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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 Yellow-house 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 and 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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## Dr. Sam Ayers Named EHS Principal

Last month, Estacado High School Principal David Vasquez announced he will retire from the district at the end of the school year after 32 years as an administrator and educator. Vasquez has also been actively involved in the Closing the Gaps Council, a P-20 initiative seeking to foster a college-going culture in the South Plains of Texas.

At a March 4 town hall meeting for District 2, which includes Estacado High School, Superintendent Karen Garza announced Dr. Sam Ayers would take over the reins as the new principal at Estacado High School to applause from the audience.

Ayers, currently the associate superintendent of teaching and learning for Quadrants 3 and 4, has extensive experience in educational leadership. He served the district as a principal at both the elementary and secondary levels, as assistant superintendent for elementary education, and as an adjunct professor of education at both Lubbock Christian and Wayland Baptist Universities.

Upon her arrival as the new superintendent, Dr. Karen Garza promoted Ayers to be the associate superintendent for half of the district campuses. When naming Ayers to the new role at Estacado, Garza said, "While it will be a huge sacrifice to lose Dr. Ayers as a key member of my administrative team at Central Office, there is no one better qualified professionally or personally to lead the Estacado campus." Garza added, "I think the appointment of Dr. Ayers is



Pictured above, from left to right, are: Dr. Karen Garza, Superintendent; Dr. Sam Ayers; School Board Member Venita Woods-Holmes; and T. J. Patterson, who were present for the District Two Town Hall meeting at Estacado High School Thursday evening, March 4, 2010. Dr. Ayers was named principal of Estacado.

indicative of the unprecedented support I plan to give to Estacado High School to help the students on this campus reach their academic potential."

Placing veteran, administrators with proven track records at campuses in need of assistance has been a nationally recommended practice as an effective tool in making significant academic strides in schools. To assist Ayers on the administrative team at Estacado will be Jimmy Moore, currently the principal at Dunbar Middle School. Taking the leadership role at Dunbar will be Dr. Brian Yearwood, who now serves as the principal at Iles Elementary School, a campus which has received a TEA exemplary rating under the leadership of Yearwood. Ayers is well-known to the

community not only for his educational expertise and stellar reputation, but also as an author. His children's photo-biography publications include Ella Iles, musician Buddy Holly; Governor Preston Smith; artist Kenneth Wyatt; George Washington Carver; First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and E. C. Struggs.

In addition, Ayers has written curriculum and position pieces for publications such as the TEPJA Journal, The Social Studies TEXAN, Southern Social Studies Journal, Southern Social Studies Quarterly, Journal of Education Finance, and the Fordham Foundation's Where Did Social Studies Go Wrong? He has written inspirational articles for The Upper Room, Restoration Witness, Daily Meditation, and FCA's



## Prayer Vigil Chain Members Enjoying Praising God

Every Tuesday morning, members of the Prayer Vigil Chain Members meet in the home of their president, Sister Blanche Swisher, or a designated location at 10:00 a. m. Along about May 15th of each year, they sponsor their annual program.

Members of the Prayer Vigil Chain Members are Gwen Norris, Bobbie Patterson, Billie Cavie, O. D. Hollins, Mamie Dewberry, Jeff Norrison, Betty Lincoln, Mary Stephens, Jossie Lethridge, Jennie Jordan, Marie Brown, Vollie Blanton, Clara

Turner, Minnie Bethany and Ethel Walter.

Liz Jefferson, Doris Johnson, Lucinda Griffen, Ollie Coleman, Lovie Cage, Mae Currie, Clemmie Sanders, Mark Anthony Durham, Jessie Garcia, Lorene Guyton, Jerry Jackson, Clara Lenord, Honri Jackson, and Ruth Johnson.

Officers are Sister Blanche Swisher, President; Sister Mary Birden, Vice President, and Sister Gladys Henderson, Secretary.

For more information about Prayer Vigil, call 744-4415.

## Greater St. Luke Baptist Church Honors Coach McNeill



Reception honoring Ruffin McNeill, Head Football Coach of East Carolina University, at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church on March 7, 2010. Presentation by J. H. Ford, Pastor, and Brother Michael Harvey of a Pirate Sword, given by Bobby Montgomery, to Ruffin McNeill.

Pictured left to right: J. H. Ford, Pastor; Ruffin McNeill, and Micheal Harvey.

## Victor Hernandez Announces For District One City Council

The Campaign to Elect Victor Hernandez for City Council announced today that a press conference will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010 at 11:45 a.m. to formally announce the candidacy of former city councilman

Victor Hernandez. The press conference will be held at the Maggie Trejo Super Center (3200 Amherst) in the heart of Arnett-Benson neighborhood.

## Littlefield City Councilman Ashley Succumbs



Councilman Van Ashley

Littlefield -- Mayor Pro Van Ashley, the longest serving Littlefield City Councilman, succumbed Friday night, March 5, 2010, after a recently illness.

He was active in the Texas Municipal League and served He was past president of AMCCM.

Services are to be held Saturday, at 1:00 p.m. in Littlefield at First Baptist Church.

## Longtime Resident, Mrs. Delia Newman Succumbs Days After Celebrating Her 100th Birthday

Funeral services for Delia Newman will be held Saturday afternoon, March 13, 2010, 1:00 p. m. at the Igesia Bautista Temple Church, 4810 Avenue P.

She celebrated her 100th birthday February 24, 2010 with her family. She was the oldest girl of 10 siblings. She lived 2 years in Flower Mount. For several years, she lived in Slaton. She lived in Mineral Wells, as well as Crowell. In the 1950's, she moved to Lubbock.

She married Isaiah Newman. Eight children were born. She became an active member of St. John Baptist Church, and worked with the Young Boys Ushers, Missionary Barbara Jordan, Deaconess and was a Sunday School teacher.

She received her G.E.D. from the Adult Learning Center. She

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Cutting Cake: Delia Newman and daughter, Della Showers, who is cutting the cake. What a delicious cake!



My 5th Generation: Shown are Delia Newman, Carey Childers, Bron'Don Childers, and Brae'Len Childers.

## Win This 2010 Camero! Drawing March 20th!



Each One Reach One is sponsoring a contest to win a 2010 Camero. Time is running out to qualify to win this automobile which is fully loaded. It may be viewed at Gene Messer, 40th and Avenue Q. Tickets for an opportunity to win this automobile are \$10.00 each through Monday, March 15, 2010.

Luther Barnes, nationally recording artist, will draw the winning ticket on Saturday afternoon, March 20, 2010, at Gene Messer.

Tickets may be purchased at Kings Cash, 1526 East 19th Street and Gene Messer. For more information, call Ms. Faye Brown at either (806) 831-9986 or (806) 762-3612.



Mrs. Delia Newman with her siblings and great-great-grandchildren. What a blessing this was for her!



Mrs. Delia Newman is shown eating the first piece of her cake. Feeding her is her daughter, Della Showers. What a Blessing!



# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This column wants to advise our readers of the many activities happening in our local libraries;

**Teen Book Discussion at Groves Branch Library**  
The BLTs (Book Lovin' Teens) will meet at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, on Thursday, March 11 at 4:30 p.m. to play games. Games of all types will be available. Call 767-3733 for more information.

trains running in the Groves Community Room from Monday, March 15 through Friday, March 19. Trains will be viewable during regular library hours. For more information, call 767-3733.

**Go Green for Spring Break!**  
The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, has an assortment of green activities for kids during Spring Break week.

**Spring Break Movies at Mahon Library**  
The Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street, will show children's movies on March 16, 17 and 18 at 10:30 a.m. For movie titles, call the library at 775-2838.

**Monday, March 15, 2-5 p.m.**  
Decorate a recycling box, learn how to make organic dirt, and find out what vermicomposting is.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2-5 p.m.**  
Create an herb garden and learn how to test soil.

**Wednesday, March 17, 1 & 2 p.m.**

Animals from the South Plains Wildlife Center will be visiting at 1 and 2 p.m. After the 2 p.m. program, we will make terrariums from plastic bottles

**Thursday, March 18, 2 p.m.**  
We will build and paint bird houses with our friends from Home Depot. Supplies are limited. First come, first served.

Let us continue to visit those who are on our sick and shut-in list. Remember, today it may be others, but tomorrow it could be you. Just take time and let someone know who is on the sick and shut-in list know you're thinking about them.

Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. At this report, one of our neighbors on the South Plains of Texas, Mayor Pro Tem Van Ashley, passed away last Friday afternoon, March 5, 2010.

Services will be held Friday afternoon, March 12, 2010, in Littlefield.

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## Delia Newman Succumbs

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She worked for Lubbock National Bank until she retired.

She showed support for the Hurricane Katrina evacuees in 2005. Mrs. Newman and her daughter, Della Showers, helped in the ministry at that time. At that time, she was 95 years of age at Reece Center.

There is no doubt about it, Mrs. Newman loved all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren whom she had baby sitter at one time or another. She was blessed to live to see five generations of her family.

She loved being able to work outside where she had a beautiful garden until her health failed. Until her death, she loved looking out to see what her yard looked like and made her grands to get it looking the way she liked it.

Mrs. Newman said that she attributed her long life was due to the love she had for the Lord and her family.

A second party was held with family and friends at the Southwest Regional Rehab Center which was held Saturday evening, February 28, 2010. Among those present were City Councilman Floyd Price, who presented her with a proclamation from the City of Lubbock as being the oldest African American living in Lubbock. There was plenty of food present for the celebration.

All her guest included her siblings: George Rainwater, Mary Tucker, H. V. Rainwater (Inez) from Slaton. Her children present were Bobby Loggins (Raymond), Edna Holmes of Dallas and Della Showers.

Whata great time together!

### FASHION FUN

with Shirley Roberson SPRING TEASE

Spring is bringing lots of excitement and fun for you and your family, some popular fashionable items are.. beautiful colorful plaids, large floral prints, ruffle tops, light weight fabrics with a mixture of bright colors and bronze tones. Sateen seen long shirts in vivid colors. Wide belts, narrow belts and of course high waisted belts. Short full circled skirts is leading this spring in the world of mini skirts. Think



prints this spring, beautiful, colorful prints. Fashion tip..always wear a smile.

### New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, March 7, 2010, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idlalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, pastor, teaching the lesson titled: "Influencing Community Change"; and it's printed text coming from Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-9. Sister Angela Mosley and Sister. Rochelette Hood taught the lesson for the Youth. Breakfast was served afterward the morning Sunday School.

Morning Worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir went in the choir stand singing "O' I Want To See Him." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson comes from I

Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Have Thine Own Way."

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

The Senior Choir sung "I Know It Was The Blood" and "This Little Light Of Mine". Sister Ambra Jackson sung "Precious Lord" before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Is Your House In Order?" with the scripture text coming from II Kings 20:1-6. There was a song that was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several came for prayer. All visitors was acknowledged by the president of

the ushers Sis. Brenda Manahan. God continue to add to the church as he see fit.

Pray that through christ salvation was made available to all. Continue to help us to share the good news all around us.

**SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK:** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed correctly teaching the word of truth.

### Community Health Screening Set Here

Covenant Health System will host a free community health screening on Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Covenant Knipping Education Conference Center. Those who attend will be able to take part in a variety of screenings that help ensure good health.

### Mo'Nique Wins Oscar For Best Supporting Actress; Fifth Black Woman To Win

LOS ANGELES - Mo'Nique became the fifth black woman to win an acting Oscar on Sunday night, 70 years after Hattie McDaniel became the first to do so for "Gone with the Wind."

The 42-year-old standup comedienne portrayed an abusive mother in "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire."

"I want to thank Miss Hattie McDaniel for enduring all she had to do so that I would not have to," Mo'Nique said in accepting the Oscar.

Her character, Mary Jones, is terrifying and violent and reveals her own brutalized past in the end.

Mo'Nique, who hosts The Mo'Nique Show on BET, was the overwhelming favourite in the run-up to the Oscars, having racked up supporting actress wins at the Golden Globes, Spirit Awards and the British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards, among others.

In the supporting actress category, the only other black Academy Award winners were Jennifer Hudson for "Dreamgirls" (2006) and Whoopi Gold-

berg for "Ghost" (1990). Halle Berry is the only black Oscar winner in the best actress category, earning the honour for "Monster's Ball" (2001).

Seven black men have won acting awards, including Denzel Washington, who won best actor for both "Training Day" (2001) and "Glory" (1989).



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### Center fielder Willie Davis found dead in his home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Willie Davis, a speedy center fielder who collected two World Series rings, three Gold Gloves and was a two-time All-Star during his 14 seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers, has died. He was 69.

"He was beloved by generations of Dodger fans and remains one of the most talented players ever to wear the Dodger uniform. Having spent time with him over the past six years, I know how proud he was to have been a Dodger.

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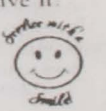
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# Church News

## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "GOP and Tea Party Don't Like Black Americans"

What this writer didn't say or write— Erich Erickson: "GOP Does Not Want a Black Man in the Senate". Well! Kiss my grits!!!

March 3, 2010, Mr. Erickson wrote: Despite paeans to diversity, the Republican Party clearly does not want a black man—or any minority candidate—in the Senate.

"It is starting to get really disgusting," Erickson, the editor-in-chief of the right-wing site Red State wrote. "First, the GOP said it needed diversity and chose the orange Charlie Crist over the Latino, Marco Rubo. Then the GOP said it needed diversity to do better outreach in the black community, so it ignored Michael Williams in Texas and tried to find a rich white guy to run for the Senate. Now that Kay Bailey Hutchison has lost the Texas primary to Rich Perry without even making it into a runoff, the Washington, D.C. Republicans are scared to death a black man might actually get appointed to the Senate as a Republican."

Even South Carolina GOP Sen. Jim DeMint supports

Michael Williams, Erickson noted: "This is really sick," he wrote.

Though Erickson said in a postscript that he was using "a hefty dose of sarcasm," he went on to restate the same point. "The fact remains that the GOP preaches diversity all the time and when presented with an attractive Latino and black candidate, they pass on both because they are too conservative," he wrote.

Another interesting piece was posted by Bob Cesca (Political Writer, Blogger, and New Media Producer) on March 3, 2010 saying "The Tea Party Is All About Race."

Cesca wrote: I was going to open this piece with an analogy about the tea party groups and why they're treated seriously by the press and the Republicans. The analogy would go something like: "Imagine [insert left-wing activist group here] getting a serious profile in a mainstream newspaper, and imagine serious Democratic politicians appearing at their conventions."

The problem is, when I really evaluate what the various far-left

activists groups are all about and compares them with the tea party movement; there really wasn't any equivalency, at all. Because when you strip away all of the rage, all of the nonsensical loud noises and all of the contradictions, all that's left is race. The tea party is almost entirely about race, and there's no comparative group on the left that's similarly motivated by bigotry, ignorance and racial hatred.

I hasten to note that I'm talking about real racism, insofar as it's impossible for the majority race—the 70 percent white majority—to be on the receiving end of racism. That is unless white males, for example, are suddenly an oppressed racial demographic. But judging by the racial composition of, say, the Senate or AM talk radio or the cast members playing Obamas on SNL. I don't think white people have anything to worry about.

This is an epiphany by any stretch. From the beginning, with their witch doctor imagery, watermelon agitprop and Curious George effigies, the wing nut right has been dying to blurt

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## We Thank God for Jesus "HERE'S WHY THE HEATHERNS RAGE"

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

**1 Timothy 4:1** – Now the spirit speaks expressly. That in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of Devils.

**Revelation 2:11a** – Jesus said, he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit said unto the Churches.

The word of God was at time, the only true way the Church would go.

But the Church like in the Garden of Eden, not obeying God who said No!!

**Matthew 28:19** – Jesus said, go you therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost

The Devil told the Church, give mankind the rights they want.

The will of God is to preach and teach God's word. They don't.

**Revelation 12:12b** – Woe to the debtors of the earth and the sea! For the Devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time.

When the Devil gave out his

rights, he knew they were wrong. The Devil is teh God of this world. Hell is where he belongs!!!

**Revelation 20:10a** – The Devil that deceived them were cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beats and the false prophets are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever!

**\*\*\* ARE YOU MARCHING WITH THE UNBELIEVERS??? \*\*\***

The Churches gave mankind their rights. They're of the Devil and wrong.

Churches following the Devil's plans, and knew God is on his throne!!!

**Galatians 6:7-8** -- Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. But he that sows to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting

The Churches marched. Didn't tell the people about salvation by God's Grace!

Now look the heathens everywhere, America is a disgrace!!!

**Matthew 15:9** -- Jesus sad, in

vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines t he commandments of men.

**\*\*\* THE HEATHERNS BEEN PLANTED!!! \*\*\***

(The Rights of the heathens: Rights to Fly An Airplane ir-plane into the I.R.S. Building; Rights to Steal a 3 Day Old Baby; Man's Rights To Dis-membering His Wife's Body, Teacher And Students Sex Rights, Teenage Drinking Rights, Child Molestation Rights, No Prayer In School Rights, Drugs In School Rights, Rights To Behead The Children, Kill The Teachers And Class-mate Rights, Abortion Rights, Mother Drowning Her Children Rights And Many more of the Devil!!!)

**\*\*\* YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW!!! \*\*\***

Churches have planted this Rights thing, and the people do whatever they will.

Our children are catching hell, and it's a painful and bitter pill!

**Matthew 2:1-10** -- Jesus said, O Jerusalem (Church), You that kills the Prophets, and stone

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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, March 7, 2010, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Influencing Community Change." The scripture text was Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-9. The Unifying Topic was "Mission to the Community."

The teacher of the morning

lesson was Sister Shirley Davis. The review was given by Rev. Alvin Butler. What a wonderful lesson it was.

The main thought of our Sunday School lesson was:

**"So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them." Jonah 3:5**

The morning worship hour begun at 11:00 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. What a blessing to have these choir members sing God's praises.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Alvin Butler. His subject was "The Eagle Stir Her Nest." His scripture text was Deuteronomy 32:11-12.

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 at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesdays.

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

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

Brotherhood meets at 12:00 noon on Saturdays.

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

St. Matthew Baptist Church will celebrate its 62nd Church Anniversary.

The members of St. Matthew Baptist Church welcome all of you to come cele-

brate with them, and their pastor, Rev. Edward Canady. Services will beheld March 12 thru 14, 2010. Services will be held at 3:00 p. m. on Sunday afternoon, March 14th.

The theme will be: "The Vine And The Branch." St. John 15:1-2.

Please let us not forget our sick and shut-in citizens of the community.

Let us continue to pray for the families. Tomorrow, it could be one of us.

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

Baptist Church. Come and take part in our worship services. We know, you will be glad you did so.

Remember the doors are always open for you at St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

*"Lord, give us wisdom to discern, when what is false must be revealed, or if we need your grace and strength. To close our lips and keep them sealed."*

**Thought For The Week:** "Silence can be valuable; don't break it unless you can improve on it."

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer meet last Saturday morning, March 6, 2010, in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood. We missed you! Why not make plans to meet with us at our next meeting.

The devotion consisted of old spirituals which were enjoyed by all in attendance. The scripture read was Psalm 1 by Sister Dorothy Hood. Prayer was offered by Sister Rosaina Henderson. Several prayer requests were read, and special prayers for each was done by Sister Henderson, Sister Jones and Sister Hood.

The scripture lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones, our teacher. The scripture was Jonah 1. Her subject was "A Reluctant Missionary."

**Verse 1** – Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah, the son of Amittai, saying, arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it, for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it to go with them into Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. But the Lord sent a great wind of the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea so that the ship was like to be broken.

You cannot flee from the presence of God, this teacher said.

There are many sick and bereaved people in this city. God knows what's best. Let us con-

tinue to believe God. And read the word Mark 11:22-26, II Chronicles 7:14.

If you can receive. Is there anything too hard for God???

**FAILING LIKE JONAH** God wants us to see, think, and feel the way he does—beyond what is easy. He calls us to stretch our compassion until it matches the full measure of his grace, to be brokenhearted by

who's saved, and on what terms. Instead of being grateful that he's extended salvation to us, we set up false "us vs. them" relationships that make us out to be something other than what we are—sinners rescued from death by the mercy of God.

God's desire is for us to be humble messengers of his Word, speaking truth without condition

or agenda. It's not our job to decide how the message is received.

- Who is the them in your life? On whom are you reluctant to see God lavish his mercy?
- How can you learn to have God's attitude toward this person or group of people?
- What small issues in your life (that may feel big) are distracting you from the larger needs of

the world?

- Where have you been disappointed in the way God has handled a situation in your life or in the lives of others? What misperceptions or wrong expectations caused that disappointment?

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# Obsequies

## Robert Lee Harris, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Robert Lee Harris, Jr. were held at . Friday afternoon, February 26, 2010 at St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastyor, officiating.

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

Harris, Jr., 58, of Arlington, Texas, formerly of Lubbock, passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at Medical Center of Arlington, Texas.

He was born March 1, 1951 in Houston, Texas to Robert Lee Harris, Sr., and the late Vertia Mae Gibson Harris. He attended Estacado High School.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Vertia Mae Harris; and one brother, Craig Anthony Harris.

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He leaves to cherish his mem-



ory, his father, Robert L. Harris, Sr.; a son, Robert Harris III (Catina); and daughter, Kathy Harris; six brothers, Donald Ray Harris (Modesta), Willie Goins, Larry Harris (Karen), Billy Harris (Terri), Alvin Harris (Barbara) and Freddy Harris (Sarah); four sisters, Earlene (Will), Emma Harris, Cynthia Johnson (Zack), and Mary Clark; and five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a special friend, Lois Davis; and a host of other relatives and friends.

(Editor's Note: This is a re-run from last week. Story about death was not complete).

## Helen Marie Skief

Funeral services were held at Saturday afternoon, March 6, 2010 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

Skief, 61, of Lubbock passed away Monday, March 1, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center.

Helen was born to Charlie Ray and Willie Lee Kingston and attended Dunbar High School. She also attended Draughtons Business College. She was united in matrimony to Isaiah Skief, Jr. on August 25, 1967.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Isaiah Skief, Jr.; two daughters, Marla Kay Washington (Dennis) and Helisa Kay Wood (Tyrone); one



foster daughter, Patricia Hawkins; two step-daughters, Rachelle Duvall and Regina Williams; one son, Isaiah Skief, III; one step-son, Bryant Jones; Sherri Morgan; thirteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two foster grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Special thanks to Cuidado Casero Home Health and Hospice.

## L.C. Williams

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, March 6, 2010 at Full Armor Ministries with Bishop Leonard Chatman, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Williams, 74, of Lubbock, departed this life on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Carillon Vista Care in Lubbock.

L.C. was the son of the late Z.D. Sr. and Mollie Lee Williams. He was born on April 5, 1935 in Crosbyton and attended school in Crosbyton, Texas. He was the third of four children. L.C. moved to Lubbock in the early 1950's.

He met and married, Cora Hightower on June 19, 1955, who preceded him in death.

He worked for Plains Oil Coop for many years and Boxco



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He leaves to cherish his memories, three daughters, Helen R. Jones, Everme Williams (Booker), Rose Mary Williams and Jacquelin Williams; a son, Sammy Lee Williams; stepchildren, Elmo Hightower, Jr. (Helen); Robert Earl Hightower; Lois Forney (B. Raney) and Sara Ann Hightower; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

## Clara Mae Pearson Mayse

A twilight service was held Sunday evening, February 28, 2010 at Evergreen Funeral Home in Dallas, Texas for Clara Mae Pearson Mayse. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, March 2, 2010 at St. John Baptist Church with Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor, officiating.

Ms. Mayse were in her



80th year of living passed away Wednesday, February 24, 2010, surrounded by family and friends in Desoto, Texas.

Clara was born in Mt. Calm, Texas on July 31, 1929 to the parentage M C and Lettie Pearson. She was a licensed vocational nurse in Lubbock, and retired from Lubbock State School.

Later in life, she moved to Dallas, Texas to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memories are her children, Joyce Watkins, Florence Madison, John Mayse,

and Pauletta Jones; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and 3 siblings, Jolin Pearson, Selena Tucker and Estella Brown. She was preceded in death by 15 siblings; daughter, Peggy Jo; and a grandson, Edward Carlton Jones, III.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**LITTLEFIELD CITY COUNCILMAN VAN ASHLEY SUCCUMBS! THIS N THAT** ..... who was a friend of ..... **THIS N THAT** ..... succumbed last week..... The .... **TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR BLACK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS (TABCCM)** ..... passed this resolution on March 9, 2010..... **THIS N THAT** ..... along with other council persons in Texas ..... organized this body.

Ashley was an active member of the National League of Cities (NLC) and the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO). He attended and was an active member of NLC and NBC-LEO conference; and

**WHEREAS** Councilman Ashley was former president and an active member of Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners (AMCC); and

**WHEREAS** Councilman Ashley was an active member of the Texas Municipal League (TML). He served on the Board of Directors of TML as a representative for AMCC; and

**WHEREAS** Councilman Ashley joined and became an active member of the Texas As-

sociation of Black City Council Members (TABCCM). He actively participated in TABCCM Board and Membership meetings; and

**WHEREAS** Councilman Ashley was always available to respond to the needs of TABCCM. He was willing to provide advice and assistance to new TABCCM members and new Black Elected Officials who needed guidance and directions; and

**WHEREAS** The Texas Association of Black City Council Members will miss the devoted leadership of Van Ashley. His passing will leave a great void, but his contributions on a city, state and national level will be long remembered;

**NOW, THEREFORE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OFFERS OUR DEEPEST SORROW TO THE ASHLEY FAMILY AND THE CITY OF LITTLEFIELD. YOU HAVE OUR PRAYERS AND SHARE THE FOND MEMORIES OF AN OUTSTANDING ELECTED OFFICIAL AND A PASSIONATE INDIVIDUAL WHO GAVE MUCH TO THOSE OF US WHO KNEW HIM:**

Resolved this 9th day of March  
Franklin D. Moss, President  
TABCCM

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VERNITA WOODS HOLMES** ..... should be elected as ..... **PRESIDENT** .... of the Lubbock Independent School District..... **THIS N THAT** ..... recognizes she is the ..... **SENIOR TRUSTEE** .... and should be elected by peers!



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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

anything can tell you that but the Medicare cost in-



5% increase is added if there is a penalty. The statement overall shows information under subtitles such as, account information: date, minimum payment due, payment due date, days in billing cycle, credit line and available credit. Next, is the late payment warning and the minimum payment warning which gives you information on how long it will take you to pay your balance, and how much you will end up paying, if you pay the minimum amount due. The account summary follows which in-

cludes your credit plan type, the previous balance, your new purchases, payments and credits plus any insurance or debits and the finance charges, equaling your new balance and the minimum payment due, which will be due by 5:00 P.M. (ET) on the due date.

Sears', whose credit cards are financed through Citibank (South Dakota), NA, sent a replica of a bill and explained it in detail in four steps: " (1) Monthly account activity—payments, credits, fees and interest charges (2)



By now, everyone who has a credit card balance has received notice of all of the changes which were to go into effect on February 22, 2010. In addition, you have by now received a new kind of monthly billing statement which gives you more information about your account. Some companies just sent the bill with the changed image and others sent an insert with the bill to explain the differences to you or how to read and understand the bill.

Dillard's', whose credit cards are financed through GE Money Bank, did not send any sample for one to peruse; just the bill and required information necessary for you to know what is expected in the method which you use to pay your bill and how much it will cost you if you do not pay on time. This information is stated thus: "If we do not receive your minimum payment by the date listed above, you may have to pay a late fee up to \$39.99 and your APR's may be increased up to the Penalty APR of 27.24%." Dillard's annual percentage rate on my statement is 22.99% for regular purchases. About a

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"I'm proud the Railroad Commission voted earlier today to support the action taken by Governor Perry and General Abbott in filing a Petition for Review with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and a Petition for Reconsideration with the Environmental Protection Agency. These are two things which we all want to avoid. A late payment coupled with a returned check can cost one \$78.00 in one month, in which your balance may be \$50.00. Note that Sears' APR is 25.24% on regular purchases and 27.15% on

\*The EPA endangerment finding for greenhouse gases, based on questionable science, is just another example of the over-reaching nature of the federal government. This new regulatory structure imposed by the EPA will place an added financial burden on almost all sectors of Texas' economy at a time when they can least afford it. \*Texas businesses, ranches, farms, and families will pay more for energy that in turn will cost Texans jobs and will increase costs to consumers around the country. Texas is a leader in clean energy and in reducing ozone levels.

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## PROTECTING YOUR FINANCIAL HEALTH Know Your Credit Score

By Calvin Davis

Everyone, regardless of your age, should check your credit report at least once a year. With identity theft occurring daily, everyone who has a social security number is at risk. Even your 12 year old child or grandchild could be subject to credit fraud or identity theft. Items can show up on your credit report that either are not related to you, or are inaccurate or simply false. Checking out your credit report annually will allow you to determine whether it contains any inaccurate or false information. The first step to correct a problem is identifying the problem. Without even looking at your credit report, you cannot know if

### Parson Smith

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out, as Lee Atwater famously said, "N-word, N-word, N-word!"

But they can't. Strike that. Correction. TeaParty.org founder Dale Robertson brandished as-given with the (misspelled) word "nigger." So they're not even as restrained as the generally unstrung Atwater anymore.

Most of the time, they merely imply the use of the word.

From the outset, the tea party was based on a contradictory premise (the original tea party was a protest against a corporate tax cut). And when you throw out all of the nonsense and contradictions there's nothing left except race. There's no other way to explain why these people were silent and compliant for so long, and only decided to collective freak out when this "foreign" and "exotic" president came along and, right out of the chute, passed the largest middle class tax cut in American history—something they would otherwise support, for goodness sake, it was \$288 billion in tax cuts! — we're left to deduce no other motive but the ugly one that lurks just beneath the pale flesh, the tri-corner hats and the dangly, tea bag ornamentation... By the way of a postscript one of the faceless radio talk show radio wing nuts, Jim Quinn, this week called President Obama a "Kenyan wuss" who should be "slapped silly." The Kenyan lie and the "slap silly" insult aside, the president is no wuss. You know how I know? He's a black man who ran for president and won despite the growing mob of gun-toting militant white bigots like Jim Quinn who are sucking air in America. President Obama achieving this despite the hatred and threats against him takes serious guts. Guts that Jim Quinn and the tea party movement will never understand...

The tea party is an extension of talk radio. It's an extension of Fox News Channel. It's an extension of the southern faction of the Republican Party — the faction that gave us the Southern Strategy, the Willie Horton ad, the White Hands ad and the racially divisive politics of Lee Atwater and Karl Rove. It's an extension of the race-baiting and, often, the outright racism evident in all of those conservative spheres.

Thank you Erick Erickson and Bob Cesca for helping this writer to understand why Lubbock elects anti-black Americans candidates for office. Ones that hangs evil pictures of President Obama in the Lubbock County Courthouse with Black Males as if no white folk don't use drugs and ignore its homeless people by taking responsibility for the downtrodden away from city government.

there is a problem. If you already suspect a there is a problem with your credit, you cannot begin the corrective process until you examine the damage and find wherein lies the problem. Obtaining a copy of your credit report is step one toward financial recovery.

The main reason to check your credit score is to protect your overall financial health and credit future. Your credit score affects the interest rate that you can receive when seeking to purchase a home or and automobile or even when purchasing auto insurance -- yes, auto insurance. In Texas, insurance companies check your credit to determine your automobile insurance rate. The higher your credit score the lower your insurance cost and interest rate on credit purchases.

Also, many companies and agencies look at the credit scores of applicants to determine whether or not they will be offered employment. Ultimately, your credit score could be a determining factor as to whether or not you obtain employment in the future.

There are three recognized credit bureaus that maintain and report credit in the U.S. Everyone is entitled to one free credit report per year from each of the three credit reporting bureaus. Unlike most online companies advertising free credit reports, the three recognized credit bureau reports are actually free and they provide you with your all important credit score. Credit scores (referred to as FICO scores) range from 300 – 850. A score of 700 or higher means excellent or very good credit, which means that you, as a consumer, are entitled to receive the best rates, terms, and conditions when seeking financing, credit, or auto insurance. When a creditor, potential creditor, potential employer, or a third party makes a credit inquiry regarding your credit, your credit will be negatively affected. However, when you request a copy of your own credit report, your credit score is not negatively affected.

To obtain a free copy of your credit report, the first thing to do is to prepare a simple letter requesting a credit report. This letter can look something like this:

March 12, 2010 (current date)

(Credit Bureau name & Address)

Dear Credit Bureau,

Please send me a free copy of my credit report. My name is John Doe (your name), my social security number is xxx-xx-xxxx (include the correct social

In Cinque

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cash advances. These are just two examples of how credit card bills are running. We need to get "in cinque" and try to pay these cards off as quickly as possible, avoiding the minimum payments and always allow more than a week for payments to reach the debt holder.

security number). Please send the credit report to 111 Happy Lane, Lubbock, Texas" (i.e. the address where you want the report sent).

Sincerely,

John Doe (your signature)

It is necessary that the letter contain your name, social security number, a request for a credit report, and your signature. The next step is to send your letter to all three of the credit bureaus listed below since information may slightly differ with each agency:

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2. **Experian**  
P.O. Box 2002 - Allen, TX 75013

3. **TransUnion**  
P.O. Box 1000 - Chester, PA 19022

Checking your credit annually is much like getting your blood pressure checked regularly. It is a preventative measure that will pay huge dividends in the future it could even mean getting a better job in the future.

So what do you do if you discover inaccurate or false information on your credit report? Fortunately, this information can be removed with some effort. Check out future articles for ways to clean-up your credit.

One of the goals of the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc. is to help economically empower our community. We challenge you to protect your financial health and economic future by acting today and request, obtain, and review your credit report. Remember, it's free.

Written by Calvin Davis, Esq., Vice President for Public Relations for the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc. Mr. Davis is employed by U.S. Small Business Administration and serves as the District Counsel and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Lubbock and El Paso Districts.

### Thank God For Jesus Continued from Page 3

them which are sent unto you. How often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, you shall not see me henceforth, till you shall say, blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord..

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## THINK ABOUT IT!

Lubbock Do Not Need This Kind Of Action!!

by

Eddie P. Richardson

The year is 2010 and it is a U.S. Census year which happens every ten years. To some degree, it affects the life of Americans and the life of every American in one way or another. The upcoming U.S. Census report is the most important report you will fill out this year, so please respond positively to this. Report your future as it depends on it so please remember this and take action.

The information you give to 2010 U.S. Census report will be used to help communities across America get its fair share of government funds for high-

ways, schools, health facilities, and many programs you and your neighbors need including political representatives. Without a complete and accurate count your community could not receive its fair share. It is most important to respond, because your future is involved.

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#### Charter Study Committee

The charter study committee is still a black eye for Lubbock especially when it will reflect the present and future of the city of Lubbock Texas, a diverse multi-racial, multi-cultural city and the study committee's make up in-

cludes seven Anglo Saxon European middle or upper middle class males. Now what kind of image will this reflect 25 years, or even 100 years from today? The seven men are fine decent men, but they are not a true reflection of the population of Lubbock. Even with present date, one could wonder what the Justice Department think of the present situation? There is still time to rectify this unfair situation by enlarging the committee to make it reflective of the diverse city of Lubbock..

## Former Birmingham mayor gets 15 years for bribery

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. —

Former Birmingham Mayor Larry Langford has been sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for taking some \$235,000 in bribes in return for lucrative bond work.

U.S. District Judge Scott Coogler imposed the sentence Friday. Langford was convicted on 60 felony counts in October and removed from office.

Prosecutors had asked the judge to send the 63-year-old Langford to prison for at least 24 years, saying he hasn't shown any remorse. The defense asked for no more than five years.

Two men who admitted bribing Langford while he was president of the Jefferson County Commission already have been sentenced to prison for at least four years each.

District Judge Scott Coogler imposed the sentence on Langford, 63, who told the court, "I am sorry all this has occurred."

The sentence was about nine years shorter than the minimum term sought by prosecutors. Asked outside court whether he was pleased, Langford sneered

at a reporter.

"Are you?" said Langford, who claims he did nothing wrong.

Langford and his wife have blamed his conviction on vindictive prosecutors, inattentive jurors and racism. Langford is black; most of the jurors were white.

Defense lawyers already are working on an appeal.

Langford, a dapper political figure, was convicted in October of taking cash, loans and gifts — including expensive clothes and jewelry — while he was president of the Jefferson County Commission. In exchange, prosecutors said, he steered county bond work to an investment banker who paid the bribes.

"He sold Jefferson County out," said Assistant U.S. Attorney George Martin.

He said Langford committed a "gross abuse of trust" with every Italian suit, Rolex watch and cash payment he received.

Initially valued at \$235,000, authorities said a final tally of the bribes came to \$241,843 — which Langford was ordered to

repay, along with about \$119,985 in back taxes. Langford must report to federal custody by April 5.

The defense claimed the cash and other items were personal gifts and loans from friends and did not influence Langford's decision on the bond work.

But investment banker Bill Blount pleaded guilty to making the payments, and lobbyist Al LaPierre admitted being the middleman. Blount, the former state Democratic Party chairman, last week was sentenced to more than four years in prison. LaPierre, the former executive director of the state Democratic Party, got four years. Blount also was ordered to pay \$1 million to the government, and LaPierre \$470,000.

Prosecutors had argued Langford showed no remorse and should spend up to 30 years in prison.

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