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Patterson Library's Staff Adopted Family For Christmas Holidays

Instead of exchanging gifts between each other, the Bobbie Gean & T J Patterson Branch Library staff, along with two librarians from the Mahon Library, adopted a family for Christmas.

Not only did the staff join in giving but many of the staff's family members joined in giving as well.

The names of the adopted family members are: Minister Connie Moore Williams; her daughter Criste Moore, and Criste's children.

Minister Williams' grandchildren are: Cyrah, age 8, Camar age 6, and Calieb age 5.

The family said that they were extremely blessed and surprised to know that someone thought of them and shared with them when times are hard for everyone was a true blessing. When the family arrived at Patterson Branch to receive their gifts joy and loved filled the building. To hear the exclamations of thanksgiving and happiness coming from the children, their mother, and grandmother demonstrated the true essences of what we celebrate when we celebrate Christmas, the gift of life.

This is not a first for the Patterson Branch staff. In the past, for two years in a row, Patterson



An Elated Minister Connie Moore Williams & Family

Branch staff brought items for babies and donated them to the Stork's Nest. The Stork's Nest is a program geared to help women get early and regular prenatal care. It was established in 1971 in Atlanta, Georgia, and is a cooperative national project of the March of Dimes and of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. The Stork's Nest provides help for women of low-income and in need of encouragement to keep prenatal appointments. Stork's Nest is one way to help teach women the health of their baby starts long before its birthday.

This is such a rewarding experience for the Patterson Staff!

Griffin Announces For State Rep. District 84



Mark Griffin

Monday, December 28, 2009, Mark Griffin announced his candidacy for State Representative, District 84. He says he will pledge to continue the example of principled, conservative leadership provided by retiring Representative Carl Isett.

He said, "My focus will be to give my best efforts to the citizens in District 84 with effective and solid conservative leadership in Austin."

As a lifelong resident of Lubbock, he said, "I am humbled by the enthusiastic support and encouragement I have already received from my family, friends and many others in Lubbock, and I look forward to meeting and listening to the voters in District 84 during this campaign. I want to earn your vote."

"Education is a priority. At both the Public and Higher Education levels, quality and accountability are essential. We must continually explore ways to fund our children's education in ways that are economical, efficient and reward achievement in the classroom. My fourteen years on the Lubbock Independent School District Board, provided me valuable insights into what works and what doesn't in the delivery of education to our children," he said.

He will face Ysidro Gutierrez in the Republican Primary in March.



Coach Ruffin McNeil

Statement from Texas Tech on Suspension of Football Coach Mike Leach

Texas Tech University recently received a complaint from a player and his parents regarding Red Raider Head Football Coach Mike Leach's treatment of the athlete after an injury.

At Texas Tech all such complaints are considered as serious matters, and as a result, an investigation of the incident is underway. Until the investigation is complete, Texas Tech University is suspending coach Leach from all duties as Head Football Coach effective immediately. The investigation into this matter will continue in a thorough and fair manner.

Coach Ruffin McNeill will assume duties as Interim Head Coach and will coach the team during the Alamo Bowl.

The decision to take these actions was made in consultation with the Texas Tech University president, and the Texas Tech University System chancellor, and Board of Regents chairman and vice chairman.

Because this is a personnel matter no further comment will be forthcoming.

television with a built in DVD, a Net Book laptop computer, his and her watches, and a dinner for two at the Red Lobster Restaurant.

Ramirez exclaimed, "This is the first time I've ever won anything in my life. I am so happy!" Ramirez's customers made him several offers for the prizes, especially

Ramirez Wins Roots Christmas Contest Last Week



Robert Ramirez

Robert Ramirez, owner of Kings Cash Store, East 19th Street and MLK Blvd, is the winner of the Roots Historical Arts Council's First Annual Christmas Contest. Ramirez won five prizes in a drawing

held Wednesday afternoon, December 23, 2009, at the Roots office, 19th Street and Avenue R.

The contest prizes included a trip for two to any Southwest Airlines destination, a flat screen



Businessman Percy Sutton served as an intelligence officer for the famed Tuskegee Airmen in World War II.

Percy Sutton, trailblazing businessman, dies at 89

(CNN) — Civil rights attorney Percy Sutton, who represented Malcolm X and became an influential New York politician and broadcaster, has died at age 89, associates said Sunday.

As a businessman, Sutton was credited with leading the revitalization of Harlem, including the restoration of the famous Apollo Theater. In a statement issued after Sutton's death Saturday night, New York Gov. David Paterson called the former Manhattan borough president "a friend and mentor."

"Percy was fiercely loyal, compassionate and a truly kind soul," Paterson said. "He will be missed, but his legacy lives on through the next generations of African-Americans he inspired to pursue and fulfill their own dreams and ambitions."

And in a statement issued by the White House, President Obama called Sutton a "true hero to African-Americans in New York City and around the country."

"His life-long dedication to the fight for civil rights and his career as an entrepreneur and public servant made the rise of countless young African-Americans possible," Obama said.

A native of Texas, Sutton served as an intelligence officer for the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II before becoming an attorney. He represented Malcolm X until the onetime Nation of Islam leader's 1965 assassination, and continued to represent his widow, Betty Shabazz, until her death in a 1997 fire. He then defended Shabazz's 12-year-old grandson, who admitted to starting the fatal blaze.

In the 1970s, Sutton was a member of the Harlem circle dubbed the "Gang of Four," which included U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel; Paterson's father Basil, who became New York's secretary of state; and future New York Mayor David Dinkins. He served as Manhattan borough president from 1966

to 1977, and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg ordered flags at city offices to fly at half-staff on Monday.

It's hard to capture in just a few words how important Percy's contributions were — and just how unique an individual he was. He helped move African-Americans and all of New York forward," Bloomberg said in his declaration.

After public office, Sutton became an African-American broadcasting pioneer by purchasing radio stations WLJB and WBLS, launching the first radio chain aimed at black listeners, civil rights leader Al Sharpton said Sunday.

"He was at the forefront of everything you can think of in black America," Sharpton told CNN. "He was the quintessential black American. He pioneered black business, black media and black politics. He opened those doors and he kept them open."

Sutton also reopened the Apollo, the Harlem landmark credited with launching the careers of performers from Ella Fitzgerald to Michael Jackson, "when it was boarded up — when the only ones here were the rats and the roaches," Sharpton told reporters Sunday.

"He was suave and eloquent and debonair," Sharpton said. "He had a coolness about him that I think that we will never see the likes of. There was a grace about Percy Sutton that was hard to describe."

And Rangel said Sutton "never stopped fighting for our rights and building community, especially in his beloved Harlem."

"Percy Sutton wrote his own story, and in doing so, he leaves behind a remarkable legacy of achievement and social justice that will serve as an example and inspiration for generations of leaders, now and forever," the veteran congressman said in a written statement.

Hutchinson Sisters Visit Santa Land



These two happy sisters, Keimah Hutchinson, left, and K'taeshia Hutchinson, are shown visiting Santa Land in McKenzie Park. They really had a wonderful time visiting Santa!

pecially the trip, the TV and the Laptop, but he refused each offer.

Ramirez, a resident of East Lubbock, has established a reputation for giving back to his community and continued that

tradition by giving the watches and the dinner back to the Council. The watches were awarded to runner-up Velma Zapata and the dinner was purchased by Roots board member Dorothy Dent.

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, 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.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Word comes of the death of Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr., who passed away Monday morning, December 28, 2009, in Abilene, Texas. He, at one time was a member of the Abilene City Council.

At this report, the funeral arrangements are pending. More will be reported in next week's issue.

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FASHION FUN

with Shirley Roberson
After Christmas Sells

Ladies this is the time to just go crazy! sells are everywhere. If you are serious about saving some money, this is what you been waiting for. Items to look for non seasonal clothing is really the way to go. Fashions that you can wear all year, pieces that are lightweight and comfortable. Stick to the basics and limit yourself to fashions that are in today and gone tomorrow. Take time to really search for accessories that will give your already wardrobe a different twist. A simply scarf, maybe a wider stretch belt, long long chain necklaces are just a few ways to enter the new year looking a better and feeling a whole lot more fashion sharper...NOW YOU TELL ME LADIES, HOW GREAT IS THAT!



The sells are out there, you just have to know where to look. EVERYWHERE!
Fashion tip...just for the fun of it.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, December 27, 2009, church services began in high spirit at New Light Baptist Church, located at 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started got underway at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson for the adults and youth entitled "Searching For A Child" and the printed scripture text coming from Matthew 2:7-9; 16-23.

After Church School, breakfast was served to those who were in attendance.

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

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand to sing. The responsive reading was led by Rev. Jackson, and it came from Psalm 150:1-6. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Kenneth Hightower, with the choir singing "He's Sweet I Know."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the up coming events that will be taking place. There was the pastoral period which was coordinated by the pastor. The morning followed.

The Senior Choir sung "Lord, I Want You To Help Me" and Shine On Me." Rev. Jackson preached the sermon "Do

You Know Him." His scripture text was Matthew 26:69-71 "I'll Fly Away was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship which was extended to all and several came for prayer.

The Lord continues to add to the church as He sees fit. All visitors were acknowledged by Sister Brenda Manahan.

Pray for the youths and young teens who don't know about Christ. Pray they will want to know Him and have that personal relationship with Him.


SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

NEW LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE SERVING FREE SACK LUNCHES TO ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY ON WEDNESDAYS FROM: 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

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The Pastor and Members of the New Light Baptist Church are wishing each of You a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**, as this is God's World!



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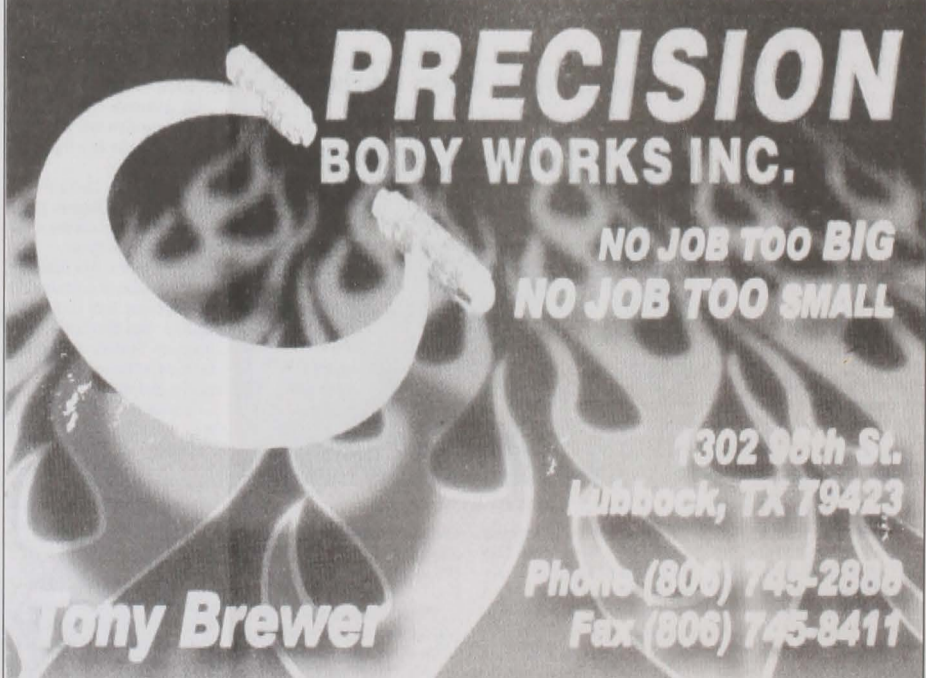
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Church News



**From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
"Thoughts From A Senior Citizen"**

The Ole Parson Smith would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have continually read his thoughts and opinions on a weekly basis. It is people like you who have the intellect to read and read and read and gain knowledge that enrich your total being. It is people like you who will help change the thought processes of those who would politically, economically, socially, racially and yes religiously an American way of life to one that will destroy the very fabric of our being.

I love America and I love Texas. The Ricky Perry's, Tea Bagners, and other misfits residing in America and the great state of Texas need to understand that it is people like you and your forefathers who help built this country and Texas on the back of slave (seen and unseen) labor. It is because of the many of you who are senior citizens who have had to take a back seat to white people so that the young African American of today could have a better way of life.

We would encourage young

African American males to stand on their feet and be men that their women can be proud off. There is no life in the selling of illegal drugs. When you sell drugs you become a prostitute and a whore for the drug cartels of the world. Not only do you become a prostitute in this manner, you make the life of some white man's son easy by being your lawyer. You drive a \$60,000 vehicle that you cannot put in your name nor buy insurance on and have to shack in a housing project with someone's daughter while the white man's son lives in West Lubbock in a house with 5 air condition units outside, a \$175,000 Mercedes, and is not shacking but married to a woman who will give birth to him a son that will keep your son living in the project and a continued downward spiral.

My prayer is that in 2010 young black males of Lubbock will pimp some books and gain knowledge of how to become leaders in this community. Killing another brother should be a NO! NO! among the black male community. For the broth-

ers who mistreat others, justice can be founded in the legal system. That is why it is important to register and vote and obtain a District Attorney for the good of all people.

We would encourage African Americans to register and vote. An article in the USA Today, by John Fritze should put African American on notice to register to vote because of the upcoming political shift in population. Fritze wrote: Although a decades-old population shift favoring Sun Belt states slowed this year, the South continues to seize political power once held by the Northeast and Midwest, Census Bureau estimates released show.

Eight states, including six in the South and Southwest, would gain seats in the House of Representatives if apportionment were done today rather after the 2010 Census, according to an analysis by the non-partisan Election Data Services.

Texas would be the biggest winner, adding three seats. In line to add a seat: Arizona,



**We Thank God for Jesus
"It's Praying Time, Have You Seen The Signs"**

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

Matthew 9:37-38 -- Jesus said, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray you, therefore, to the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

As I look around this country, the whole harvest is out of control. Even some doctors are taking their own lives as if there is no hope!!!

Matthew 11:28 -- Jesus said, come unto me all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

The man kills his girlfriend, and cooks her body to eat. America gave him rights. Other countries are the heathens we want to teach.

I Corinthians 5:6 -- Your glorying is not good. Know you not that a little leaven (Sin). Leaven the whole lump?

America is gone down hill when the Devil took prayer out of schools. She's going down fast now, and I ask who's the fool???

Romans 1:21a-22 -- Because that when they (The Churches) know God. They glory-

rify him not as God. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

A twelve year old boy beat his 17 month old cousin to death over a TV. He uses his rights. But, Saints, that's the sign for you and me!!!

James 5:16b -- The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much.

**** CHURCHES, ARE YOU PRAYING??? ****
Man takes his four children, and tosses them off the bridge to die. Church, that's a sign of the Devil. It's praying time for you and me!!!

Isaiah 1:4a-5 -- The Lord said, Yes, a sinful nation. A people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers. Children who are corrupted. They have forsaken the Lord. Why should you be stricken anymore? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

**** CHURCH, HAVE YOU SEEN OTHER SIGNS????? ****

A 25 year old teacher was ar-

rested. Having sex with a 13 year old is her crime. Just another trouble. Our children are in Church. It is praying time!!!

Proverb 15:29 -- The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous.

**** WHAT SIGNS HAVE YOU SEEN??? ****
In Houston, Texas, parents were arrested. Drugging children is t heir crime. That's for you and me to know. Church it's praying time!!!

Matthew 24:11-12 -- Jesus said, many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound. The love of many shall wax cold.

Home-invading is taking over everywhere. You've seen the signs??? Next one may be you and me. So let's get ready Church. It's praying time!!!

**** CHURCH, ARE YOU PLAYING OR PRAYING??? ****

The Government wants to save the polar bear, not children, **Continue on Page 6**

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

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

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with the Assistant Superintendent, Sister Annoe Onasanya, in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Searching For A Child." The scripture text was Matthew 2:7-9; 16-23. The Unifying Topic was "Magi Confirm Messiah's."

The teacher of the morning's lesson was Rev. Jimmy Brown.

The main thought was: *"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."* **Matthew 2:10.**

The Morning worship hour begun at 11:00 a.m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Rev. Alvin Butler.

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

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Jimmy Brown. His subject was "Another View of a Good Samaritan."

His scripture text was Luke 10:25-32. The Song of Inspiration was "Precious Lord."

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 Rehearsals are held on Friday evenings at 5:00 p.m.

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

All who are involved are

asked to be present.

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

Let us not forget our sick and shut in citizens of the Lubbock Community. Your precious prayers are always welcome.

Let's remember Watch Meeting Services on Thursday evening, tonight, December 31, 2009. All who are looking for a Church to visit on this evening, then come and be the St.

Matthew Baptist Church Family. It will begin at 10:00 p.m. You are all welcomed to attend.

Whenever Life's burdens oppress you, And trails seem too much to face,

Remember God's strength in your weakness; He'll give you His power and grace!!

Thought For The Week:
"God gives enough grace for whatever we face."

Here is a famous Bible

Scripture:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Remember, you are always welcome to attend the St. Matthew Baptist Church anytime. Our doors are always open for you. Just make it a part of your schedule during the upcoming year. You will be glad you did come and visit.
Happy New Year To All!!!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday morning, January 2, 2010, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Those of you who are interested in attending may do so as you are cordially invited.

Lord, please bless our nation, and forgive us of our sins. Please heal our land. I pray that America gets back to the trusting in You. Santa Clause, Frosty the Snowman, and the Reindeer are running rampant over your birth.

Lord as I read your word, you still say, thou shalt have no other gods before you. We join together in prayer for those who govern and serve in our great land. We pray for our President, his Cabinet, Congress on both sides of the aisle and their families, give them divine protection and favor with all nations and the courage of champions to prevail by doing what is right, and overcoming evil with good all over the world.

Father, we especially pray for our communities, schools, and our children all over this city, people in high places, Governor of Texas, agencies and their staff, news media, fire fighters, policemen, and rescue workers -- give them leadership ability in days of uncertainty, divine courage and protection. Our sons and daughters who are out there in harms way. We pray for them as well as the family of victims of the wars. We pray against terror's attacks, suicide bombers and anyone who is in-

involved in evil acts. Comfort those who are recovering, lift their burdening and restore their souls and meet their needs. We pray for the United States Military. Protect them from attacks. Lord, let Acts 1:8 to be a reality in each of their lives.

Lord, we pray for Missionaries and Ministers. I lift up Churches all over this City that

will unite and pull down every strong hole. Give them divine protection and forewarn them of any impending danger. And to those who are hurting for any reason, you're our healer.

Thank you in advance for your healing power. In the name of Jesus, I pray. AMEN."

Thoughts For The Week:
"If money could buy God, the

Rich would own him."

"God will not do for you what makes him unnecessary."

"At the name of Jesus, demons tremble!"

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to take this opportunity and wish each of you a **"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"**

As mentioned in this week's

article, we are hoping those of you who are interested in attending our monthly meeting, then do so this Saturday morning, January 2, 2010, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Wendell Davis is pastor.

We have so many ideas about this upcoming year, and we are inviting those of you who will to just come and be a part of our effort.

God has been so good to all of us over the past year, and now we can do some outstanding things in 2010! So why not come and be a part of this new year's activities.

We're do excited about it about to happen. Do you want to be with us? Hope so!

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



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Obsequies

Shirley Ann Johnson-Davis

Slaton - Funeral services were held for Shirley Ann Johnson-Davis, Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at First Baptist Church of Slaton.

Interment followed at Englewood Cemetery, Slaton, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Slaton.

Johnson-Davis, 64, of Dallas, Texas, peacefully departed this life on Monday, December 21, 2009 at her residence.

She was born in Buffalo, Texas, on July 2, 1945 to Elton and Eula Faye Johnson. Shirley Ann resided in Dallas and worked as a security officer for Allied Security at Southwest Center Mall. She retired earlier this year. She had innumerable friends and was very active in her community as a member of



Concord Church, Order of the Eastern Star and the Imperial Court Daughters of Isis.

She is survived by her mother, Eula Faye; daughter, Rhonda Gail Johnson; granddaughter, Anastasia Johnson; siblings, Edward Johnson, James Johnson, Jessie Lou Johnson, Joe Johnson, Margie Johnson and Alvin Bruce Johnson; a host of other relatives and friends.

Bobby D. Jones



Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, December 28, 2009 at First Baptist Church for Bobby D. Jones.

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

Jones, 23, died Sunday, December 20, 2009 at University Medical Center.

He was born March 2, 1987 to Sonja Anette Pollard and Bobby Lee Jones. Bobby was raised in Lubbock, where he attended and graduated from

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Lubbock Library Schedules For This Week

Family Movie Night at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will show the movie "G-Force" at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 4. Rated PG. For more information, call 767-3300.

Learn to Knit at the Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

Teen Program at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites teens to the library to play board

games and Wii Guitar Hero at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 7. For more information, call 767-3300.

Book Discussion with Local Author at Groves Branch Library

Thomas J. Nichols will host a discussion of his novel Color of the Prism at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 7. Nichols is a former City of Lubbock police chief and the current Lubbock ISD police chief. Color

of the Prism is a police thriller set on the Arizona-Mexico border. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 767-3733.

Author Gary Soto to Speak at Groves Branch Library

Award-winning author of children's and young adult books Gary Soto will read some of his stories and poems at the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13. Mr. Soto's books include Too Many Tamales, Chato's Kitchen, and many more. He will sign books after the reading.

Bobby Joe Larry, Sr.

Funeral services for Bobby Joe Larry, Sr. were held Monday morning, December 28, 2009, at Agape Temple C.O.G.I.C.

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

Larry, Sr., 72, of Lubbock died Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at Covenant Medical Cen-



ter.

Larry was born to Nathaniel "Shorty" and Fairy Rilla Yates on Sept. 19, 1937 in Roxton, Texas. He was saved at an early age at Roxton Church of God in Christ. He graduated from Roxton High School in 1956 and moved to Waxahachie, Texas. He moved to Lubbock in 1958, where he began his employment with the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill. He worked dutifully at the Co-op until his retirement in 1999. He was a faithful member of Agape Temple Church of God in Christ, where he served as a deacon.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Larry; sister, Fairy Lee Evans (Bobby); two brothers, Charles "Sonny" Young (Betty) and Kenneth Larry (Faye); nine children, Kerry Larry, Bobby Larry, Jr. (Kathy), David Larry (Waynette), Debra

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The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Council of Lubbock, Inc. will celebrate its 39th Annual Celebration January 15 - 18, 2010. The theme is "Don't Give Up, We Are Almost There." Galatians 6:9-10.

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 McInturff 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.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

REGARDLESS OF OUT-COME, COACH RUFFIN MCNEIL IS GOOD CHOICE! THIS N THAT along with many others was glad to know that the **PRESIDENT, CHANCELLOR & BOARD OF REGENTS** thought enough of **COACH RUFFIN MCNEIL** to name him Intrim coach of the **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY RED RAIDERS** for the upcoming **ALAMO BOWL** in San Antonio, Texas. He has been coaching for **24 YEARS** and has been at Texas Tech University... for ten years..... In the opinion of **THIS N THAT** he will do

well It will be a historical game..... as it will be the first time in the history of the **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY** that a member of the **BLACK COMMUNITY** will have an opportunity to becoming a head coach..... Regardless of what happens with the apparent problem concerning the coaching posture at least a gentleman who is African American has been offered this opportunity.... After reading and hearing what is happening this week concerning this upcoming game against **THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN** we know that **GOD** will be there and what t he outcome will be will bein His hands.... Anyway

..... no matter what happens **COACH RUFFIN MCNEIL** we want you to know we appreciate you and what you have done in helping young people in Lubbock.....

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "YOU HAVE TO HAVE ADREAM SO YOU CAN GET UP IN THE MORNING!"

OUR CHILDREN NEED TO HEAR FROM US! THIS N THAT wants to remind us who are **ADULTS** that our **YOUNG CHILDREN** needs to hear from us when there are problems they are involved.... In other words when we **SEE THEM DOING THINGS THEY SHOULD NOT BE DOING** we need to let them know it's wrong..... Our young children needs to hear from us why they can... So let's get involved with them..... and help them.....

VISIT TO LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL ON CHRISTMAS OPENS EYES! THIS N THAT has been visiting the inmates of the **LUBBOCK COUNTY JAIL ON CHRISTMAS DAY** for **TWENTY-THREE YEARS** This year's visit was one which will stand out as the **ANNUAL VISIT** reminds us there is much work to be done..... It was a very enlightening experience and hopefully these visits will continue.... You see there are many young people who locked down and there is no one to come and visit with them.... Of course they have debt to pay society but now we can help them!!!



THINK ABOUT IT!

"Barack Obama President Of The United States Of America"

by
Eddie P. Richardson

Barack Obama, a first term United States Illinois Senator, announced in front of the Illinois State Capitol that he was running for President of the United States. Many people took this as a novelty. Many said it was just a waste of time but on the other hand, just a few citizens of Illinois believers took it very serious and longed ahead. They did not let non believers and doubters detour them. Then along came Iowa, and a strong grass roots effort, and every thing changed. Then after that that snowball effect from a small beginning. The race was on with Hillary Clinton, John McCain and others all the way to the White House.


Black. He never denied the fact that he was Black, but that was just a part of the program.

Tiger Woods tried to deny his racial status, but our president did not deny or try to deny his heritage which is American. None of us are a pure race in America, why don't you check your family tree. Really truly, check it. A lot of you will truly be surprised. There is so much more Blackness than most of you would believe.

Let's look at agendas. Man just listens to conservative radio. Please have an open mind, please listen to what they are saying 24- 7. One would think it would be an anti -American program. They are telling Al Qaeda and TeleBan how to beat America all day and all night are saying what our president is doing wrong. It's like a brain

washing. Can the ultra right so called hurt and hate our President. that we would try to hurt him from within. We are all Americans. May it please to know you, conservatives. Please I know you love America, but please do not destroy us from within with your racism and false patriotism. We know you do not want to admit your racism and patriotic is because we know you are loyal Americans and love America. This is Eddie P. Richardson's Plea to my personal friends and acquaintances. Please check your conservative 24-seven with an open really, open mind and pray to God to bless America, because they, the conservatives are giving us on the air 24 -7 Amen.

May God continue to bless America all the time!



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LET'S PUT A PERIOD ON THIS MESS!!!!

By
BROTHER ASKARI

YES!!!! That's what I said and as always, I say what I mean and mean what I say. I was taught not to ever be coward down by the odds against me. I've been told that the people in the community that I grew up in don't CARE about what happens in the community in this new school era! I was told that the best thing I can do is look out for myself and don't worry about nobody else! Well I'm addressing **EVERYBODY THAT LIVES, VISITS, WORKS OR HAVE A BUSINESS** in east Lubbock **"THIS MESS IS FIXIN' TO BE**



CHECKED!!!!!! The few businesses we have in our community are being robbed, houses are being burglarized, even the homes of our senior citizens are being broke into and how many more of our young people have to die in the streets before we put a period on this "MESS!!!!!!" The **PESTS** who are robbing the businesses in our community are committing "ECONOMICAL HOMICIDE" These same **PESTS** are committing "GENOCIDE" by burglarizing the homes in our community and making our community un-safe. This is **GENOCIDE** because the patterns of these **PESTS**, who are responsible for this **MESS** let's us know that they live right here in the community with us! It is "COMMUNITY SUICIDE" for us to allow these **PESTS** TO CONTINUE TO

RAPE OUR COMMUNITY AND ROB US OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESTORE THE PRIDE AND DIGNITY OF THIS COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN BURIED UNDER ALL THIS MESSY A%#* Bu!! S*#! that's been going on far to long! **I AM CALLING A EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY MEETING TO SHOW EVERYBODY THAT LIVES VISITS OR HAVE A BUSINESS IN EAST LUBBOCK, INCLUDING THE PEST THAT ARE DOING THIS MESS, HOW WE ARE GOING TO PUT AN END TO THIS MESS! FLIERS WITH PLACE, DATE AND TIME WILL BE PLACED IN EVERY BUSINESS AND CHURCH THAT SUPPORTS THIS VERY NECESSARY MOVE. I BROTHER ASKARI WILL STAND AGAINST THIS MESS WITH ONLY GOD ON MY SIDE EVEN IF EVERYBODY THAT SUPPOSE TO TAKE THIS STAND WITH ME PUNKS OUT.**

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by Renetta Howard
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has attempted to set up a committee or board as a watchdog and has found that some of the banks are not doing what they should.

New Years is also a time when we as individuals, attempt to make new starts in the New Year. Many of us decide to take hold of our financial situations and pare down those items which we really do not need and

make room for a more meaningful lifestyle. We have been encouraged to go green. Going green may mean a complete turnaround for some of us, but there are many of us who just need to be more attentive to the things that we are already doing, to help to preserve our environment.

Going on a diet to lose weight is usually a priority for







many of us, as we are prone to overeat during these happy holidays. Holidays are not happy to many of us unless we can get our fill of nut cakes, fruit cakes, chocolate, coconut, German Chocolate and lemon cakes; sweet potato, pecan, lemon meringue, chocolate and chess pie. These items alone pack a great number of calories that add fat and cholesterol to our diets, but we say, "It's Christmas; it comes once a year, so I'm eating this now!" So we do, and January 2, we start the new diet because the New Year's menu is not too much different from the Christmas menu. Regardless, let us have a wonderful, blessed and peaceful **2010, NEW YEAR!**

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2009 Had Most Hate Crime Cases Since 2001

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has brought more federal hate crimes cases this year than in any year since 2001, and an Obama administration official said Thursday he was "shocked" by the dropoff in prosecutions during the Bush years.

A total of 25 hate crime cases were filed for the budget year that ended in September, encompassing most of President Barack Obama's first year in office and the last few months of the Bush administration.

In 2001, there were 31 such cases filed. The number fell to a low of 12 in 2006, before starting to rise again, reaching 23 in 2008.

"I was rather shocked to see the downturn in prosecutions of hate crimes," said Tom Perez, head of the Justice Department's civil rights divisions.

Speaking to reporters, Perez noted the number of hate crimes did not fall significantly during that period, but refused to say why he thought the federal prosecutions of such cases dropped.

Democrats harshly criticized the civil rights division during George W. Bush's presidency, saying lawyers there were not aggressively investigating hate

crimes, housing and employment discrimination, or police misconduct cases.

An internal Justice Department investigation found the division at that time was plagued by improper, politically motivated hiring and personnel decisions.

Perez spoke two days after his division announced federal indictments in its investigation of the fatal beating of a Mexican immigrant in Shenandoah, Pa.

In that case, authorities charged two teenagers with the attack, and four police officers were indicted on a variety of charges. Three of the officers were accused of conspiring to obstruct the investigation of the case, and a fourth was charged in a separate case, accused of extortion.

Perez would not say if authorities were aware that two of the police officials they have charged were also named in a 2006 civil lawsuit that claimed police beat to death a Hispanic teenager, then made it look like a suicide. That case has yet to go to trial.

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Jewel Hervey



Funeral services for Jewel Hervey were held last Saturday morning, December 26, 2009, at St. John Baptist Church with Rev. Solomon Fields, pastor, officiating.

A resident of Lubbock, Ms. Hervey was 90 years of age. She died Friday, December 18, 2009, at Covenant Medical Center.

Parson Smith

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Florida, Georgia, Nevada, South Carolina, Utah and Washington. In addition to affecting how more than \$400 billion in federal money is distributed each year, the changes reflected in the Census are also reshaping the nation's political landscape. If the trends had been accounted for last year, President Obama's Electoral College margin over Republican John McCain would have been 12 votes smaller.

In Congress, larger delegations mean more committee seats, more lawmaker requests for pet projects known as "earmarks" and more clout when working together on issues vital to their states. Rep. John Carter, R-Texas, said Lone Star lawmakers have been able to win more federal transportation money partly because they are a growing group.

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Bobby D. Jones

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Coronado High School. He went to college at Cisco Jr. College in Abilene.

He was employed at the Lubbock State Supported Living Center.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Sonja Anette Pollard, and a brother, James Young.

He leaves to cherish his mem-

Thank God For Jesus

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yours or mine. A new drug in school called Cheese. Church, it's praying time!!!

II Chronicles 7:14 -- The Lord said, if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land.

ory, his daughter, Ka'daria Juzail Jones and a daughter to be born, Ja'meyria Daeshonae Jones; oldest brother, Damion Draper; nephew, Damontreon James Draper; sister, Katoshlya Allen; three nephews, Da'christian Daeshon James Pollard "Chub Chub", Kamajija Pollard, and Daxayan Pollard; youngest sister, Kadeshia Pollard; two paternal sisters, Cascelle Dorsey and Latasha Jones; a special friend, Amanda Wilkerson; a very special aunt, Wilma Jean Pratt; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Larry's Funeral

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Larry-Bates (Bennie), Cassandra Christophe (Godfrey), Aaron Larry, Jerry Rutherford (Teresa), Michael Rutherford, and Nina Rutherford; 29 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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