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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 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue

* 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 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 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 & 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 Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law 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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Read Whats Happening In Black Community of Lubbock.

Richard Baker Refuses to Give Up on Lubbock Kids

Name calling, a brief scuffle, and the last thing fifteen-year-old Rich Baker got into a heated argument with another kid at gas station just outside of LA. He remembers hearing a loud pop and waking up in the hospital and told he'd been shot in the back. For Rich, it was just another episode in his troubled youth. He couldn't wait to tell his friends he'd survived a gunshot. He was often troubled, and in trouble and was kicked out of school for fighting. He dropped out and later re-enrolled at an alternative school unfit to be in classes with the general student population.

Not long after, at a house party on a warm California night, he heard it again, that familiar popping sound, and seeing a pale blue flash of light come from the pistol pointed at him and Luke. In an instant, Richard's best friend, Luke, lay dying in his arms. Richard says, "I'll never forget it; that pale blue flash of light from the gun still haunts me to this day."

Rich's mother did not want her son to become just another dead black boy, or a victim of gang violence on the streets of LA, and demanded that Rich move to Austin, Texas to live with his grandmother.

His grandmother was strict and Rich quickly learned didn't believe in grown kids sitting around the house not working. Rich got a job at a Taco Bell and attended one of the local high schools. He stayed out of trouble; graduated from high school, and later enrolled in Austin Community College. While there, he applied and was admitted to the college his Austin friends all talked about, the University of Texas.

After graduating from UT, Richard Anthony Baker applied and was accepted into Law School at Texas Tech University



Richard Baker

in Lubbock. His first semester at Tech, he struggled.

One cool morning, Rich's phone rang. It was a call from his mother in Compton. She told him the sad news; his father had died. Following the funeral, Rich told his mother that he'd decided to leave school to help her out around the house with the bills. His mother he could drop out but only on one condition. And that condition if he'd agree to dig his dead father up and bury all of his Texas Tech things in the coffin along side his father, because his proud father wanted nothing more than for his son to become a lawyer some day.

Richard went back to law school, did his best, dedicating his efforts to the father who believed so much in him. Upon his graduation from law school, the State Bar Association named Richard Top Law School Graduate in Texas because of his passion for community service.

At a gathering of student leaders, Rich had a chance meeting and conversation with Texas Tech Chancellor, David Smith. Smith offered Rich a job as Special Assistant to the Chancellor, there, on the spot. Rich worked with Chancellor David Smith for several years and later accepted a job with the Tech's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, where today, he serves as the department's associate director.

Richard, the young teenager from LA and Compton whose best friend Luke in his arms one warm California summer night, the one who many thought would never graduate from high school, did go on to get not only his high school diploma, but his Bachelor's Degree, his Master's Degree, his Law Degree, and even his PhD in Education. Those who know his say, "Not bad for a young boy they said would end up dead in the gutter." Today, Rich is active in his

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James Bishop Greene & Tracie Bunton York

Greene & York Will Exchange Wedding Vows

Tracie LaTrelle Bunton York, daughter of the late Leon A. Bunton and Sarah Bunton, will marry James Bishop Greene, the son Rev. James Greene and Debra Greene, in a ceremony on Saturday, September 4, 2010, at 7:00 p. m. at The Ranchland, 1212 East Valley in Midland, Texas.

Holmes Says Upcoming LISD Bond Election Will Help Schools

Vernita Holmes, Lubbock Independent School Board District 2 representative, voted for the recommendations presented by a citizens committee Tuesday morning, August 24, 2010, to call a November 2, 2010 election on a \$198 million bond proposal that trustees say will improve every school in the district without raising taxes.

The recommendation of the 2020 Committee was presented into four categories: school and academic improvements, arts and athletics, safety and security, and technology. On the ballot, it will be all or nothing as Proposition 1.

One of the largest items to be considered will be \$34 million to build two new elementary schools as each will replace the present facilities. One of them would replace Murfee and Haynes Elementary Schools and the other would replace Ella R. Iles and Phyllis Wheatley Elementary Schools. The original four school buildings would be closed.

2020 Committee co-chairs Laura Vinson and Mitch Watson as well as several school board members made it known that the bond package would address the needs rather than the wants of LISD.



Vernita Woods-Holmes
LISD School Board

School Board Member Vernita Woods-Holmes made it known that she appreciated the equity of the bond package in addressing needs at all the district's schools. "Some PTAs and booster clubs are currently funding improvements at schools, but the clubs at the campuses in her district can't afford to do that," she said.

The Southwest Digest will continue to bring forth information which will give a better picture of the importance of this upcoming election.

"We will be available for information needed," says Ms. Holmes. "This is important!"

City of Dallas Dedicates Locke Community Room Last Week

Dallas, Texas -- (Special) -- The city followed through on its promise to honor a civic leader's many years and many contributions by dedicating the Goldie Locke Community Meeting Room inside the Duckworth Utility Services Building on Thursday night.

Locke (1937-2008) devoted almost three decades to building community. She served the city, the Garland Independent School District, Parkland Hospital and numerous civic organizations. In 1984, she organized and became the founding president of the Garland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

It's a slam dunk that hers is a legacy worthy of official recognition. Here's a link to the blog from when the city and Garland Branch NAACP leaders were originally discussing the prospect.

The Goldie Locke Community Meeting Room is located on the lower level of the Duckworth Building at 217 N. Fifth St. The room has a capacity of up to 100 people and includes kitchen facilities, tables, chairs and audio/video capabilities. For reservations and room usage rules, call 972-205-2670 or 972-205-2653.

At the ceremony, I was asked if I was there to find a story. Locke was a story long before I arrived in Garland. Mayor Ron Jones was hired in Garland a couple years before I got there

and the community activist was already a force meriting a warning from Jones' new superiors.

"Goldie is well-connected and Goldie's used to getting her way," Jones recalled as to the advice. "She's very strong-willed and I know you're very strong-willed. But when you bump heads with Goldie, you tend to lose."

She was a sister of Robert and Wilbert Locke who attended this event. He reported a wonderful affair, and was very elated over the recognition of Goldie Locke. "I am so proud of her many accomplishments," said Wilbert Locke with tears in his eyes.



Goldie Locke
Community Meeting Room Named

Vamos A Pescar Fishing Event Successful

Almost 1,700 participants joined Los Hermanos, Saturday August 21, 2010, for the 2nd Annual Vamos a Pescar (Let's Go Fishing) free fishing event. The event was created in an effort to encourage children and families to enjoy more family time and the sport of fishing.

"We are really proud of the participation, the number of volunteers, and especially grateful to the many sponsors... overall we are just proud of this collaboration to bring families together," said Frank Garcia, co-chair, whose father was the

inspiration for the event. (Gonzalo Garcia Sr. was a farmer in Cotton Center. His work often intervened with the time he had with his children. In 1995, Garcia prepared to have heart surgery, he told his son Frank that after he recovered, he would make time and take the entire family on a fishing trip. Unfortunately, the next morning, Garcia died of complications, never realizing that family fishing trip.)

Los Hermanos, a collaborative group of men, organizations

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"Look At The Fish I Caught!"

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Persons interested in participating in the Project QUEST Lubbock may do so by attending an informational session on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at Mae Simmons Community Center, located at 2004 Oak Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a. m. The testing will take place from 1:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m.

For more information, call Project QUEST Lubbock at (806) 762-4788.

Project QUEST sponsors educational opportunities that lead to life-long financial independence. Project QUEST funds participant' education, including tuition and books. Project QUEST works with participants from training from training until they reach their goals of employment. The goal is to help graduates fine employment with good salaries, benefits and opportunities for career growth.

Have a blast when you come to the Buddy Holly Center for a day of creativity and fun as we celebrate Buddy Holly's 74th Birthday! Kids can take a step back into the 1950s and create their very own poodle skirts! Poodle Skirts will held : Saturday, September 4, 2010, from

1:00 p. m. until 3:00 p. m. Cost: \$7. Ages: 5-8 (with parent), 9 and up

"Hip" chicks are invited to create a wearable work of art! Cut out and decorate your own cool poodle skirt! Younger cool kittens must be able to use scissors to cut cloth or have an adult come along to help out.

Learn to Knit at Groves Branch Library

Come to the Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, and learn the basics of Continental style knitting on Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. Bring size 8 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. For more information, please call the library at 767-3733.

Thrifty Teen Thursday at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, will have a craft program for teens on Thursday, September 9 at 4:30 p.m. Students in grades 6 through 12 can come make a thrifty craft out of recycled materials. For more information, call 767-3300.

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson

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Happy 98th Birthday, Mother Katherine McCormick!

The Southwest Digest and many residents of the Lubbock Community want to take this time and wish Mother Katherine McCormick a belated 98th birthday.

It is our wish that God continues to bless her in all that she does for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Her birthday was Sunday, August 29, 2010. She was born

August 29, 1912.

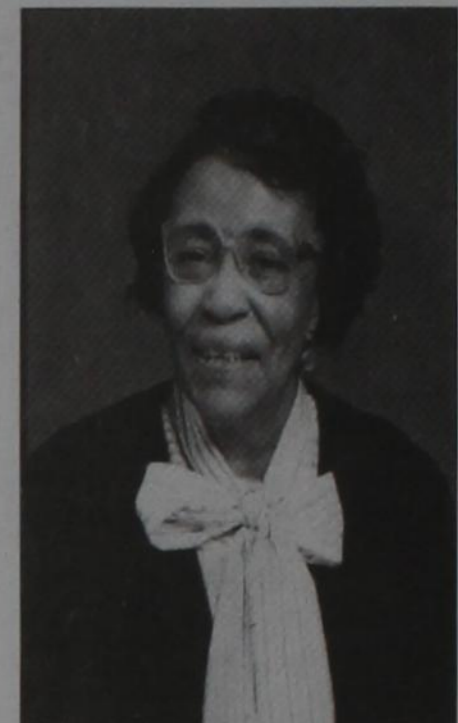
Over these many years, she has been able to work in her church over the many years. There have been many who have come her way, and they have not forgotten her.

At the Smith Temple Community Church, 6508 Avenue P, the members honored her after church services on Sunday morning, August 22, 2010. Her photo appeared in the Church Bulletin.

Her pastor is Rev. D. A. Smith, who is always eager to be a part of anything which involves Mother McCormick.

The Southwest Digest is always excited about publishing something about Mother McCormick.

Her daughter, Maxine McCormick, is proud of her mother as well as her grandsons, Pastor John McCormick and Pastor Ralph McCormick.



Mother Kathedrine McCormick

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The Texas Parks & Wildlife, did not require a fishing license during the designated time and in the designated area at Buddy Holly Lake, which was stocked with hungry catfish.

Many children and families carried home their catch of the day, and departed - relaxed, with abundant memories, as they prepared to begin the ensuing school year.

Choir Annual Day At St. Luke Baptist Church Sunday, September 12th

The Senior Choir of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor its Annual Choir Day on Sunday afternoon, September 12, 2010, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

The public is invited to come and worship the Lord in singing.

The Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church is located at 306 East 26th Street.

Rev. J. H. Ford is pastor.

Church services were attended last Sunday morning, August 29, 2010, at the New Hope Baptist Church where Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Church services got underway with the Praise Team singing out of their hearts. After the morning scripture and morning prayer, several selections were sung by the New Hope Choir.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "Christ Has Set Me Free." His scripture text was John 8:31-36.

After the sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton, an invitation to discipleship was extended.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Pamela Moton. Brother Napoleon Cooper welcomed all visitors.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. God knows how much we can bear. He's always with us as we do our part as his children.

God loves all of us! Take care until next week!!

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
Sarah Palin Oils "White" Tyler, Texas

(This is a re-print from July 1, 2010)

I grew up in a racist East Texas where in a period of time the schools, water fountains and other facilities were divided by race. The economy was of such that it divided races into the have and have not's. There were definitely class distinctions within the races. However, this was more distinct in the white race. The ruling whites would use their underling to keep people of color in line by whatever means that was necessary. These means were very prevalent in law enforcement.

The High Sheriff of law enforcement level of education appeared to be in reality somewhere on the 9th grade level while his underling who carried a big wooden stick and wore steel toed cowboy boots that were designed for kicking, education level appeared to be somewhere along the 5th grade level even though the sheriff and his underling had both been given grade and high school certificates of completion by the ruling elite.

The ruling white elite always kept their hands clean and al-

legedly used their fathom indenture servants to carry on their works of evil toward whatever cause they disagreed with.

I thought after the civil rights movement and the enacting of laws by the federal government that Tyler and the surrounding areas would change. And for the most part it did while many of the modern day African American have fallen into the likes of indenture services for high class drug lords and have not attempted to reach the higher heights liken to my generation. As such, the new generations have become slaves by their own foolish acts through the ward of the criminal justice system.

The mood of the area has fallen to the level to such whereas character liken to Sarah Palin can come in and hoodwink the area.

Eldida S. Perez wrote in the Associated Press that Sarah Palin fired up an enthusiastic Texas crowd late Saturday (June 26, 2010) by criticizing President Barack Obama's handling of the oil spill in the Gulf of

Mexico, saying he's falling short on leadership.

The former Alaska governor and 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate told about 5,000 people at the Oil Palace in Tyler that the president should have been more aggressive in going after BP executives after the spill.

"You ask for the job, Mr. President, so buck up," Palin said to voracious applause.

Palin said Obama and the federal government have been too slow in helping victims of the oil spill. She also said there have been too many regulations in allowing residents to begin cleaning up oil along the shoreline and from the water.

"After two months of incompetence from the federal government, they are taking it in their own hand," Palin said.

She also said the U. S. must become independent of foreign oil by using its own resources. But that it must be done responsibly and under government oversight.

"I chant, 'drill baby drill,' be

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We Thank God for Jesus
"LIES ON GOD BY JOB AND CHRISTIANS"

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

JOB 1:21b --Job said, the Lord Gives and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

***** YES, JOB DID ROB GOD WITH HIS WORDS!!!****

We know the truth; what was going on with God and the DEVIL

Job didn't have no ideal; his troubles was not from HEAVEN!!!

Job 1:12a -- The Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he has is in your power; only upon himself put not forth your hand.

In verse 14-16 A servant said, the oxen and asses has been STOLEN. Another servant said, servant and sheep are killed; fire from heaven, is where it came FROM.

Job 1:16a -- While he was speaking, another came and said, the fire of God is fallen from heaven, and burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them.

Another servant said, The Chal-de'ans killed the servants and carred the camels AWAY.

Another said, your sons and daughters were KILLED;

WHEN THE ROOF FELL TODAY!!!

Job 1:19a -- There came a great wind from the wildness, and smoth the four corners of the house, and it fell upon upon the young men, and they are dead.

Job 1:2, Job -- Said, naked came I came out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there: the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

***** CHRISTIANS SAY THAT TOO; THE LORD GIVES AND TAKE AWAY!!!****

As we see here, we think Job is giving all the Glory to God,

But as we read on, we see that Job's Robbing the Lord!!!

Job 2:7 --So went Satan forth from the present of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils form the sole of his foot unto his crown.

Even Job's breath; became a stink unto his wife.

She said, Why don't you just curse God and Die???

Job 2:9a,10 -- Then said his wife to him (Job), Do you still retain your integrity? Curse

God, and die. But he said unto her, you speak as one of the foolish women. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

(Job like Christians, don't know that God has nothing to do with EVIL; it is the work of the DEVIL. And GOD and the Devil don't WORK TO-GATHER. God sent Jesus to release those that were oppressed of the DEVIL. AND IF GOD WORK WITH THE DEVIL; HE'S DEFEATING THE CAUSE!!!)

Luke 4:18-19 -- Jesus said, the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he (GOD) has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

(AT FUNERALS TODAY; PREACHERS ARE SAYING THE LORD GIVETH; AND THE LORD TAKETH AWAY.

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

The St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady, invites those of you who are looking for a Church Home to come and visit.

This week, the St. Matthew Baptist Church is publishing this week's Sunday School Lesson.

God Calls Moses

(Exodus 3:1-6, 13-15)

Moses and the burning bush is a popular event that has been acted out many times over the years. From Vacation Bible School to the movie screen, the burning bush is included in

nearly every depiction of the Exodus. Why is that scene so important? It is when Moses receives the call from God to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

This event happened thousands of years ago, so what significance does it have for us today? We see God calling Moses to service. We also see God's calling was not a spur-of-the-moment decision, but something he had been grooming Moses for since the beginning of his life. In the same way, we receive a call from God as a result of lifelong preparation. God has

a specific purpose for which he has been grooming each of us, and when the time comes for him to reveal it, each of us will have a burning bush moment in our life.

The Timing of God's Call

It is important to note that God calls Moses at a time when Moses could be the most effective. Exodus 2:11-15 tells us Pharaoh wanted to kill Moses for murdering an Egyptian. Later in the chapter we learn that Pharaoh died, making it safer for Moses to return to Egypt.

We also receive our call at just the right time. How often do

we rush into something and end up failing because we ran ahead of God? How many times have we decided to go in a different direction because we did not have the patience to wait for him? Timing is important when it comes to the call of God, and this is apparent in the fact that Moses was called to action late in his life.

The Preparation of God's Call

I mentioned earlier that God grooms us for his call. In Exodus 3:1, we see that Moses was tending the flocks when he found the burning bush. This indicates he was a shepherd. Tending sheep

was preparing Moses for the greater task of shepherding the Israelites. Growing up in Pharaoh's household gave Moses the opportunity to learn the ways of the Egyptians. It also afforded him access to Pharaoh when the time came to deliver the Israelites. Moses was fully prepared to accomplish that which he was called to do because his life was leading up to the Exodus.

The Rules of God's Call

As Moses approached the burning bush, God established the rules. Moses was told to remove his sandals because he was standing on holy ground. When God calls, he grabs our attention in a way that leaves no doubt who is calling. In Moses' case, the burning bush caught his attention, but being called by name convinced him the voice introduced himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Moses knew his life would

never be the same.

The Promise of God's Call

God never calls people to a task and then deserts them. God is always there to make sure his will is carried out; and with Moses, this is evident in Exodus 3:13-15. Moses struggled with the thought of approaching the Israelites, so he asked God to give him something to say to prove the authenticity of his charge.

God told Moses to say that "I AM" sent him, which seems a bit strange to us. But "I AM" is the description the Israelites had for God. "I AM" means God is timeless. He has always been, and he will always be, so he transcends all generations. By declaring that "I AM" sent him, Moses reassured the Israelites that God heard their cries, and that Moses was the one sent to deliver them from Egypt

Have a Blessed Week!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to share this prayer with all of you.

"Let's Pray Together"

"Lord, today help those to realize the simple faith that they have in you, Lord. Will save the mental sick, depressed, tormented, fear, finances and all these problems.

Lord, help us to keep our eyes on you and not our condition. That's what happen to Peter when he walked on the water. Help us to realize we, too, can stay on top if we keep the faith. The minute we lose faith, we sink into despair, Lord."

Those who have not and think there's no way out, let them know today you're our provider. You are all we need and more. We shall receive POWER. Please direct our FAITH. It's in the name of Jesus, we pray! AMEN"

Several major eye openers occurred to me during my research (church history). First and foremost was the importance of the "democracy" to the beginnings of the early church. Second was the historical significance of the word "ekklesia" which was the Greek word translated "church" in the New Testament. Third was the apparent influence the Judaizers had on the early church and how they altered the operations of the Church. Fourth were the events that affected the timing and reason for writing the various New Testament books especially the writings of the Apostle John which occurred some 30 years

after the others (church history). Then there were the writings of the Church Fathers all the way from Ignatius to Augustine which vividly showed the battle between the forces of Satan and the Holy Spirit for control of this thing called the "church". The word ekklesia is the Greek word translated "church", one hundred and fifteen times in the New Testament. The word had been in use since 500 B.C (all the way to the Church Fathers). It was the basic unit of democracy since the inception of the democracy in Greece. The ekklesia continued to be an active endeavor as a citizens meeting throughout the Roman Empire. So when Jesus used the term everyone knew the meaning of the word. The Jews had their own meetings such as the synagogues and the Sanhedrin, neither of which would qualify as an ekklesia.

So now we see, some twenty-seven years after Pentecost, the ekklesia-Body of Christ was an integral part of God's plan to redeem man back to Himself. It was prophesied about by the Old Testament saints, and Jesus said

it be belonged to Him and He demonstrated how it would work. The disciples recognized it at Pentecost and continued to be active in its operation. This democratic ekklesia was guided by the revelations from God in the form of Gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Body of Christ. This demonstrated "What the Church Ought to Be".

Jesus made it crystal clear what He wanted in leadership. He insisted on servants. The Jewish organization was rife with levels of leadership in all levels of the Temple, and synagogues. Through the Judaizers, this system was introduced into Christianity by the synagogues of the Jewish Christians of the circumcision. (James 2:2) This was why Jesus said He would build His ekklesia and not a synagogue..

I knew the Church of today was much different from the Biblical one so I undertook some serious research (church history). I wanted to know when that change occurred and what caused the change. After studying the Church Fathers through 461 A.D. along with the Bible it

self, I was frankly amazed at the results. The Church began to change radically during Paul's time and the Judaizers were the reason.

In I Cor. 14:34, Paul said the women should keep quiet in the ekklesias. Women speaking caused a problem because in those times women could not belong to the democratic ekklesia. They could attend but they could not participate in the open discussions.

Congratulations, Brother & Sister Patterson on your 50th Wedding Anniversary!

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Obsequies

Mary Turee Lester

North Ogden, Utah – Funeral services were held for Mary Turee Lester were held Saturday morning, August 14, 2010, at Lindquist's Ogden Chapel with Rev. William S. Beard officiating.

Interment was held in Lindquist's Washington Heights Memorial Park.

She was born to Ernest and Lillie Mae Hicks.

She passed away Saturday, August 7, 2010, in her sleep.

Mom, as she was called, was feisty, sassy, smart and independent. She always tried to do what she thought was best. So Mom, we know you are looking down at us from heaven, dressed to the nines, with your sun glasses on.

She is survived by her children: Jeanne Lester of Ogden, Turee (Perry) Toro of Mesa, Arizona, Linda Hill of Ogden, Utah, Elaine (Bob) Perry of Warner-Robins, Georgia, Edwyn Cyphers of Lubbock, Texas; a granddaughter whom she raised as her own child, Di-etra Hill; her special niece, Monique Hicks, who called her every Sunday without fail; 25 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Also surviving is one brother, Fletcher Hicks in Lubbock, Texas.

Mom was preceded in death by her son, Herbert white; her parents, four sisters and two brothers.

A special thanks to the angels in the form of C.N.A.'s and



nurses at Crestwood Care Center who made the last years of her life dignified. She really loved all of you. A heartfelt thanks to inter-mountain Hospice, especially her hospice, Kristi Webb and her activities staff at Crestwood Care Center for making her feel useful and vital; and finally to her great-grandchildren, Amon and Amari Pierson, who spent many hours with grandma at the care center. You were a true blessing to her life, Amon, you were Grandma's best friend and she takes all of those kisses with her to heaven.

Ollie Mae Coleman

Funeral services were held for Ollie Mae Cage Coleman on Saturday morning, August 21, 2010, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Sonia J. Scott, host pastor. The eulogist was Rev. Aaron Jenkins of Paris, Texas.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin

Mortuary Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Anthony Cage, Nathan Cage, Nathaniel Cage, Johnathan Cage, Reginald Cage and the Sons of Allen of Bethel.

Honorary pallbearers were Phillip Alexander, Billy Myles, E. J. Donaldson and Clifford Collins.

She passed away Monday, August 16, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born to Nelson, Sr. and Clara Cage on October 7, 1934 in Lorena, Texas.

She attended Lorena Public Schools. In 1947, the Cage family moved to Lubbock and she

joined the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church under the leadership of the late Rev. A. C. Johnson. She sung in the choir, and sung with the Wilsonians and the gospel choir under the leadership of the late Rev. A. W. "Chester" Wilson. She was a Sunday School teacher, Steward, Church Secretary, Director of the Youth Choir, and Assistant Secretary in the Federation of Choirs.

Robert "Bookie" Deary



Reginald; daughter, Renita, all of Lubbock; five grandchildren; two brothers, Richard "Red" Deary (Betty) of San Antonio, Texas and Ronald Deary (Charlotte) of Kennebeck, Wash.; one sister, Bennie Sims of Lubbock; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the arrangements of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.



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Irene Crain Bradshaw



Waco, Texas (Special) Funeral services were held for Mrs. Irene Crain Bradshaw on Saturday, August 21, 2010, at the Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church with Minister English as officiant. Rev. Eddie Barnes as Eulogist.

Interment was held at the Bosqueville Cemetery in Waco under the direction of McDowell Funeral Homes of Waco.

Active pallbearers were Bryan Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Racie Dimerson, Robert Stevenson, Jr., Wayne Crain, and Casey Crain.

Mrs. Bradshaw was born October 11, 1939, and passed away Monday, August 16, 2010.

Irene was born to the late R Rotan (Doc) Crain and Lena

she loved to sing were: "Amazing Grace," "Near The Cross," "Father, I Stretch My Hands To Thee," "Oh I Know Secret Place," "Call On The Lord," "Yes, God Is Real," "Is Your All On The Altar," and "Oh, I Want To See Him."

In 1952, she married Eugene Louise Jenkins, and to this union a daughter, Ollie Jean (Jeanie) Jenkins was born. She also attended Lubbock Barber College, and was employed by the Lubbock State School in 1970 and was employed for 24 years.

Ollie joined the local AARP Chapter under the leadership of the late Annie Sanders and was treasurer until her health failed her. She also joined the Prayer Vigil under the leadership of Mrs. Blanchie Swisher. She was a proud union member of the Texas Association of Tonsorial Artist.

She is survived by a daughter, Jeanie Franklin; a granddaughter, Marcus Franklin; a great grand daughter, Ariba Sharsh Franklin; two sisters, Buelah (Lester) Winters and Lovie Cage, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Clemmie Cage (Jessie) of Columbus, Ohio and Nathan Cage (JaNette) of Lubbock; an aunt, Frances McDade of Dallas, Texas and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and other relatives es and friends.

Her favorite Sisters in Christ are Sister Sudell Cavanaugh and Sister Lettie Furlow. Favorite scripture: Genesis 1:1-3, Psalm 37, and Proverbs 15:3.

Her funeral, Nelson; mother, Clara; and brothers: Willie, Nelson, Jr., Iris, Farris, and Tommie, preceded her in death.

Mae Crain in South Waco.

She attended .A. J. Moore High School. She accepted the Lord at an early age, and became a member of the Great Bosquesville Baptist Church.

Irene married Ollie Bradshaw in 2001 where they lived in Hopkinsville, Kentucky for nine years before coming back home to Waco, Texas.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Rotan (Doc) Crain and Lena Mac Crain; grandparents, James and Mary Crain and Emma Brooks Blocker.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her husband, Ollie Bradshaw; children: Randy, Bobby and Darlene, all of Waco; step-children: Gerald (Veronica) and Angie; grandchildren: Kamala and Justin; sisters: Carolyn ((Albert)) Johnson, Mary (Racie) Dimerson, Brenda (Robert) Stevenson, all of Waco; brothers: Rotan (Ester), Robert (Charollette) of Temple, Ronald (Faith), and James of Waco; sisters and brothers-in-law, Sylvester, Jr. and Estel, Clifton and Patsy, and Mary Levy; and host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Mary & MacPrivate School Will Become An Historical Building In Future

We recently received news that the Lubbock County Historical Commission is moving forward on a Texas historical marker for the Mary & Mac Private School. The Texas Historical Commission has approved the topic, so the next step in the process is researching and writing the history of the school. If you have old yearbooks, school papers or recollections you are willing to share, please contact Sarah Barwinkel at sbarwinkel@mylubbock.us or 775-2162. She will copy them and return the originals to you.

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EDITORIALS-COMMENTS- OPINIONS



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

A TREMENDOUS HONORED PAID TO ROBERT "BOOKIE" DEARY! THIS N THAT as well as a church filled congregation at the **BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** witnessed an historical funeral service for **ROBERT "BOOKIE" DEARY** who passed away last week. He was a **41 1/2 YEAR** employee of the **U. S. POSTAL SERVICE** and was a **TRUSTEE** on the **ASSOCIATION OF POSTAL LETTERS CARRIERS** who were sitting in **FIVE ROWS OF PEWS**. This was a tremendous tribute especially when

you are aware of where **BLACKS** have come to have an opportunity to work in this area as an occupation.... Looking back over history **THIS N THAT** was reminded that there were only **BLACK POST-AL WORKERS** years ago.... They were **JAMES CRAVEN**, **E. S. HANEY** and **RAYMOND WHEATLEY**.... Also after them were two others **THIS N THAT** recalls... They were **ED DEO AND R. J. GIVENS**.... It was rather ironic as in Washington, D. C. on the same day and about the same time a memorial was held for the late **DR. MARTIN LUTHER**

KING, JR.'S "I HAVE A DREAM SPEECH.... where more than **250,000** were in attendance.... Oh yes and to see those letter carriers and other postal officials who were either **HISPANIC, WHITE OR BLACK** was a tremendous **HONOR AND TRIBUTE** to a man who made a very positive contribution to our community....It was an outstanding moment in history!!

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "REMEMBER GOOD THINGS.... always comes for **THOSE** who are willing to wait with vigor...."

WILL MAYOR PROTEM FLOYD PRICE RUN AGAIN? THIS N THAT has received inquiries about whether or not **MAYOR PROTEM FLOYD PRICE** will seek another term on the **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL** next year as we have received telephone calls about an individual who is considering seeking this office.... Regardless of who runs **THIS N THAT** believes it is time for some movement as it is less than eighteen months before a person can sign up.... Hopefully there will be some movement in the near future.... Also who ever runs the next time they must be aware that this will be a **REDISTRICTING POSTURE** and this could very well change the look of **DISTRICT TWO**. No matter how you feel about this upcoming election if you live in **DISTRICT TWO** you better be concerned or you can sit back and ask yourself **"WHY DIDN'T I GET INVOLVED??**".... This is just something we should be thinking about!!

A NEW LOOK AT LISD!! THIS N THAT has learned that there are some new developments of **BLACK PRINCIPALS** in the Lubbock Independent School District and we will do a complete story on those persons in the very near future....

NEED TO GET INVOLVED IN THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF JUNETEENTH! THIS N THAT is glad to know that the **LUBBOCK EMANCIPATIONS JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE** is in the process of **RE-DEVELOPMENT** of this project as there has been many years of hard work for this not to continue as it has in the past.... Those who will get involved must remember that it will take a **POSITIVE COMMITMENT** for it to continue and reach new goals.... As this committee comes together **THIS N THAT** is hoping that the location will not change as it should continue in **MAE SIMMONS PARK**.... as this is where it should be and hopefully it will continue with great ideas....

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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

anything can tell you that cut the Medicare cost

There is talking every day about the recession taking a double dip. This apparently is a new way to say that things are not getting any better, but worse. It could mean that individuals whom have lost their jobs have found one which pays minimum wages rather than the kind of salary which they had become accustomed.



On the other hand could a double dip imply that an individual lost their home through foreclosure and are now about to be evicted from their rented apartment? Could a double dip mean that we spent all of our savings to meet our monthly expenses and now we no longer have a savings or any fund with which to draw upon in an emergency?

I leaned that there are a great number of houses going up in smoke lately and those incidences are correlated to the ability to pay for a home and the insurance covering the home. It seems that the house note goes up in smoke with the house, according to insurance brokers. They feel that this is one way that many homeowners avoid foreclosure, as some foreclosures do not eliminate the house note completely. It will have a bearing on indebtedness on the home outside the mortgage.

Double dip could mean that one's unemployment compensation ran out and now the extension has run out too, and no job is in sight. For the Small Business man/woman or family it may mean having to close the local store as customers are not able to make the kind of purchases that they once made due to the lack of funds and not being a big enough business to benefit from the government 'bailout.'

Banks are getting a double dip. They were bailed out financially, but they still are not paying interest on the money they use, but collecting the highest legal interest rate that they can if they let you use some money. We need to get 'in cinque' and tighten our belts, straps, strings and pocket books to make it through this period in history. The rich are doing it. The poor has no choice!

Does 'Double Dip' really spell Depression? This recession is often compared with the great depression of the 1920s, so why is it still being called a recession? Is there a fear that if it is really called what it really is, that some kind of pandemonium will set in? If some relief is not found soon for the people who are suffering hunger, homelessness, unemployment and malaise, reality will set in. We will know then for sure, what 'double dip'

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THINK ABOUT IT !

Lubbock Do Not Need This Kind Of Action!
by Eddie P. Richardson

In spite of the economy and all the stumbling blocks in our paths we have still stayed the course with the help and support of our loyal advertisers, subscribers, supporters and friends when we started the paper back in 1977 we printed twice a month for two issues and then weekly until recently when the economy caught up with us. In the in order to serve the community we continued to print week and acquired a tremendous printing bill struggled through paid it off eventually.

We want to say thank you to our loyal advertisers, subscribers, and

supporters for some of you for as long as over thirty years we know who you are and want you to know we love you and thank you helping us serve the community it has been a long journey put we made it we have addressed issues more of that a little a little later. Lets go back in time and come forward when we started the paper in September 1977 the total production cost was around one hundred twenty five to one hundred and fifty dollars per issue then around three hundred fifty dollars an issue and then around eight hundred per issue now at this time the total cost per printing

cost us from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars so we have to become serious and be about serious business so if you have an ad and you are not paying, say good bye, the same for subscriptions if you are not bed ridden or incarcerated say good bye.

The Digest has a new system now. It is called Quickbooks, and we have all records on computer. Now to be more proficient and serve you better in a professional business like manner. Now we will have more time to deal with issues and keep you informed.

Thanks for your continued support!

Too young for fear! Leroy Cleaver Jr. honored for his role as original Tuskegee airman

(Editor's Note: Leroy Cleaver, Jr. is the nephew of three aunts who are deceased. They are Dr. L. S. "Sugar" Graves, April Rose Anderson, and Hannah Lee Patterson, mother of T. J. Patterson, Sr. He attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock.)

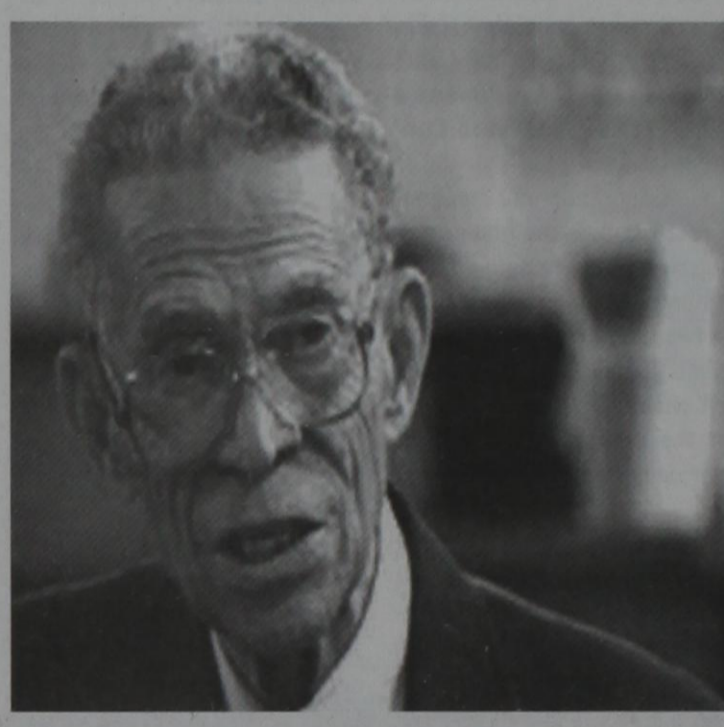


Photo by Jeffrey Haderthauer/Times Record News. Reverend Leroy Cleaver talks about his days as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen and as the first black instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base during an interview Tuesday afternoon. Cleaver recently received a medal commemorating his service with the famed unit.

Reverend Dr. Leroy Cleaver Jr., a longtime Wichitan and pastor emeritus at Jackson Memorial Church of God in Christ, has done a lot of things during his 80-plus years, including teaching at Barwise Junior High School, becoming the first black civilian airplane maintenance instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base, driving a bus and pastoring at the church for more than 30 years.

But one of Cleaver's many experiences, from more than 60 years ago, earned him a Congressional Gold Medal in early September - Cleaver was a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen in the mid-1940s.

telling me that if I ever had any problems with the planes I should just let go and let the plane fly itself. So at the last minute, I did that and the plane righted itself just like that," Cleaver said.

them so unfairly. Yet the Tuskegee Airmen were eager to fly and die for a nation that had done little for them," Cleaver II said.

In April, President Bush signed a bill conferring the highest Congressional award on the Tuskegee Airmen, the Congressional Gold Medal. Surviving Tuskegee members or their dependents received replicas of the specially designed gold medal that will be kept at the Smithsonian Institute.

Even though he had a close call, Cleaver said many of his friends didn't return from their tours of duty.

"I had buddies, friends and loved ones who went to fight and died in the service," Cleaver said. "If I had gone into combat, I probably would have never come back."

Around 1,000 blacks were trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama, according to the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Web site, in a program started by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Their success went a long way toward helping make the case for integrating the U.S. military in 1948, according to the Web site.

Cleaver got his medal in a ceremony Sept. 8 at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo., from his nephew, U.S. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II of Missouri's Fifth District.

"I was very honored to receive the award," Cleaver said.

He said he didn't remember ever being treated poorly by anyone in his time at Tuskegee, although many other members of the famed group said they suffered racism when they returned from combat.

After Tuskegee, Cleaver moved to Sheppard in 1947 - the same year the Air Force was born - to become the first black civilian instructor at the base. He taught aircraft maintenance courses until he retired in 1970. After that, he spent time teaching safety measures to highway workers and teaching at Barwise, and even driving a bus for the school system.

He said he never was afraid to do anything back in his Tuskegee days, because he was too young and probably didn't know to be afraid.

"In those days, I tried to get along with everybody," Cleaver said.

Nowadays, Cleaver and his wife, Gloria, said they keep busy with various church activities.

"We have all kinds of activities that we do with the church," Gloria Cleaver said.

"I was one of the best flyers and instructors they had at Tuskegee," Cleaver said with a smile. He said he didn't actually go into combat during World War II, but he was an instructor to many other pilots.

On Cleaver II's Web site on the ceremony in September, the Congressman tells an interesting fact about Cleaver and his fellow pilots at Tuskegee.

"Even the Nazis asked why African American men would fight for a country that treated

"I flew just about any plane they had - whatever they wanted me to learn, I picked up pretty quick and I instructed others," he said.

He wasn't infallible, though. Cleaver recalls one scary moment just after he first started flying planes.

Cleaver recalls one scary moment just after he first started flying planes.

"I was in a tailspin and the plane controls froze up on me, and I remembered my instructor



Photo by Jeffrey Haderthauer/Times Record News. Reverend Leroy Cleaver was recently presented with this medal for his service with the Tuskegee Airmen in the Second World War.

Fashion Fun

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"18th Family Reunion" Minter & Reed Reunion Held Here

(Editor's Note: *This is the final article of the Minter & Reed Family Reunion held in Lubbock.*)

The poem reads as following: "**Family we are Family. All from one source. We are Family, One Unit, One Force. We must believe in Each Other. Father, Mother, Sister, Brother. Together forever. We stay strong. Pray together and hold on. Give Praise to God for our lives. Cause Only The Strong SURVIVES!** By Tammie M. Stewart. Narrated by De'Metrek.

Every Family Member repeat out loud, the Poem as De'Metrek Stewart. Read it to us!

We want to say thank you to everyone for coming Home. Effie Nelson welcomed our guest. Remarks were given from all our Officers for the year 2010. Each Officer picked out Family Members to be in training for Officers. We picked from next generation. They are our future!

Menu for the day was: Fish, Chicken, French Fries, Salad & Trimming, Remaining of Some Casserole, Bread, Variety of Soda, Tea & Bottled Water. Deserts - Chocolate Cake, Strawberry Cake, Pound Cake, Italian Cream Cake, Pineapple Cake, Pecan Pie & Peach Cobbler.

Congratulations to Aunt Lorine who was the first person to pay Family Reunion Dues. Congratulations to Effie Nelson for been spotted online for June-teenth Parade. Congratulations to Kenneth & Alfred A. Gilbert for the support they gave to their daughter for finishing college.

Congratulations, Chanel White Gilbert who graduated from Prairie View A&M University on May 15, 2010. Remember, you are the first in your Family to graduate from college. Keep up the good work, follow your Dreams, and take God with you everyday!

Congratulations to Kenneth Rashard Gilbert for playing in the Major League Baseball this season for Laredo Broncess in New Mexico.

New Baby This Year! Jemini Rayn Promyse Santos was born March 15, 2010. The Mother is Candra Raven; Grandmother is Lornita Thomas; Great-Grandmother is Marallene

Thank God For Jesus
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BUT THAT'S THE LIE OF THE DEVIL; AND IF THEY READ THEIR BIBLE; THEY'LL KNOW JOB SAID THIS OUT OF IGNORANTS; AND SO DO THE PREACHERS TODAY.--- GOD GIVE AND AND THE DEVIL TAKES AWAY!!!)

JOHN 10:10 -- Jesus said, the thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

God delivered Job, in chapter

Thomas.

Aunt Lorine had an opportunity to conduct a game with Family Members. How well does she know her Family. This game brought attention to everyone. We all received many smiles while playing this game.

We are in store for two new Family Members for the year 2011. Veronica Lajeriericka, we are looking forward to having our love for Babies.

July 11, 2010 -- Breakfast was served at our Cousin Patricia Minter's House, 1707 East 1st Place.

The Menu -- Bacon, Eggs, Biscuits, Jelly, Juice or Coffee and Water.

The morning business got underway at 10:00 a. m. Our Cousin Anthony Thomas called. We took turns talking with him via telephone. They included his Mother, Maragallene Thomas, and the rest of the Family Members were Cousins Effie Nelson, Tammie Stewart, Elizabeth Gilbert, Valerie Gilbert, Kenneth Gilbert, Alfreda Gilbert, Thomas Gilbert, Richard Gilbert, and Harnetra Gilbert. Thanks Patricia for making it possible for us to talk to Anthony. Next year, Family Members will be looking forward to visiting with him person. All hoped this was a day of Joy to be able to hear different Family Members' voices at the same time.

Many of the Family Members departed before breakfast while others departed after breakfast.

WE want to thank everyone who came home for Family Reunion July 2010. We had Family Members who were ill. Some were patients. Some had to stay in the hospital. Thanks to God and prayers. Family Members are back on their feet. You could feed again. We give thanks to Jehovah God. We had God in our midst. We serve an awesome God.

We had an outstanding Family Reunion in 2010. Each year gets better and better! Family Members, keep up the work. Bring more ideas.

This year, we acknowledged our Aunties. Uncle Willie was not present this year.

Thelma Jackson, Katherine Gilbert, Margallene Thomas, Earnestine Minter, and Lorine Minter, may God bless all of you! This was the 18th year we have acknowledged the Minter

40:1-6, FROM BEING DEPRESSED.

AND IF GOD PUT JOB IN THESE TROUBLES; HE'S FIGHTING HIMSELF!!!

Job didn't know, as we do: what was going on between God and the devil.

God put Job in his place; THINKING HE WAS ON GOD'S LEVEL!!!

Job 40:1-4 -- The Lord answered Job, and said, shall he that contend with the Almighty instruct him? He that reproves GOD, let him answer it. Then Job answered the Lord, and said, Behold, I am vile; how shall I answer you? I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

& Reed Family Reunion.

We received word that all Family Members and guest returned to their locations safe and sound. Thank You, Jehovah God.

Here are the names of our Officers for the year 2010: President, Velda Gilbert; Assistant President, Richard Gilbert; Vice President, Cynthia Pierce; Assistant, Patricia Minter; Secretary, Effie Nelson; and Treasurers, Valerie Gilbert and Tammie Stewart.

It will be 365 days before our next Family Reunion. Information will be sent out to Family Members in January 2011. We are advising all Family Members send money and dues as soon as possible. Hopefully, we will be able to have air. Also, we will have different logos on our T-Shirts, with a poem on the back. So make sure you order your T-Shirts.

Family Members, let's keep praying for each other. A Family that Prays together, stays together. We have a mighty God all the time. Family Members keep our Prayer line open, and connected with God. Prayer is power as it is our way of talking to God. Family God is still smiling on our Family. No deaths in our Family for eight years. Home Going did happen for our cousin, Louis Minter, in May, 2009.

Again, Family keep those phones ringing checking on Family and Praying.

Attention: First Cousins Only. We will be having our 2nd Year Cousin Family Reunion on October 8 - 10, 2010. Every 1st Cousin will meet in Cedar Hill, Texas at Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth & Alfreda Gilbert's house, 704 Kristi Lane, Cedar Hill.

Please spread the word: Family Members, it's a blessing to eat together once a year. We're all looking forward to seeing the Family next year. A special Thanks to all our Members who supports the Family Reunion. It was a job well done. Uncle Joe Jackson, we missed you this year. Our Cousin Richard Gilbert got a CD. out, and one of his songs is called "July". Congratulations, Richard!

A very Special Thank You, Southwest Digest and Staff for publishing our Family Reunion!

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Snoopy Flies into the Silent Wings Museum

In the 1950s, when comics were dominated by action and adventure, slapstick and gags, Minnesota cartoonist Charles M. Schulz dared to confront a lifelong sense of alienation and insecurity by drawing the real feelings of his life and times. His Peanuts characters' insights on life's struggles and disappointment have resonated with readers for more than 50 years. Yet Snoopy (who was based on Schulz's childhood black-and-white dog, Spike) possesses a unique view of the world that stands out to readers, even in the quirky Peanuts cast.

Snoopy as the World War I Flying Ace, opening on September 1st at Silent Wings Museum, presents Charles M. Schulz's lovable beagle, Snoopy, as his alter ego, the Flying Ace. The exhibit showcases 40 of

Snoopy's most exciting adventures in his transformed doghouse—now a Sopwith Camel airplane—from the time he faced a deadly bout of influenza to sparring with the Flying Ace's archenemy, the Red Baron. Snoopy as the World War I Flying Ace is toured by ExhibitUSA, the national touring division of Mid-America Arts Alliance, a non-profit regional arts organization based in Kansas City, Missouri.

Schulz served as a sergeant in the army and had always wanted to draw adventure comic strips but had been told to stick with what he did best—funny kids. However, after 15 years as a cartoonist, on Sunday, October 10, 1965, he finally had the opportunity to create his hero: Snoopy, the World War I Flying Ace. Visitors to this exhibit can

follow Snoopy on his imaginary adventures through the skies of Europe. Forty digital prints from the original drawings done by Schulz are on display, along with accompanying photographs of the artist.

Snoopy as the World War I Flying Ace is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center and toured by ExhibitUSA. The purpose of ExhibitUSA is to create access to an array of arts and humanities exhibitions, nurture the development and understanding of diverse art forms and cultures, and encourage the expanding depth and breadth of cultural life in local communities. ExhibitUSA is a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance, a private, nonprofit organization founded in 1972.

Parson Smith

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because it will help make the country energy independent she said.

What upsets this writer is this idiot that an old alleged senile white male brought from "I can see Russia from my back door" continues to chastise President Barack Obama on his handling of health care overhaul. It appears that one would have enough intelligence to pour

"water of any kind" out a boot before criticizing one that taught Constitutional Law at Harvard Law School.

One has to wonder how much was Sarah Palin paid by these more than likely anti-Obama... (I'll let you fill in the blanks)! Educated white people are going to have to get a handle on some of the fools that represent them unless our country becomes a chaotic one.

Morons liken to the Palin kind are causing an unseen division in races that is making China and Iran happy!

Look what an old senile man like John McCain has done by selecting Sarah Palin to be his running mate for vice president has done toward the division of America.

She appears to have a way of removing money from the pockets of whites of lesser intelligence. That's really not saying much about their IQ...

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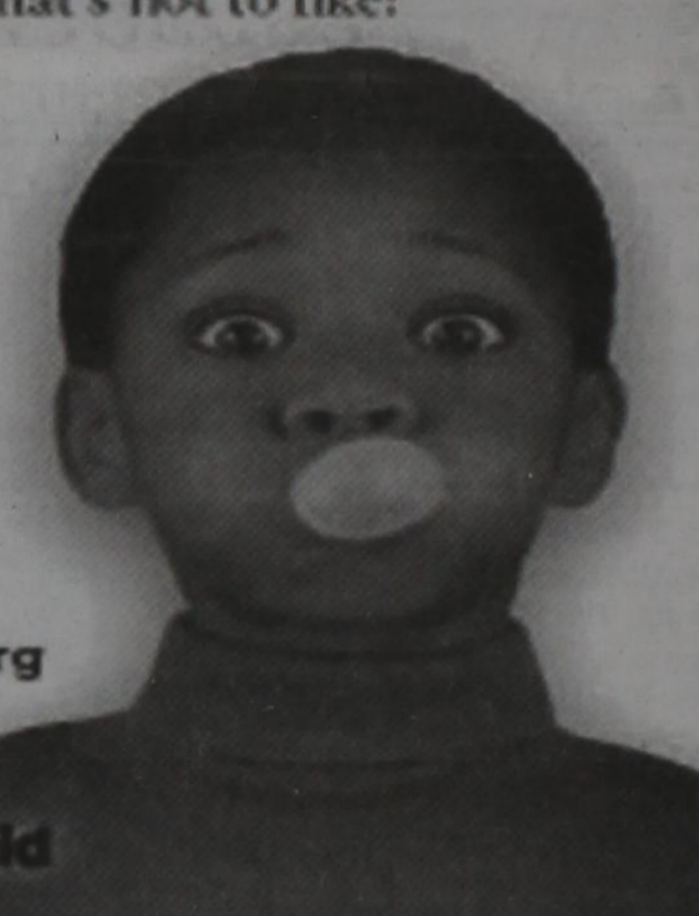
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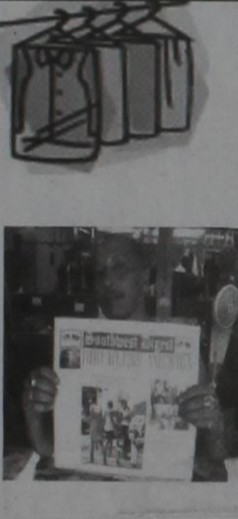
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Do You Remember the Mary & Mac Private School?
 If you are a Mary & Mac alumnus or have a good collection of the school, please contact Sarah Barwinkel in the City of Lubbock Planning Department. We would like to gather information on the school's history so that it might eventually be added to Lubbock's list of historic landmarks. Email Sarah at sbarwinkel@mylubbock.us or call (806) 775-2162.
 At this time, the Texas Historical Commission has recognized the Mary & Mac Private School to be designated as a Historical education facility. Hopefully, in the very near future a press conference will be called about this exciting development.

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Azia Johnson Wins In Local Competition



Azia Johnson

Azia Johnson, a 13 year old, participated in the Satellite Modeling program at the Lubbock Civic Center on Saturday, August 21, 2010. She won the modeling,

Richard Baker

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community, encouraging kids to stay in school and graduate.

Perhaps it is because Richard wished he could have saved his friend Luke, or because for whatever reason, his own life was spared he decided to dedicate his life to helping others. He is the founder of the African American Leadership Forum and the Saving our Kids Saving Ourselves Initiative, both dedicated to helping disadvantaged kids to make it. He was named one of the Top Forty Under Forty, among Lubbock's up and coming leaders. He recently keynoted the Tomorrow's Leaders Banquet at Texas Tech, where he shared his story and his passion with at-risk kids and their families.

Today, Dr. Richard Anthony Baker is married to the lady he calls "The Love of my Life", Tiffany Berry of Lubbock. They

singing and acting competition, and was chosen to travel to Dallas, Texas and New York, NY to be a part of the agency.

She is the daughter of Leke-sha Johnson, who was a contestant in "Sunday's Best" this year. Congrats, Azia Johnson!!

have two children, Nia and Nigel. When asked why is so passionate about helping our kids to succeed, he says, "It is because of something I learned from my mother and my grandmother, and that is that you never, never, ever give up on your kids."

The Patterson Family Says: "Thank You!!"



T. J. & Bobbie Patterson With Family Members At Dinner

T. J. & Bobbie Gean Patterson want to thank all of you who participated in the Surprise 50th Wedding Anniversary Dinner for them held Saturday evening, August 21, 2010, at the KoKo Palace. Both were surprised!

This affair was coordinated by their children: Avis Elise Patterson, T. J. Patterson, Jr. & Shelia Harris, and Shelia's husband, Shaun Harris. All did a marvelous thing in all that they did. Ursula Patterson, wife of son, Thomas Jr., did an excellent job with the opening welcome and theme. Also, Gary Wadley who grew up with his cousins was in attendance. He was there smiling and doing what he could do. Bobbie's brother, Hillary Hutchinson, Jr. took some pictures of the event where more than 100 were in attendance.

The grand children, Zairrieus Patterson, Marcus Williams, Asya Harris, T. J. Patterson, III, and Lauren Patterson, did well! It was good to see Emmanuella, wife of grandson Marcus, and Chimere Kirkwood of Los Angeles, California, friend of grandson, Zairreus.

Then there was four month old Nathan Williams, the first great-grandson, who did his part keeping order.

Thanks to all of you who sent lovely cards, gifts, and many telephone calls. All that each of you did will not be forgotten. We are just thankful to have so many friends. God Bless each of you is our prayer!

This was a once in a life time affair. God has been so good to T. J. & Bobbie over these 50 Years. Thanks for all you have done!

T. J. & Bobbie Patterson



This photo is a picture of weeds at East 60th Street and Olive Avenue in Yellowhouse Canyon. This corner is very dangerous as the weeds are over 7 feet tall. One can't see around the corner. Mayor Pro Tem Floyd Price: "What are you waiting for? The school bus could hit someone or someone could get killed or their car damaged. The weeds are so high as people are beginning to dump trash in the weeds. Billy Morrison talked to Mr. Price, District 2 representative, at his neighborhood meeting recently. He told me, "You have a tractor; you cut them!!" "Mr. Price if you are not going to do your job, then resign and move over," said Morrison. He's even talked to City Codes, and got no response. So the Southwest Digest is attempting to help, according to Morrison.

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