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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.

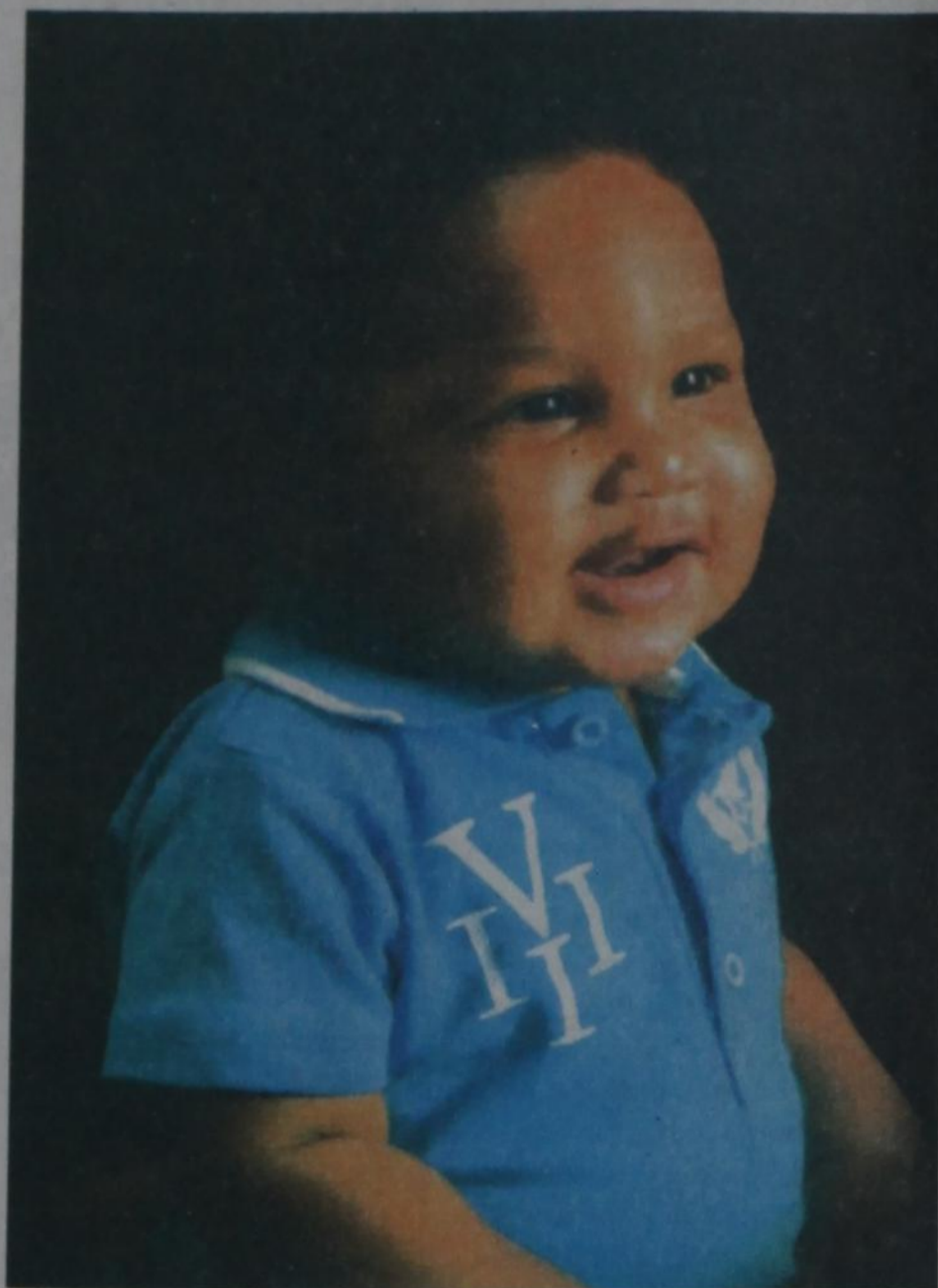
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Yes, I Am Another "T. J." In Texas!

Here he is, Little Master T. J. Newsome, who is another "T. J." in Texas. He actually lives in Arlington, Texas and is the son of Tony & Natasha Newsome. He is also the grandson of Robert & Frances Lampkin of Arlington. He is a great-grandson of Mrs. Pearlene Scott and the late Rev. Edwin Nathan Scott, Sr. of Lubbock.

He just recently celebrated his ninth month birthday. Little Master T. J. is wishing each of the Southwest Digest readers a blessed year. One day, perhaps, he be able to let you know he is another proud "T. J."

La Paloma: The Place for our Wisest

by
Rebecca Wallace, M. S.

Chief of Aging Services MHMR Center

Historically, the elderly have had few options when it came to that point in life when they had no where to go or no one to care for them. Almshouses and poor farms were the only option in the early 1900's and these over time gave way to nursing homes and "houses of hope". In spite of these improvements and the increased number of options, the golden years are often still faced with dread.

La Paloma, a Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a program that pro-

vides medically necessary services to Lubbock County residents who are 55 or older who "need a greater level of care to keep them independent in the community." However, in the short time that I have been with La Paloma, as the new Chief of Aging services, I have come to see that La Paloma offers so much more for the participants. La Paloma offers dignity and respect along with medically necessary services such as physician care and supervision, nursing care, rehabilitative serv-



Estacado High School Academic Decathlon Team Places 4th In State

The Estacado Academic Decathlon Team participated in the State Competition held at San Antonio College. They earned 1 team medal (3rd place in Super Quiz) and 11 individual medals (Precious Snowden-3rd Varsity Speech, Leroy Mitchell-2nd Honors Speech, Devon Harewood-1st Varsity Speech), Leroy Mitchell -2nd Honors Interview, Matthew Gardner-3rd Scholastic Music, Matthew Gardner-3rd Scholastic Art, Precious Snowden-3rd Varsity Art, Tiffany Vega-2nd Honors Art, Leroy Mitchell-1st Honors Art, Tiffany Vega-3rd Honors Written Super Quiz, Matthew Gardner-2nd Scholastic Written Super Quiz). Other team members included: Crystal Rodriguez, Mark Tijerina, Leoneisha Washington, and Brodrick Davis. The coaches were Ms. Sarah Harris and Ms. Denise Morris. This was the 15th consecutive Estacado team to qualify for State. The 2010-11 Estacado team finished 4th in State 3A Academic Decathlon.



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ices and assistance with personal care. But beyond those services, La Paloma provides transportation, recreation, meals, day health care and the opportunity to spend time socializing with others, in a fun, spacious and aesthetically pleasing environment. That is why I think La Paloma is such a tremendous option for those in our community who are aging.

I recently read a study that discussed the limited social interactions and feelings of loneliness that the elderly experience. La Paloma and other PACE programs have been shown to increase the quality of life for its participants. La Paloma offers our elderly, an opportunity to continue to share their wisdom, traditions and stories with others for as long as possible while still

living in the community. I am learning so much and I am very happy to be here. I encourage those of you who want to volunteer your talents and resources to join us at La Paloma. You will find La Paloma a place where you will learn as much, if not more, than what you came to offer. Come visit us here at La Paloma and see if this is the right choice for your loved one. We are located at 4010 22nd Street in Lubbock. You and yours are always welcome.

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Estacado High School News

Matador Choir Members



Ten students recently participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Frenship High School. Four Matador choir members earned Division 1 ratings and qualified to compete at the State competition in May. These students included Samantha Infante, Jazelle Wright, Meshaelon Bryant, and Kaheem Robinson. In addition, Samantha Infante auditioned for the city-wide Talent Show sponsored by Lubbock High School, and she was awarded 1st Place in the competition.

Parkway Elementary School Parents Support PTA Meeting



Ms. Jamic Duncan, vice principal, Mr. Eddie Fitzgerald, principal of Parkway Elementary School, Ms. Nettie Edwards, and Mr. T. J. Patterson were all in attendance for the PTA meeting.

It was Tuesday evening, February 8, 2011, and it was a bitter cold night in Lubbock, but this did not hinder over forty (40) Parkway Elementary School fifth grade parents from showing up at the scheduled and much publicized PTA meeting. It was held in the school cafeteria where the students sat with their parents to hear from the principal, Mr. Eddie Fitzgerald,

as he used visuals to discuss and inform parents of current test score data. He also stressed the importance of high expectations from parents for their children and the value of parent support. After Minister Durwood Drones, a parent, offered the blessing, everyone enjoyed chop-

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The Pastor and Members of the New Hope Baptist Church are invited to the Celebration of their Pastor and Wife's Anniversary at the Faith Baptist Church in Kermit, Texas, beginning at 3:00 p. m. on Sunday, March 20, 2011.

Members of the New Hope Baptist Church were in well attendance of church services last Sunday morning, March 13, 2011. The Praise Team sung several selections. The morning

scripture and prayer were offered. The New Hope Choir sung two selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. B. R. Moton. Pastor Moton's sermon was entitled "The Lord Was With David." His scripture text was 1 Samuel 18:28-30; Jeremiah 12:5 and 1 John 5:4. It was another dynamic message which brought home some interesting facts.

After the invitation to discipleship was extended, the morning announcements were read by

Sister Glenda-Mooney. Visitors were welcomed by Brother Thomas Mims, Jr.

The Ronald McDonald House is in need of the following individual packaged snacks: cookies, peanuts, crackers, and others by March 30, 2011. The Women Missionary Society of the New Hope Baptist Church will be collecting these items. For more information, contact Sister Stokley, President.

Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include: Henry High, Dr. Heenan and Mrs. Gerri Johnson. Your precious prayers are appreciated.

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Fashion tip..always wear a smile!

Fashion..just for the fun of it!

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, March 13, 2011 services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3207 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor. Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jackson taught the lesson entitled: "Choosing A Good Leader" and its printed scripture text came from 1 Timothy 3: 1-13. Sis. Rochelete Hood taught the youth & teen class and its lesson was entitled was "Becoming A Leader" Breakfast was served to those in attendance. Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way. Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir stood around the piano singing "O I Want o See Him". The responsive reading came from Psalm 121: 1-8 and was read by Rev. Lee. The altar call prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "O How I Love Jesus." Sis. Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that would be taking place. All birthdays was acknowledged also. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up. The choir sang "I Got A Feeling" and "Precious Lord" was sung by Sister Jackson The theme song "Amazing Grace", was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "There's Nothing Too Hard For God," and its printed scripture text came from Genesis 17: 1-9 & 16 & 17 also 18: 10-15. Mother Cavanaugh sang "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" after the sermon. There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended

and several went up for prayer. Pray at all time so that God will continue to use usta do his will. Pray in season and out of season.

It's hard to stumble when you are on your knees.
SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK:
 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them:
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Greater St. Mark Baptist Church's Ministry Lunch
 1210 Vanda Avenue
 The 3rd Saturday of Each Month!
John 21:5-17:
"Feed my Sheep."

From 12:00 p. m. until 1:00 P. M. Members will be serving the Soul and the Spirit. Ten to fifteen minutes of God's Word for the Spirit as well as physical food for the Soul. All are invited to sit and eat, and allow the Lord to Bless You! A FREE Chicken Dinner will be served!

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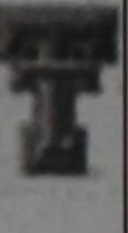
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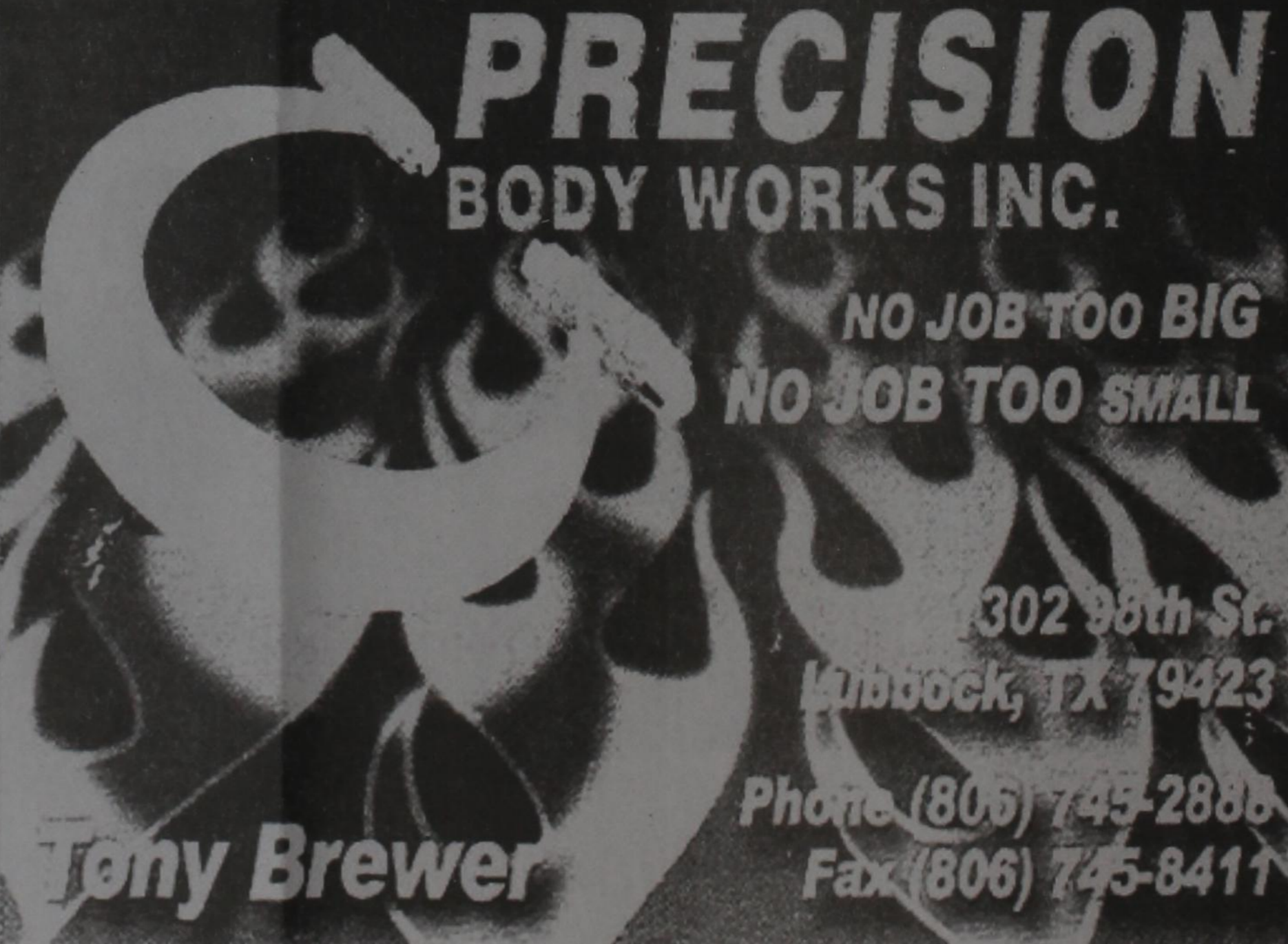


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Church News



From the Desk of Pastor D.A. Smith
Smith Temple Will Celebrate 23rd Church Anniversary

We Thank God for Jesus
 "It's God's Warning, Not Global Warming"
 Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, III - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

Sunday, January 30, 2011
Secretary Johnson:
 The following is the theme and scriptural lessons to be announced for the 23rd Church Anniversary of Smith Temple Community Church to be held March 27, 2011 at 3:00 p. m.
Theme: "Having A Mind to Work When the Odds is Against You."
Scriptural Lessons:
 Old Testament: Nehemiah 4:6
 Psalms: 119:89-90
 New Testament: Matthew 25:1-13
 Letters: Ephesians 4:16
Rev. Leon Moore,
 pastor of Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church will be our guest speaker.
Pastor D. A. Smith

Mark 13:5-7-8 -- Jesus Said, take heed lest any man deceive you: when you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be you not troubled: for such things must need be; but the end is not here. For nations shall rise against nation, and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginning of sorrows.
 We know of the **EARTHQUAKE** that came: **THE 8.9-HIT JAPAN.**
 These are the things **JESUS SPOKE OF; READ YOUR BIBLE AND UNDERSTAND!!!**
Luke 12:39-40 -- Jesus said, Know this, that if the Goodman of the house had know what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man comes at an hour when you think not.
 We know of the floodings; the tornados; and the forest **FIRES; These are GOD'S WARNINGS; AND THE BIBLE**

CANNOT LIE!!!
Luke 17:26-30 -- Jesus said, As it was in the day of Noah, so shall it be also in the of the Son of man. They did eat, and drank, they married wives, they were giving in marriage, until the day that Noah enter into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.
 When I Billy B.J. tell someone, **THE LORD IS SOON TO RETURN.**
 They say, I'VE heard that for years; **AND I M NOT CONERNED!!!**
II Peter 3:4 -- (People say) Where is the promise of his (JESUS) coming? For since the father fell asleep (**DIED**), all things continue as they were from the bginning of the creation.
***** WAS YOURS OR MY NAME IN THE OBITUARIES THIS MORNING???**
 Not only are the **FLOODS, TORNADOES AND FIRES A SIGN.**
THE BIBLE ARE FULL OF WARNING; ABOUT YOURS AND MY LAST TIME!!!

II Timothy 3:1-5 -- **THIS** know also, that in the last days perilous(dangerous) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters,proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traotors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the powdwer thereof: from such turn away.
***** HAVE YOU SEEN ANY; OR ALL OF THESE SIGNS???**
 These are the signs, thar we're **IN THE EVIL AND WICKET DAYS.**
THE HARVEST IS PLENTYFUL; SOUL NEED TO BE SAVED!!!
Mark 13:12, -- **JESUS** said, Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, at 10:00 a. . Sunday morning, March 13, 2011. The proud pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady.
 Sunday School got started at 10:15 a. m. with Supt. Sister Shirley Davis presiding.
 The teacher of the morning lesson was Sister Barbara Johnson. The lesson was reviewed by Pastor Canady.
 The subject of the morning lesson was "Choosing A Good Leader." The Unifying Topic was "Qualifications of Worship

Leaders." The lesson passage was I Timothy 3:13. The Background passage was I Timothy 3:1-13.
 The lesson text were: "The Church's Spiritual Leader", I Timothy 3:1-7; and "Qualifications of the Deacon," I Timothy 3:8-13.
 The main though was found in I Timothy 3:9.
 It was a very informative Sunday School lesson.

 The Devotional Period was conducted by Deacon & Sister Williams. Pastor Canady's en-

trance was done with the singing of "Because Of Who You Were."
 The St. Matthew Baptist Church Senior Choir sung several selections. They were: "Because Of Who You Are," "I Need The Lord," and "Don't Let The Devil Ride."
 The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Learning How To Deal With Storms. What Are You Afraid of When Jesus' On Board." His scripture text was Luke 8:22-23.
 The morning Hymn of Inspiration was "The Load I

Bear."

 The close of the Church Anniversary was held Sunday afternoon, March 13, 2011. Guest churches were Rev. H. Brawley and members of Triumph Baptist Church, Slaton, Texas; Rev. Kenneth Urns and members of Divine Love Baptist Church, and Elder Levi Floyd and Church members.
 It was another outstanding celebration for St. Matthew Baptist Church. We just thank God for all He has done and will continue to do for all of us!

 Funeral services for Brother Gerald Jackson will be held at St. Matthew Baptist Church on Saturday morning, March 19, 2011, at 11:00 a. m. with Pastor Canady officiating.

 Visitors present at church services last week were Erin and daughter, daughter and granddaughter of Sister Stanley; and Sister Maxine McKinzie, daughter of Sister Stanley.

 Let us continue to pray for the Sister Stanley and the Jackson family in this time of bereavement.

 Among those reported on the

sick and shut-in list include Sister Ruby Robinson, Sister Bernice Hameed, and Sister Betty Titus. Remember God is able.

Thought of the Week: "Bite your tongue before your tongue bites others!"

 Announcing Clerk is First Lady Shirley Canady; Reporter for St. Matthew Baptist Church is Sister Barbara Johnson.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER? HOPE YOU ARE. IF NOT, THEN DO SO!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast



and dark occasion but we must realize that we live in a world where solemn shadows are continually falling upon our path. Shadows that teach us the uncertainty of all temporary blessings that warn us that there is no abiding stay. We have, however; the blessed satisfaction of knowing that death cannot enter center that sphere to which our dear sister is removed. Sister Lula was the President of the Third

Outreach Prayer Breakfast. May we say to the family, let Hope and Faith mingle with your natural sorrow. Death to them that be God's dear children is none other than the dispatcher of all displeasures, the end of suffering, the door of desires, the gate of gladness, the part the holy heaven and the entering of another place and the beginning of blissfulness. Sister Lula was truly one of God's children that

loved her family, her Christian family, and her Outreach Prayer Breakfast family. Be encouraged, Family because God is our refuge and strength and a present help in times just like today. So be strong and of good courage because the Lord said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
 Sister Lula's strong faith was an inspiration of scripture that assures us. "It is sown a natural

body, and there is a spiritual body. (1 Cor. 15:44). She did not

fear her destiny, for she believed
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RESOLUTION for Ms. Lula Spence 18th June 1955 to 1st March 2011
 We are in place in this world for a limited time, and with the first breath of the infant begins the race to the grave. A race everyone must run.
 Whereas, in the providence of God, He has brought to a close the life of **Lula Spence**, the officers and members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast bow submissively to the will of our Creator, who doth all things well. We feel that it is befitting to express our sympathy to our sister in Christ, Lukeisha Harris, and her children, Kenyon Andrews and Dominique Willis; Her sisters, Bettye Willis, Pausette Frazier, Suzette Gibson, Celestine Mosley and Sandra Phillips; Her brothers, Robert Johnson, Clifton Johnson and Artise Johnson; and two special nieces, Brenda Nichols and Michelle Hunter; and a host of other relatives and friends during the passing of their loved one.
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Obsequies

Sharon Anita Ward-Phillips

Funeral services were held for Sharon Anita Ward-Phillips held Saturday afternoon, March 5, 2011, at Church of the Nations with Rev. Roy Davis, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

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

Ward-Phillips, 56, of Lubbock passed away Sunday, February 27, 2011, at Covenant Medical.

She was born February 8, 1955, to the late Wyatt Sr. and Dovie Ward.

She attended Lubbock ISD and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1974.

She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, LaSharon Owens; three sons, Billy Owens



(Tammy), Courtney Phillips and Carlton Phillips; two sisters, Brenda Ward and Nancy Ward; four brothers, Donald Ward (Beverly), Wyatt Ward Jr. (Deborah), Toney Ward (Tyra) and Ricki Ward; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lula Spence

Funeral services were held for Lula Spence Services were held Saturday morning, March 5, 2011, at Church of the Nations, with Rev. Roy Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Spence, 55, of Lubbock passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Covenant. She was born June 18, 1955, to the late Artise Sr. and Annie Mae Johnson in Lubbock, Texas. She attended Lubbock ISD, graduated from Dunbar High School in 1974 and attended South Plains College.

She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Lukeisha Harris; two grandsons, Kenyon Andrews and Dominique Willis; five sisters, Bettye Willis, Paulette Frazier, Suzette Gibson,



Celestine Mosley and Sandra Phillips; three brothers, Robert Johnson, Clifton Johnson and Artise Johnson; two special nieces, Brenda Nichols and Michelle Hunter; and a host of other relatives and friends.

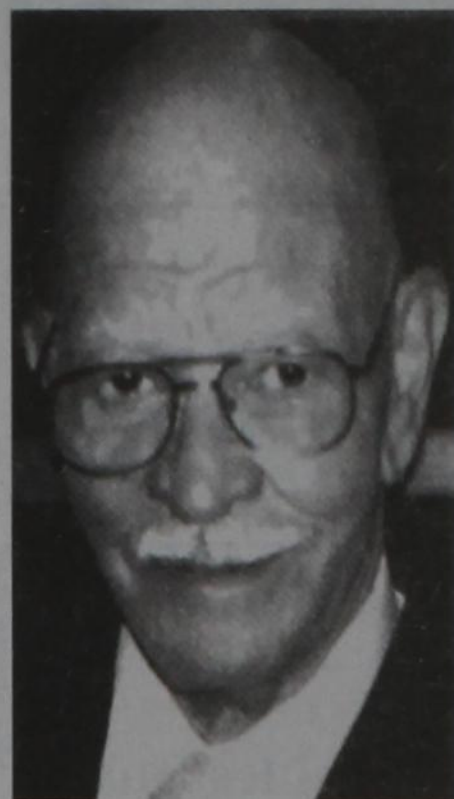
Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr.

Funeral services were held for Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr. on Wednesday morning, March 9, 2011, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. D. A. Smith, pastor of Smith Temple Church, the eulogist; with Rev. C. C. Peoples officiating. Rev. Scott was an assistant pastor of Ssmith Temple Church.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Rev. Scott was born June 25, 1926 and died March 3, 2011 at 9:45 a.m. at University Meical Center.

He leaves a loving and devoted wife of 62 years, Pearlene; daughters, Linda, Pat and Frances; one son, Edwin, Jr.; 12



grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; one god son; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

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Willie Dean Young

Funeral services for Willie Dean Young were Saturday Saturday afternoon, March 5, 2011, at Agape State Temple Church of God in Christ.

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

Young, 76, of Lubbock passed away Friday, February 25, 2011, at Southwest Regional Medical Complex.

He was born to Douglas and Bertha Young in Pittsburgh, Texas. He attended school in Vernon, Texas.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Bessie Young; children, Jean Richardson (LaCarl), Sheryl Young, Edy Sawyer-Lester, Jackie Davis and



Jamie Garcia; two sisters, Josie Green and Dorothy Odom; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Corey L. Jones

Funeral services for Corey L. Jones, 37, of Lubbock were held Saturday afternoon, March 5, 2011, in the W.W. Rix Chapel. Services are under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Corey died Saturday, February 26, 2011, in Lubbock.

Corey Lamont Jones was born on June 11, 1973, in Odessa to Billy Johnson and Linda Jones. Corey was always known as a hard worker. His passion was watching and participating in the rodeo. He married Monica Rodriguez on May 16, 2006, in Lubbock.

Corey is survived by his wife; eight children, Kendall, Brandon and C.J. of Lubbock, Britnee, Devin, Brandon Lee and Donovan of Odessa, and Aiddyn of Austin; mother, Linda Simpson of Odessa; mother-in-



law, Donna Rodriguez of Lubbock; two brothers, Marcus and Quincy, both of Odessa; and three stepsisters, Benitra of Tulsa, OK, and Teelea and Jaimaya, both of Odessa.

Sandra Eilleen "Buffy" Crain

Waco, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Sandra Eilleen "Buffy" Crain on Saturday morning, March 5, 2011, at the Greater Bosqueville Baptist Church, where Minister R. L. English, pastor. Minister Robert Stevenson, officiate, and Minister Joe Montgomery as eulogist.

Interment was under the direction of McDowsell Funeral Home LLC in Waco.

Pallbearers were Randy Crain, Ron Christopher Kindred, Derrick Robinson, Anthony Chiles, Fernando Doug-

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Frederick Douglas Washington

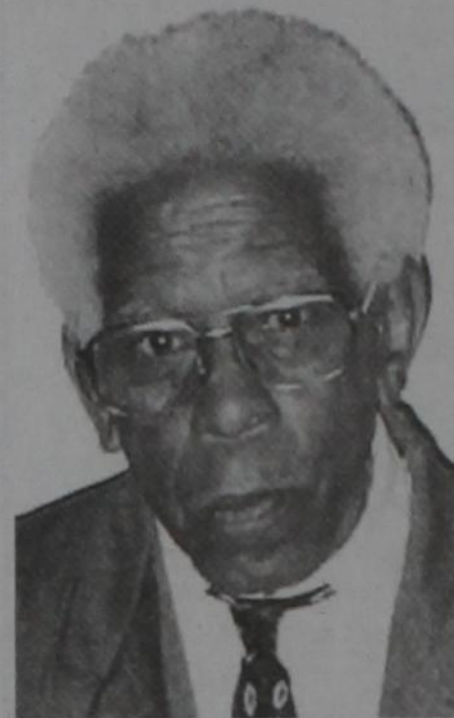
Funeral services for Frederick Douglas Washington were held Monday afternoon, March 7, 2011, in Carter Chapel C. M. E. Church with Rev. Larry Moore, pastor, officiating.

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

Washington, 96, of Lubbock passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born November 18, 1914, to the late David and Lura Washington in Puducah, Texas. He attended school in Tahoka, Texas, and later joined the U.S. Army and served during World War II. He was employed with TNMO Bus Line for several years, later employed by Motor Machine Service, where he worked for 40 years, and worked for Lubbock State School as a foster grandparent.

He leaves to cherish his mem-



ory: Leo, Fredrick D. (Tamela), William M., Victor D. (Robbin), Anita J. Durley, Josephus Blackmore (Louise), V. David, Joe A. (Jeanna) and James L. Palmer (Tonya); 39 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Willie Williams and Bobbie Williams; and a host of other relatives and friends.



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EDITORIALS-COMMENTS- OPINIONS



THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

REV. EDWIN NATHAN SCOTT, SR. WAS AN EXAMPLE FOR BLACK COMMUNITY!! THIS N THAT is saddened by the death of our **FRIEND & NEIGHBOR** **REV. EDWIN NATHAN SCOTT, SR.** who passed away hereThursday March 3, 2011..... He is a gentleman who made some very positive contributions in life and his wife Pearlene of 65 years his children Linda, Patricia, Frances and Edwin, Jr. should be proud of him..... You see this man moved up the ladder by overcoming obstacles in his path..... Just think he started his journey with a **PLAINS CAPITAL BANK** after leaving the Republic Bank and joined up with his good friend **ALAN WHITE** who is CEO of the Plains Capital Bank one of the largest mortgage banks in Texas..... to

become a member of the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** That is quite a jump from a **MAIL CLERK** If he were here today **REV. EDWIN NATHAN SCOTT** would tell that anything is possible with the help of **GOD!** On Thursday afternoons over the past ten years or more **THIS N THAT** would go by his residence at 2409 Globe Avenue and have their weekly debate but most of all ... to get a slice of **REV. SCOTT'S POUND CAKE**..... but those times debating about..... He will be missed and we are glad he came this way..... May God continue to bless the family of **REV. EDWIN SCOTT, SR.**..... **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER**: "THE BE-GINNING doesn't count as it is the **END** which really **COUNTS!**"

NEED TO STAY INVOLVED! THIS N THAT is still asking that residents of the **EAST LUBBOCK COMMUNITY** continue to stay involved and be very concerned with what is happening in our **SCHOOLS & NEIGHBORHOOD**..... You see if you don't stand tall in the community then you will **COMPLETELY LEFT OUT OF THE PROCESS!** If you don't understand what is going on then stand tall in the saddle and express your concerns.....

HOPEFULLY A MEETING WILL BE CALLED ABOUT THE NAMING OF SCHOOL!! THIS N THAT is hoping that there will be some kind of meeting or hearing about the naming of the proposed **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** as Ella Iles Elementary School and Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School will be combined and a school for **700 STUDENTS** will be constructed as approved by the voters in last year's bond election..... The new school has been approved to be constructed on the south campus of Wheatley Elementary.... So stay involved!! Let our children see us **INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY!!**

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Mission Will Sponsor Annual Program

The Pastor and Members of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church are cordially inviting you to attend a special Missionary program on Sunday afternoon, March 20, 2011, beginning at 3:00 p. m. This is the Annual Missionary Day. Our theme will be "Torch Bearers in a Chaotic World."

The dynamic speaker on "fire" for God will be Sister Margaret Moton, First Lady of the New Hope Baptist Church and wife of Rev. B. R. Moton.

During the program, a "Moment of Reflection" will be held to memorize the dear Missionary Sisters who have departed this life, between the years of 2009 thru 2011.

If there are any Missionary Sisters who would like to memorize at this time, please submit their name (s) to Sister Elurd Devenport at 2106 East 29th Street.

We are looking for as many of you as can be in attendance. We are eager to see each of you at Bethel on Sunday afternoon.

Sister Patricia Page, President; Sister Elurd Devenport, and Rev. Sonia J. Scott, Pastor.

Rev. Edwin Scott Continued from Page 4

Rev. Scott retired from Capital Bank as an Assistant Pastor at Smith Temple Church until he demised.

He also served as a member of the Lubbock Planning & Zoning Commission for December 1986 through November 1991. He was always excited about being on a city committee which involved the future planning and development of the city.

Pallbearers were his grandsons: Broderick Roberson, Ulric Roberson, Padgett Adams, Robert Adams, Christopher Scott, and Bryan Scott.

Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of Smith Temple Church.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

New Book: School Resegregation Is Detrimental To Black Students

Nationwide -- A new book, *Schooling Poor Minority Children: New Segregation in the Post-Brown Era*, authored by Martha R. Bireda, Ph.D., chronicles the process of desegregation to a return to post-Brown segregated schools. The author describes this "new" segregation as a "redesign of pre-Brown segregation" and details the devastating impact upon poor minority students.

The return to segregated neighborhood schools, most often populated by poor black and brown students, unequally

funded, and labeled "low performing" or "failing" should be taken very seriously by the black community. The "new" segregation that has evolved in the post-Brown era is even more insidious than that of pre-Brown segregation. The deeply rooted problems that plagued pre-Brown segregated schools persist; while a new set of problems inherent in the "new" segregation have emerged. The "new" post-Brown segregation is creating a class of chronically undereducated students who will be

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SCHOOLING POOR MINORITY CHILDREN



Author Segregation in the Post-Brown Era

MARTHA R. BIREDA

BACK STABBERS AND SLANDERS MAKE US BETTER INNOVATORS by BROTHER ASKARI

How many of you readers have heard the "Old School" lyrics in your face **"THEY SMILE IN YOUR FACE ALL THE TIME THEY WANNA TAKE YOUR PLACE, THAT BACK STABBERS."** Well I am sure that there some of you like me who agree with that statement. Now let's take a different look at these **"BACK STABBERS & SLANDERS."** In most cases these **BACK STABBERS & SLANDERS** are people we associate with or use to associate with on the daily bases who don't agree with the position you have taken to live your life. They don't like the fact that you did not agree with their advice about something you want to do or in most cases something they want you doing as oppose to what you chose to do. These people believe that they are the real architect of your life. These people become partners or distance partners of the **SLANDER** that uses **GOSSIP MON- GERS** who will listen, ears for Trash Cans!!!!!! Some of these **BACK STABBERS & SLANDERS** were once our **FRIENDS, HOME BOYS, HOME GIRLS, BUSINESS**



PARTNERS, LOVERS, HUSBANDS & WIVES. Some of these **BACK STABBERS & SLANDERS** are still pretending to be all of the above to us and are Stabbing us in our backs and are attempting to assassinate our **CHARACTER** with their Slanderous tongues!!!!!!!!!! Well people don't allow these **STAGNATORS** to stop you from being or becoming **INNOVATORS!!!!!!** The best life any of us can live will only happen when **"WE DECIDE TO LIVE THE LIFE WE WANT TO LIVE THE WAY WE WANT TO LIVE IT!!!!** We have to many example of **SUCCESS STORIES** about people who were told they would not be anything in life by members of these same **BACK STABBERS & SLANDERS!** Use their **MESS as YOUR FUEL TO MOTIVE YOU TO ACCOM-**

PLISH GREATNESS!!!! You can defeat the **BACK STABBERS & SLANDERS BY SUCCEEDING IN YOUR LIFE!!!!!!** REMEMBER YOUR LIFE WILL BE MEASURED BY THE RULER YOU US TO LIVE YOUR LIFE!!!!!! MAY GOD'S PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL!!!!!!

Bridge Collecting Items for Prom

The Bridge of Lubbock is collecting slightly used dresses, accessories, and shoes through March 25, 2011.

Items will be distributed to young women of limited means attending their high school prom.

For those who have these kinds of items, please call 441-6527 or 790-7518 for more information or to schedule donation.

Your help will most appreciate as this is an important time in the lives of young ladies.

Thanks for your comments about the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP. There's no doubt about it, the Lubbock Branch of the NAACP should be moving in a positive direction. Because of your interest, we'll not begin meetings in the Lubbock Community about restoring this local chapter. Hopefully, there will be those in the community who will assist you in this matter.

What has happened in the past has already happen, so let's move forward in the right direction.

Not only did we receive the letter, but enjoyed visiting with you via telephone. Can't quit! **Ye Editor**

Letter To The Editor

"Upset Over Lubbock NAACP Leadership"

Dear Editor:

About two weeks ago at one of Lubbock's local churches, I was involved in a conversation with several concerned men. The conversation as centered around the unfortunate death of James McKinzie and the policeman who shot and killed him.

One of the men said it would be great if Lubbock had a functional NAACP leader (s) to call for a full scale investigation into his death. All of this NAACP was just wishful thinking. For a city with a population of blacks and a non-functional NAACP leader to address this and other issues in Lubbock, this lady who holds the title of President need to relinquish the title and continue to scratch off. Why does a person sit on a title or sit on various boards while doing absolutely nothing.

The NAACP has a 100 year history -- her involvement on the on the board lacks or gives little hope to young blacks in the city. My plea to her is to poop or get off the pot.

I realize that somethings in life gets old and wears out. Please Mam, t take a clue and allow a fresh young mind to lead

where you have failed to lead.

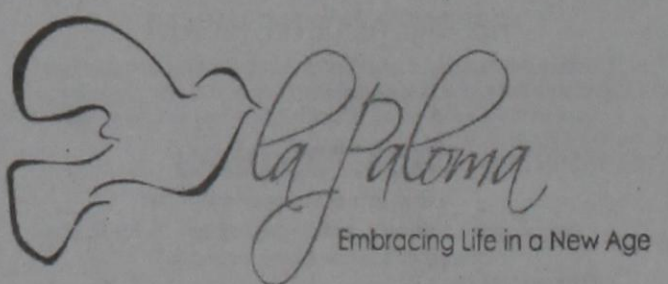
East Lubbock will never prosper as long as you and others like you remain selfish title holders. Give it up and turn it loose!

Thanks!!

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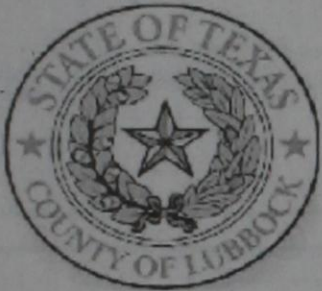
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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The Ides of March had not yet arrived and destruction struck. The earthquake that hit Japan with a force of about 9 on the Richter scale left a path of destruction which touched the western shores of the United States. Earthquakes and tsunamis have left paths of destruction in Haiti, New Zealand and now Japan. All of these nations are islands which probably had their origins due to an earthquake.

As a Social Studies teacher, I have always had the notion that the entire world was at one time, one mass of land, which due to earthquakes and other calamities, was broken up into various masses of land. This was an exercise in which I challenged my students to cut out the land areas of the world and put them together as one mass. One can easily see how islands tend to be fragments of a part of the whole. Of course, the Bible contends that the destruction was a flood. Who am I to disagree, as it appears that two thirds of the world is water in any way.

It is also my contention that the people of the world, who are oceans apart and have some of the same customs and traditions, were at one time, one people. The differences in appearances and modifications of customs can easily be justified due to the climate and zones of where they live now. We are different because of location and in-breeding, but we all came from the same place, Africa.

Because we are all human and of one race, the human race, we rush to help others in need when disaster strikes. This is human nature and this is the way it should be. The only problem with that is the fact that we are



crisis oriented and have not learned to practice on a daily basis what we do in a crisis. As people, and as nations, we have no choice but to try to get along with each other. If we do this, many of our crises would not arise.

For all we know, these hard hitting earthquakes may very well be the result of some of the scientific research that we are conducting in an attempt to one-up each other. Brother-hood week should be fifty-two weeks of the year. There should never be a reason for civil discontent which affects the world.

Natural disasters may not be avoidable as only God has the last say on that, but the people of the world, who are closer to each other and aware of the circumstances in all of the world nations, need to come together and work on world peace. The United Nations needs to take a greater role in peace keeping. Citizens of the world, need to let them know that we are all brothers and sisters, children of the Almighty and we need to get 'in cinque' and work on making this world a better place for us and future generations. If the man-made and natural disasters continue at the rate in which they are going, we may be coming to the end of this world.

Support Our Children.

Spence Resolution
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that I will behold thy face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied when I awake, with Thy likeness." (Psalm 17:15)

She had her portion in this life and she partook of the treasures of this life. Now, she is resting in the fulfillment of the promises of our Savior, for her soul and spirit now live with Christ, the one who died for her and all th elect family of God.

We count it a rare privilege to have been called "her Sister." Knowing her personally, as we did for many years, we are well aware of the difference she made in the lives of many people. Sister Spence was a warm, gentle person with an infectious smile and a sense of humor that touched many lives. When people were in trouble, she helped lift their burden; when hurt, she showed compassion, and when they cried, she confronted them. Sister Lula is missed in this life already, ut we believe we shall see her again in Heaven some sweet day!

Be it resolved, that Sister Spence has fought a good fight, she has finished her course, she has kept the faith; and henceforth, there is laid up for her a

Parkway Elementary School Meeting
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ped barbeque brisket sandwiches provided by the school to include all the fixings."

Mr. T. J. Patterson, a special guest and longtime community and children advocate, gave a rousing and highly motivational speech that challenged parents and students to expect academic excellence. He also reminded parents that they were their children first teachers, having much influence over student attitudes towards schools.

The evening ended with many door prizes which included home made cakes, gift cards from restaurants and Texas Tech paraphernalia.

Many parents expressed their appreciation for the meeting and the Parkway staff was very proud of the number of parents who attended to show their support for their children and Parkway Elementary School.

Sandra Crain
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las, Jr., and Cory Gee.

The Honorary Pallbearers were Nathan Blocker, Alphonso Taylor, Raymond Post, Leroy Franklin, Lewis Blocker, C. D. Franklin, James Grays, and Joe Andrews.

Crain was born July 11, 1966 in Waco to the parentage of Willie Ruth Blocker and Charles R Richards, and reared by his loving father, Kite.

She accepted Christ at an early age. After moving to California, she united with Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church where t he late Dr. E. V. Hill was the pastor.

During her early childhood years, she grew up in the

crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give her at that day, and not to her only, but unto all of them also who love his appearing. II Timothy 4:7-8

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast respectfully submits this resolution to honor the memory of Sister Lula Spence -- one copy will be submitted to the Family, one copy in the church records, and the remaining copies to the Family.

Most humbly submitted,
Dorothy Hood, President
Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Thank God For Jesus
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The BIBLE tell us, we're not to be troubled by the SIGNS.

THE LORD IS ON HIS WAY BACK; HE'S ALPHA AND O-MEGA; BEGINNING AND ENDING OF OUR TIME.

Revelation 1:8 -- Jesus Said, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, said the Lord, which is, and which is to come, the Almighty.

You see a DEATH ANGEL, A POLICEMAN; going through THIS LAND.

He has a DEATH WARRANT; FOR EVERY WOMAN, BOY, GIRL AND MAN!!!

So you see, you can't RUN; AND THERE IS NO PLACE TO HID,

SO GET RIGHT WITH JESUS NOW; THEN YOU WON'T HAVE TO TRY!!!

Mark 13:32 -- Jesus said, But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angles which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Sometimes He takes the BABY, from its MOTHER'S BREATH; THEN FATHER AND SON.

Sometimes He won't STOP; TILL HE TAKES A WHOLE FAMILY; TO THE LAST ONE!!!

Isaiah 55:6-7 -- Seek the Lord while he may be found, call you upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES THE 2011 ADVOCACY COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Washington, DC — The National Bar Association today announced its 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major for Justice Advocacy Competition. In its 11th year, the competition provides an opportunity for high school seniors to earn scholarships for college. MetLife is the Platinum sponsor of the program for the second consecutive year.

High school seniors from Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Canal Zone are invited to submit an essay for the 2011 competition. In no more than 1000 words, students should address the following issue: President Barack Obama challenged states to identify high schools with graduation rates below 60% and implement programs to increase the rates. If Dr. King were alive today, what new solution(s) and new program(s) should he recommend that your state implement and the Obama Administration fund? Specifically explain why the proposed new solutions and programs should be adopted.

Students should register for the competition through www.nationalbar.org/mlk-drumcompetition.html. The first place winner of the regional competition will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a three day, two night trip to Baltimore, MD for the national competition. Airfare and hotel costs will be covered for

the student and one adult chaperone. National competition winners will receive more than \$5,000 in scholarships. All national prizes are one time scholarships.

Sponsored by the National Bar Association and supported by the National Bar Institute, the competition is an annual advocacy program designed to motivate students of color to excel in education. The contest encourages high school seniors to express their views on a pre-selected topic, and judges the students on their ability to communicate orally and in writing. It also provides young people with experience in public speaking.

"The NBA is so pleased to continue its tradition of inspiring young Americans.

Raven Symone Goes Au Naturele



Talented singer and actress Raven Symone is no longer wearing braids and weaves. She sported a new au-naturele look at the recent Disney's Dreamer Academy event, which also featured other celebrities including Steve Harvey and Yolanda Adams.

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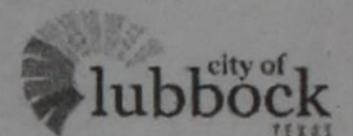


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New Book: School Resegregation Is Detrimental To Black Students

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left with only underclass options.

The author examines two crucial school-related factors characteristic of post-Brown segregated, low performing schools serving predominately poor minority populations: first, a school culture that is characterized by low expectations for students and the lack of a collective

responsibility for student learning; and secondly, a stigmatizing school climate that focuses on control of students rather than creating rigorous and challenging learning environments. The combination of these factors results in the failure of these students to develop an academic identity, a lack of achievement

motivation, the development of low self-expectations, disengagement from the learning process, academic failure, and in far too many instances non-completion.

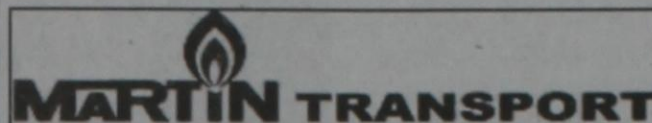
This is a critical period in the future education of black children. As solutions are being proposed to close the achievement gap, none address the destructive effects of resegregation and the stigmatizing environments in which poor black and brown children are forced to learn. It is

imperative that black parents and the black community become involved in all discussions about educational reform. The author suggests that the black community must re-commit itself to the education of black children, exercising the same fervor as during the initial stages of desegregation. She recommends that we must engage in yet another crusade, a "fourth crusade" to ensure equal educational opportunities for our children.

Dr. Bireda has been an educational consultant for twenty years specializing in racial disparity in achievement and disci-

pline. Schooling Poor Minority Children: New Segregation in the Post-Brown Era and a previous book related to racial disparity in discipline, Cultures in Conflict: Eliminating Racial Profiling are available from www.rowmaneducation.com or Amazon.com.

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for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

ITimothy 4:16

Notice of Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Re: City of Lubbock/Citibus grant applications for fiscal year 2010-2011:
Section 5304 Statewide Planning funding for regional coordination efforts;
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Section 5310 funding for preventive maintenance;
Section 5311 Intercity Bus funding for Downtown Transfer Plaza renovation;
Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute for employment/educational transportation;
and
Section 5317 New Freedom funding for activities that exceed ADA regulations.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public hearing will occur in conjunction with the Lubbock Public Transit Advisory Board Meeting on March 29, 2011, at 12 noon at the Citibus Conference Room, 801 Texas Avenue. The purpose of this hearing is to consider financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, for the following programs:

Section 5304 Planning Funds - This program cost is estimated at \$23,253, which will be provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5304 funds through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); the Texas Transportation Commission has awarded Citibus Transportation Development Credits to serve as the local match. These funds will be used regional coordination meetings and activities.

Section 5307 Formula Grant Funds - The federal program cost is estimated at \$4,338,963, \$2,889,343 of which will be provided by FTA Section 5307 funds and \$1,449,620 as local match. TxDOT will contribute \$622,763 for operating assistance only, with \$622,763 as local match. This funding will be used for preventive maintenance, non-fixed route ADA services, operating, planning, and miscellaneous capital improvements including passenger amenities and security upgrades.

Section 5309 Discretionary Earmark Funds - This program cost is \$750,000, and the local match has been provided through 153,614 Transportation Development Credits, which were awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission. The funds will be used to purchase a hybrid-electric bus, which will replace an outdated route bus. The remainder of the funding will be utilized for a future vehicle or vehicle-related purchase.

Section 5310 Elderly & Disabled Funds - This program cost is estimated at \$109,152, \$87,322 of which will be provided by the FTA and \$21,830 as local match. These funds will be used for preventive maintenance activities.

Section 5311 Intercity Bus Funds - All phases of the program cost is estimated at \$1,842,892, which will be provided by the FTA Section 5311 funds; the Texas Transportation Commission has awarded Citibus Transportation Development Credits to serve as the local match. The funds will be used for the following phases of the Downtown Transfer Plaza renovation: Greyhound freight addition (1), vending/training additions, restroom renov (2), lobby renov (3), and site repair (4).

Section 5316 Jobs Access Reverse Commute Funds - This program cost is estimated at \$350,650, \$175,325 of which will be provided by the FTA funds and \$175,325 as local match. This funding will be used to provide specific fixed route services.

Section 5317 New Freedom Funds - This program cost is estimated at \$105,960, \$69,132 of which will be provided by FTA funds and \$36,828 as local match. This funding will be used for mobility management, and to subsidize CitiAccess extended service area trips and the NiteRide service costs.

Interested individuals may submit recommendations or comments orally or in writing before 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2011. Written comments may be addressed to Citibus Planning Department, PO Box 2000, Lubbock, Texas, 79457; emailed to bpatrick@citibus.com; or faxed to 806-712-2012. Oral comments may be made by calling 806-712-2000 x252. Written documentation on the above projects is available at the Citibus offices, 801 Texas Avenue.

LISD School Board Meeting Synopsos

At their recent meeting, Lubbock ISD trustees approved the elimination of positions at Central Office as the first step in meeting an anticipated \$10 million reduction in state funding for 2011-12. Bills currently under consideration by the Legislature would reduce LISD's annual state funding between \$10 million and \$27 million below current funding levels.

While the Legislature has not finalized the extent of cuts to public education, state law requires school districts to notify contract personnel 45 days before the last day of instruction if their contract will not be renewed. As a result, April 12 is the deadline for LISD to notify employees if their jobs will be eliminated.

Dr. Karen Garza, superintendent said, "We consulted our legislative delegation and they advised us that planning for a \$10 million reduction was prudent. We owe it to our dedicated employees to give them as much notice as possible of this inevitable reduction in force so they can plan accordingly and have the best chance of finding other employment." LISD Board President James Arnold added, "The board and administration did not enter into this decision lightly. These employees are our neighbors, friends and tax payers. We simply have no other option with the level of cuts we expect from the state."

In remarks to the board, Garza reiterated that the positions being eliminated at central office were important jobs that contributed to the academic gains and smooth operation of schools. "Our schools will feel the impact of these central office jobs being lost and the good work being done by these fine employees. In reacting to these anticipated revenue reductions, our priority is to protect our classrooms to the extent possible," Garza said.

Contractual employees affected by the reduction in force will receive a \$10,000 payment in consideration for entering into a separation agreement with the district. Full-time non-contractual employees impacted by the reduction in force will receive \$5,000 and part-time, non-contractual employees will receive \$2,000 for entering into a separation agreement.

"People experienced and actively engaged in the legislative process did not anticipate these dramatic cuts to public education when the Legislature convened," Garza said. "We certainly did not expect that we would be in a position to do a reduction in force when the board considered my contract in early January. For that reason, I have requested and the board has agreed to remove the increase they made to my base salary for 2011-12."

In other action, the board approved the first expenditure of funds from the 2010 bond election with \$7.7 million approved for infrastructure to support wireless internet access in all of the district's 57 school buildings and build a reliable, resilient network. Through a government e-rate rebate program, \$2.9 million of the expenditure is expected to be reimbursed. Bonds funds are designated for capital expenditures such as technology, construction and renovation. State law does not allow bond money to be used for salaries and other operating expenses.

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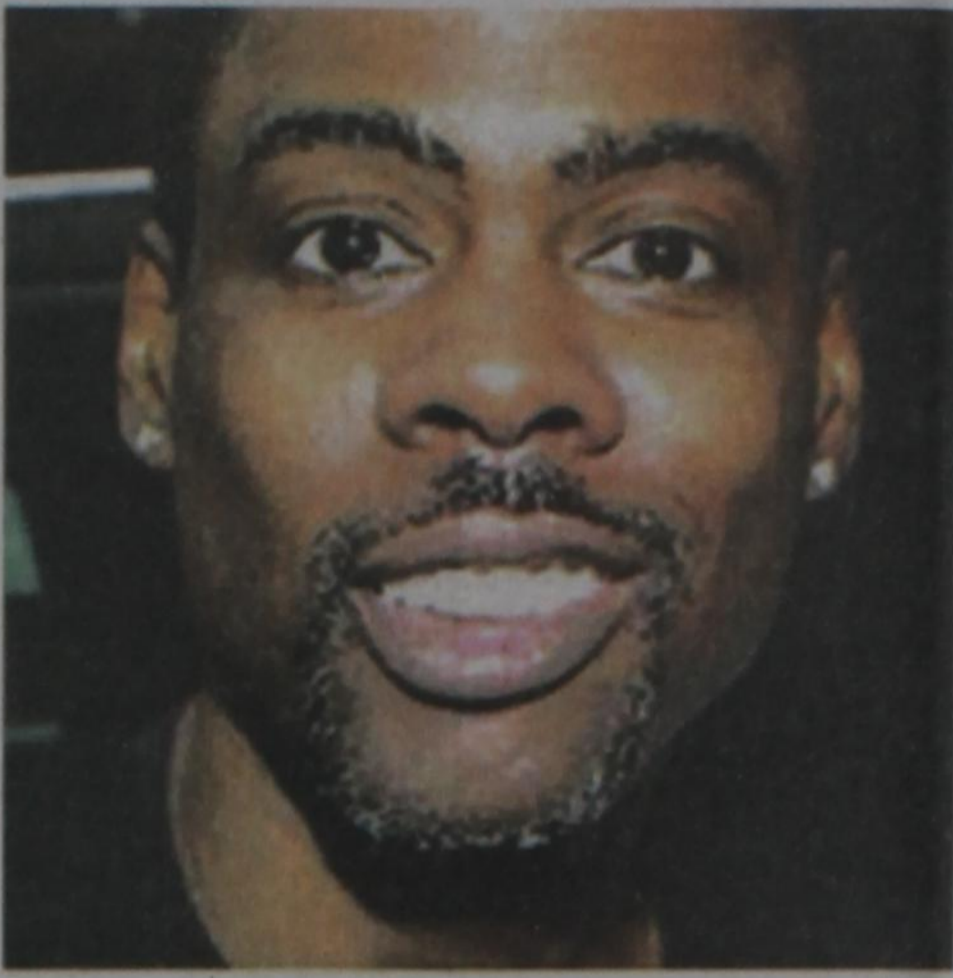
NEW YORK -- How do you top a winter in which you've made fun of Oprah Winfrey to her face, gleefully butchered a classic Simon and Garfunkel song during a telethon and made a guest appearance on Kanye West's mega-selling CD?

If you're Chris Rock, the next stop is Broadway.

"I always look for everything," says the comedian, sitting at a table at the theater-district hang-out Sardi's before rehearsals of his new gritty play by Stephen Adly Guirgis.

"You want to give your audience something funny or something good - that can be anything. It can be a play, it can be a movie," he says. "Hey, I was on Kanye's record! That's funnier than probably anything I've done in a couple of years. You know what I mean? How can I be funny this year?"

The answer now is "The Motherf-- With the Hat," a play that Rock describes as "'The Honeymooners' with drugs." It's about a man on parole and trying to live clean with his volatile girlfriend, who is far from sober. Rock, making his Broadway



Chris Rock

debut, plays the man's drug counselor.

"Honestly, it was the best thing I read all last year. It was better than every movie script, every book - it was better than everything," he says. "I read a couple of other plays and thought, 'This is easily the best one I've read.'"

Director Anna D. Shapiro, who won a Tony Award for "August: Osage County," says Rock is working hard to meld with fellow actors Bobby Cannavale, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Annabella Sciorra and Yul Vazquez.



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