from me and a different person. From that point on, we've seen pretty much a continual growth."

Tonga "had been a very steady force in Chris' life," Lewis said.

Brown, Lewis and others spoke of Henry's gentle and soft-spoken nature, his big heart and his love for his children.

"Our football team, what they're feeling yesterday and this morning ... they watched a guy mature as a young man and work through adversity," Lewis said, adding that Henry became "a beacon of hope."

Lewis recalled seeing Henry at rookie camp, catching the first ball thrown to him and sticking up his finger in celebration.

"I told the receivers coach at that time, 'You better get him,'" he said.

## KWANZAA

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of our family and community.

Ujima (oo-GEE-mah) Collective Work and Responsibility reminds us of our obligation to the past, present and future, and that we have a role to play in the community, society, and world. Ujamaa (oo-JAH-mah) Cooperative economics emphasizes our collective economic strength and encourages us to meet common needs through mutual support. Nia (NEE-yah) Purpose encour-

ages us to look within ourselves and to set personal goals that are beneficial to the community.

Kuumba (koo-OOM-bah) Creativity makes use of our creative energies to build and maintain a strong and vibrant community. Imani (ee-MAH-nee) Faith focuses on honoring the best of our traditions, draws upon the best in ourselves, and helps us strive for a higher level of life for humankind, by affirming our self-worth and confidence in our ability to succeed and triumph in righteous strug-

gle.

## CELEBRATING KWANZAA

As it is always better to get an early start, I suggest that you begin the first week in December by making a check list for the following items: A Kinara (candle holder); Mkeka (placemat preferably made of straw); Mazao (crops, i.e., fruits and vegetables); Vibunzi/Muhindi (ears of corn to reflect the number of children in the household); Kikombe cha umoja (communal unity cup); Mishumaa saba (seven candles, one black, three red, and three green); and Zawadi (gifts that are enriching).

It is important that the Kinara not be confused with the menorah.\* The Kinara holds seven candles to reflect the seven principles which are the foundation of Kwanzaa. If you don't have a Kinara and don't know where to get one, it is suggested that you use "kuumba" (creativity) and make one. A 2x4 or a piece of driftwood will do just fine, and screw-in candle holders can be purchased in most hardware stores. The Mkeka (place mat) shouldn't present a problem. While straw is suggested because it is traditional, cloth makes an adequate substitute. If cloth is used, one with an African print is preferred. The other symbols are easy to come by and warrant no further discussion other than to caution against placing the Mazao (crops) in a cornucopia which is Western. A plain straw basket or a bowl will do just fine. One last note, even households without any children should place an ear of corn on the place mat to symbolize the African concept of social parenthood. All seven symbols are creatively placed on top of the place mat, i.e., the symbols should be attractively arranged as they form the Kwanzaa centerpiece.

## DECORATING THE HOME

The Kinara along with the other symbols of Kwanzaa should dominate the room, which should be given an African motif. This is easily achieved and shouldn't result in too much expense. The colors of Kwanzaa are black, red and green. This should be kept in mind when decorating the home.

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