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Community Meetings

- * 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.
- * The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets at Mae Simmons Community Senior Citizens Center every Monday at 6:00 p. m.
- * 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.

Earnestine Frazier Named LABA Sisters Who Care Director

Earnestine Frazier, LABA Sisters Who Care Director, has joined the African-American Advisory Council as a Field Representative for Sisters Who Care of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Women Missionary Union.

The African-American Council was created to provide culturally relevant assistance to all churches especially for the African-American churches.

In this capacity she will have an opportunity to give input regarding the Sisters Who Conference events, programs and speakers as she works with a wonderful group of women.

She will also be involved in supporting and promoting the Mary Hill Davis Offering as well as to assist in the growth and direction of Sisters Who Care. She will be a big part of providing training, prompting mission's education, leading conferences, and assisting with displays and planning, implementing and evaluation of Sisters Who Conference events.

She will be required to meet two to three times per year with all expenses paid. She has generously accepted and has committed to serving and sharing the Good news! Earnestine is a woman of God, prayer warrior,



Earnestine Fraizer

hard and willing worker and loves the Lord with all her mind, body and soul. She will be working with pastors, ministers and mission presidents to encourage and enhance the teaching of Jesus Christ through missions.

She invites all women to attend the Annual Statewide Sisters Who Care Conference on September 9-10, 2011 in Dallas, Texas. She will be sending out information and will be contacting each church. You may contact her by email at Earnestine.frazier@ttu.edu or by telephone 806/742-1998 ext. 439 (work) or 806/763-1409 (home).



Rose Kankson & The Late Barbara Sommerville

Rose Hankson Honored Here Last Friday

The Guadalupe Parkway Sommerville Center honored Rose Hankson for twenty years of service last Thursday afternoon, August 11, 2011 during the Summer Blast Recital 2011.

The young people of the center made a special presentation to her. The children sang "I Believe I Can Fly," and "Lift Every Voice."

Several dances were done. They included Aztec Dance by Guadalupe Boys; Salsa Dance by Guadalupe Girls; Zulu Dance

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Congressman Emanuel Cleaver

A Lucifer Panini?

Washington (CNN) - It's not likely to be found on any Washington-area menus soon. Congressional Black Caucus chair Emanuel Cleaver blasted the final debt deal brokered between congressional leadership and President Obama on Twitter as a "Satan sandwich" Monday, August 1, v2011

"This deal is a sugar-coated Satan sandwich," he said. "If you lift the bun, you will not like what you see."

The four-term Missouri Democrat continued his Twitter diatribe against the deal to raise the amount of money the nation can borrow and make a down payment on the federal deficit saying, "This debt deal is antithetical to everything the great religions of the world teach, which is take care of the poor, aged, vulnerable."

A Satan sandwich is not a tasty deal, Cleaver affirmed during an interview on CNN's "The Situation Room." And it's worse when it's been sprinkled with Potomac River water.

The deal provides for a bipartisan congressional committee tasked with making long-term fiscal reforms that may include spending cuts as well as tax revenues. If the committee does not come to an agreement by the end of the year, a congressional vote on adding a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution will take place. If the amendment is not passed, massive cuts to defense spending and entitlement

programs will be made, hitting key programs for both Democrats and Republicans.

Cleaver was especially irked by this provision, tweeting, "A special 'super Congress' to provide recs on cuts but not increases? Who said what we need in Washington is another committee?"

He's so irked that leading up to the House vote Cleaver was undecided about which way he'd vote and unclear about the road forward in Congress.

"I think we've got to figure out how we continue to govern in an atmosphere like we have here where everybody is nasty to each other and there's no compromise," he said. "We're here in Washington having fact-free debates."

Frustrated with what he views as a lack of any Democratic wins in the deal, Cleaver continued, "Republicans got everything they wanted out of this deal. They got everything they wanted except for the Democratic donkey."

The Satan sandwich may be absent from menus for now, but the not-so-tasty treat lives-on Twitter. It is now today's version of the Bronx Zoo snake with its own Twitter handle, @SatanSandwich, and it's own tweets: "Remember. If you don't pass me, people get hurt. If you do pass me, people get hurt. Hey... #WinWin."

Congressman Cleaver is a cousin of T. J. Patterson, Sr. of Lubbock.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. & Emerging Young Leaders at Dunbar College Preparatory Academy



Emerging Young Leaders & AKA's

On May 10, 2011 the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Delta Omega and Zeta Tau Chapters hosted a reception for sixteen young ladies attending Dunbar College Preparatory Academy. These middle school girls applied to participate in a special AKA Sorority Initiative: Emerging Young Leaders. (EYL) The

young ladies were lovingly supported by the attendance of sorority members, parents, siblings, and even grandparents!

Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) is the 2010-2014 signature program of the entire international organization of AKA for middle school girls. Consisting of four AKAdemies, the program is designed to extend the

vision of the sorority by cultivating and encouraging high scholastic achievement through: 1) Leadership Development, 2) Educational Enrichment, 3) Civic Engagement, and 4) Character Building. The EYL program will develop skills and talents of these young ladies of Dunbar (grades 6-8) who have

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Ninth & Tenth Graders Must Remain On Campus During Lunch Hour

This year, all ninth and tenth graders will be required to remain on campus during their lunch period. Ninth-grade students have had a closed lunch period for several years, but tenth-grade students will remain on campus for lunch this year as well. Renovations will be made to the campuses with funds from the 2010 bond election to create larger cafeteria spaces which will be similar to a shopping mall food court and will include spaces for study groups to assemble during the lunch period. The closed lunch was a recommendation of the citizen-led 2020 Committee as part of safety and security initiatives.

Pedestrian traffic around the high school campuses at lunch poses a significant safety problem for students and motorists. Traffic accidents involving student drivers are common. In addition, student absenteeism

increases after lunch. As cafeterias expand, a procedure is in place through the LISD purchasing department for businesses interested in becoming vendors in the cafeteria. All food sold in the high school cafeterias will meet the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy. These guidelines promote healthier food choices and require reduced amounts of fat content in food provided to students.

For more information, contact Nancy Sharp, LISD Director of Communications and Community Relations (806) 766-1062, Office (806) 766-1241 FAX (806) 786-1363 Mobilewww.LubbockISD.org.



ONE HUNDRED BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS, with Ms. Mayda Cruz, Executive Director-The Bridge of Lubbock, Saturday morning, August 6, 2011, at The Bridge preparing food for young people of the community. They also helped pass out clothes and school supplies for young people.

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Members of the New Hope Baptist Church, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton, will celebrate all church members who have birthdays in June, July and August, will have a birthday celebration on Saturday afternoon, August 20, 2011. This will be a great day of celebration and fellowship.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, August 14, 2011, at the New Hope Baptist Church. Services got underway with the Praise Team singing out of their hearts. After the reading of the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir sang several selec-

tions. The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor B. R. Moton. His subject was "Good News For Bad People." His scripture text was Luke 18:9-14; Matthew 23:27; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:2 and Isaiah 64:6.

After the invitation to discipleship, Sister Tamara Quigley read the morning announcements. Visitors were welcomed by Sister Lisa Woods.

New Light Baptist Church and Southcrest Baptist Church, with Rev. Kenneth Jackson and Rev. David Wilson, will present their Annual "Back To School Festival," Saturday afternoon, August 21, 2011, from 4:00 p. m. until 6:00 p. m. at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road.

Shepherd's Heart School for Pastors, Foreign Missionaries and also serious students of the Bible is being offered.

This school has been designed for men and women pastors, deacons and lay-people who have always had a desire to know the Word of God! The class begins Friday the 19th of August. This class will last for one year! The time is 7 p.m. at Church of the Nations, 5902 11th place! If you are interested, please contact Pastor Roy P. Davis, 806-445-1545 for more information!

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson DECORATIVE PONCHOS!

That's right ladies they're back. Ponchos are popping up everywhere, and they are not your everyday poncho. 2011 ponchos are designed to turn heads. The most popular one is the knee length fishnet poncho

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Photos Of Summer Blast Recital 2011 Honoring Mrs. Rose Hankson



Visiting With Executive Director



Making Her Way To Blast!



Young People Were There!

Here are a few photos of the reception held at the Guadalupe/Somerville Center in

honor of Mrs. Rose Hankson at the Summer Blast 2011 on Thursday afternoon, August 11, 2011. She has served as Financial Director.

Photos were courtesy of Bennie Nash.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
Rick Perry: "The Man from Texas as the King of Kings"

Amanda Terkel of Huff Post Politics wrote the following on August 14, 2011... Texas Gov. Rick Perry (R) officially jumped into the 2012 presidential race on Saturday, framing a promise to prioritize job creation as a cornerstone of his campaign. "It is time to get America working again," he said, according to prepared remarks given to reporters beforehand. "That's why, with the support of my family; and an unwavering belief in the good of America, I declare to you today my candidacy for president of the United States." Perry blamed President Obama for S&P's recent downgrade of the United States' AAA credit rating, and promised he would restore the country's good standing. "In reality, this is just the most recent downgrade," said Perry. "The fact is for nearly three years; President Obama has been downgrading American jobs, downgrading our standing in the world, downgrading our financial stability, downgrading confidence and downgrading the hope of a better future for our children." The writer noted that Perry spoke to an overflow crowd, with people having to stand or

even watch from a separate room. While waiting to get into the event, the hallway was so crowded and stuffy that one attendee even fainted, according to an event organizer. The writer also noted that Perry's candidacy doesn't come as much of a surprise. He has been meeting with wealthy donors already, getting the advice of former President George W. Bush and making appearances in the primary states. His campaign also launched a Rick Perry for President Website shortly before his speech. Perry's candidacy doesn't come as much of a surprise the writer noted. He has been meeting with wealthy donors already, getting the advice of former President George W. Bush and making appearances in the early primary states. His campaign also launched a Rick Perry for President Website shortly before his speech. Check this out! The writer noted that Texas has created more jobs in the last year than any other state, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Often dubbed the "Texas Miracle," this feat has become a frequent talking point for Perry, and one that he again played up in

his presidential announcement as testament in his focus on creating jobs. "One in six work-eligible American cannot find a full-time job," said Perry. "That is not a recovery - that is an economic disaster." Still, Texas continues to struggle along with every other state. In June, Texas had an 8.2 percent unemployment rate, which is still significant though below the national average. Of all the jobs in Texas created last year, 37 percent paid at or below minimum wage—and the state leads the nation in total minimum wage workers, according to a recent New York Times report.. The writer stated that some of the Tea Party members noted that they loved this conservative guy who was not wishy-washy and that you could not create a better candidate than Rick Perry. One Tea Partier noted that he was backing Perry "110 percent." Someone has begged to ask the question is "Perry the King of Kings of the Tea Party creatures who's level of intelligence appears to be somewhere between 3rd and 7th grade on a good day?"



We Thank God for Jesus
"Jesus Was My Answer!"

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

Revelation 3:20 -- Jesus said, Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and sup with him and he will be with me.
 I, Billy, "B.J.", was raised in a loving and strong Obederance **CHRISTIAN HOME**.
 But when I got **GROWN; BLACK AND PROUD;** I left all that **RELIGION ALONG!!!**
Luke 15:13b -- The son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.
 As I **PLAYED** with **SIN;** they became **GREAT AND MY DAILY DELIGHT**
 I, then got a **DIVORCE;** left three **CHILDREN AND 23 YEARS WITH MY WIFE!!!**
Proverb 3:5-6 -- Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths. I walked in the filthiness of this **WORLD;** In it brought **SIN AND SHAME**.
 One day I heard the **VOICE OF GOD;** but I was **BUSY DOING MY OWN THING!!!**
Proverb 22:6 -- Train up a child in the way he should go;

and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
 I did love the **SIN: BEER, CURSING, GAMBLING, WOMAN, AND OTHER SINS.**
 I know what my life **WAS; I WAS LIVING IN THE HOG PEN!!!**
Romans 3:22-23 -- Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
 The **DEVIL** called me **DR. BLO-FLY; HE EVEN CHANGED MY NAME.**
 Where do you find **FLIES? AROUND FILTHY THINGS: AND I HAD NO SHAME!! (ON MY TRUCK TAGS AND T-SHIRTS WAS BLO-FLY; AND ON CAPS WAS BEER NAMES, TOBACCO NAMES, WHISKEY NAMES. I DID EVERYTHING I COULD, TO UPLIFT THE GOD I WAS SERVING; HIS NAME: DEVIL.**
Proverb 12:15 -- The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkens unto counsel is wise.

After **PARTYING, DRINKING, SMOKING AND DOPING; IT WENT ON FOR SO LONG.**
 Then one day the **LORD SPOKE TO ME; SAYING, THIS IS NOT WHERE YOU BELONG!!!**
Hebrews 12:6,7 -- For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he who the father chastens not?
 Then one day I **MET JESUS CHRIST; HE gave me a NEW LIFE; and a NEW WIFE: JEFFOTHEL.**
 As I go and **TELL THE WORLD; I'M SAVED BY GOD'S SON; THIS I CAN TELL!!!**
***** OH HOW I LOVE JESUS!!! *****
(AND NOW ON MY CAPS I HAVE THINGS OF JESUS-DOWN THE SIDE OF MY TRUCK AND RV IS LORD'S WILL, I WILL, ON MY TAGS WE THANK GOD FOR JESUS ". MY COWBOY HATS HAS A CROSS ON THE FRONT OF OUR HOUSE A TEXAS SIGN

St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, August 14, 2011, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.
 Sunday School got underway at 10:00 a. m. with our Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, presiding.
 The morning teacher was Sister Davis and Pastor Canady reviewed the morning lesson.
 The subject of the lesson was "Choosing A Community

Wisely", with the Unifying Topic was "Choosing A Community." The lesson passage was Ruth 1:8-18.
 The lesson text were: "Attending To Secure A Better Life, Ruth 1:8-10; "The Dilemma of The Widows," Ruth 1:11-14; and "Ruth Shows Loyalty to Naomi, Ruth 1:15-18."

 The Devotional Period last Sunday morning was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Sister Barbara Johnson.

Pastor Canady made his entrance on the song, "We've Come This Far By Faith."
 The St. Matthew Choir sang the following selections: We Have Come This Far By Faith," "Christian," "Give Me A Clean Heart," and "Standing By The Bedside."
 The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was: "Do You Believe This?" His scripture text was John 11:23-26. What a message! The Song of Inspiration was

"Walk With Me, Lord."

 The St. Matthew Baptist Church will be hosting their 7th Annual Men & Women's Day program on the third Sunday, August 21, 2011, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Our special guest will be the St. Mark Baptist Church's Senior Choir. Dr. Leon Armstead is pastor.
 Also, The Levites, and The Los Praise Center.
 The public is cordially invited to attend this annual pro-

gram.

 Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members as well as those of the community.

 Our sick and shut-in list include the following: Brother Tyree Morris of Dallas, Texas; who is the brother of our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady, and Sister George Ann Hereford; and Brother Ronald Hereford, a patient in the University Medical

Center.

Thought of the Week:
"Own up to your sins -- You can't hide it from God anyway!"

 Weekly Meetings: Mission, Wednesday, 5:00 p. m.; Brotherhood Meeting, Wednesday; Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p. m.; Choir Rehearsal, Saturday, 1:00 p. m.; and Usher Meeting, Saturday, 11:00 a. m.
 Remember, God is able!!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Putting On The Armour of God"
The following is a prayer to help Christians war against the devil according to Ephesians 6:10-20. For victory, begin each day by praying.
 Dear Lord, in Jesus' Name, I commit this day to You. I die to myself today. I wrestle not against flesh blood, but against principalities, powers and rulers of darkness of the world, and spirit spiritual wickedness in high places. Thank you, Lord, for Your armour. By faith (not feeling) I put on Your armour right now.
Lord, Girdle Of Truth
 First, I put on the loin Girdle of Truth to stand against all devices of satan and his demons. I know they are out to rob, steal, defile, torment and destroy. But I know that, "Greater is He that is in me than he in the world." Father, please give me divine knowledge, wisdom and dis-

cernment to detect the devil at work with his lies and secret workings. Help me hunger and follow only after truth. Help me not yield to the devil's deceptions, even when he appears as an angel of light.
Breastplate of Righteousness
 Next, I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness. Thank you that it is Your Righteousness. I know I have none of my own. Any sin in my life I now forsake and confess to you Lord in Jesus' name, and now accept your complete forgiveness. It is the righteousness of my Lord and Savior, Jesus who continually cleanses me from all sin and who faithfully forgives me. Thank you that I am not only "justified" but actually made "righteous" by the shed blood of Jesus. I have truly been bought with His blood. Thank You now that there is no condemnation for failure, for I have been forgiven even as I also forgive all who

have sinned against me.
Shoes Of Peace
 Now, Lord, I put on the Shoes of Peace. I plant my feet firmly on the Lord Jesus who is the Rock of my salvation. I accept peace that passes all understanding. You have not given me "the spirit of fear, but of love and power, and a sound mind."
 I stand against the demon powers and their thoughts of worry, fear, unrest, strife, bitterness, rejection, failure, disappointment, discouragement, unlovable, undeserving, depres-

sion, hopeless, etc. (Whatever, you are battling in your mind).
Helmet Of Salvation
 Now Lord, I put on the Helmet of Salvation. My mind is covered by your salvation and your blood shed for me. I let the mind of Christ be my mind. His thoughts shall be my thoughts. Let me say and do only what the Holy Spirit leads. I cast down the evil thoughts of the enemy. I watch for them and see them for the evil they are. I resist them as they come. I direct my thoughts to victory in Jesus.

I will confess this prayer faithfully each day. You have given me authority and power over the enemy and You want me to trust in You. I will faithfully put on Your armour, pray and praise and believe Your Word as never before."

The report on the last meeting will be in next issue.
 Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.
 May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer daily!!!



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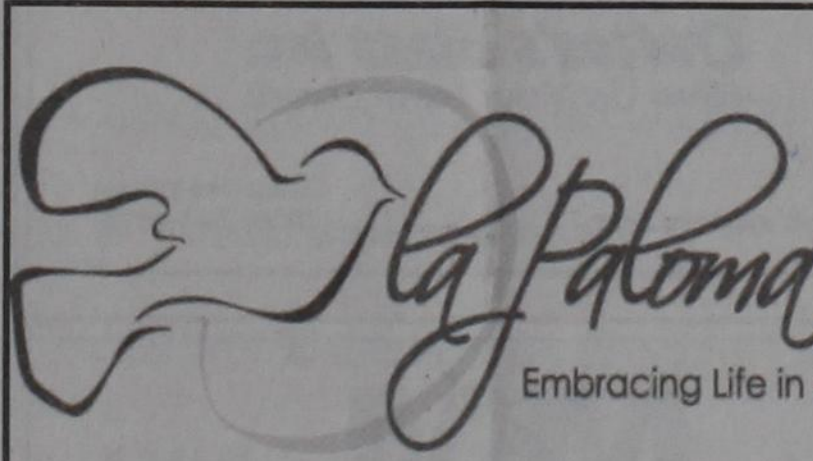
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Obsequies

Michael DeShawn Brisco

Funeral services were held Michael DeShawn Brisco Wednesday afternoon, August 3, 2011 at St. James Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny L. Barnes, pastor, officiating.

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

Brisco, 21, of Lubbock passed away Sunday, July 24, 2011.

He was born March 6, 1990 to Anita Adkins Russell and Michael Brisco. He attended Lubbock and New Deal Public School Districts. He played football for New Deal ISD, all-star football, ran track and wrestled for Lubbock ISD and placed 2nd in State.

After graduating from high school, he attended Kansas State University and was currently enrolled at South Plains College and was also accepted at Wayland Baptist University to play football. He was employed at United Supermarket for three years until his death.



He leaves to cherish his memory his mother and step-father, Anita and Reginald Russell, Sr.; two brothers, Reginald Russell, Jr. and Xzereaus Russell; one half-sister, Zoey Brisco; three grandmothers, Katherine Brisco, Jessie Adkins, and Annie Russell; one grandfather, Paul Russell; two great grandfathers, Overseer Willie Barber and Charles Russell, Sr.; one great-grandmother, Jessie Barber; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Patricia Lawrence Henry

Funeral Services were held for Patricia Lawrence Henry Friday morning, August 12, 2011 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

Henry, 63, of Lubbock passed away, Monday, August 8, 2011.

She was born in Lubbock on October 29, 1947 to Burlene and Lawrence Henry. She attended Lubbock Public Schools and was a member of the Dunbar High School graduating Class of 1968.

From there she earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration from South Plains Community College. "Pat" went on to work for the Lubbock State School System as a Mental Health, Mental Retardation (MHMR) Aid. Her talents, skill and business acumen propelled her forward, bringing numerous accommodations and promotions that ultimately led to her obtaining the position of Unit Director. A position held until her retirement after more than 20 years of dedicated, caring and



compassionate service.

"Pat" was preceded in death by her mother, Burlene Henry; father, Lawrence Henry; and a sister, Alice Mathis.

She leaves to mourn her daughter, Rev. Dorinda G. Henry; four sisters, Anita G. Howard, Peggy E. Howard, Sandra L. Henry and Donna K. Williams; six nieces and nephews; two great-nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The Southwest Digest prints 'Letters to the Editor.' Let us hear from you a particular subject.

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Former NFL star Bubba Smith dies last week

LOS ANGELES (AP) -

Former NFL star Bubba Smith, who went from feared defensive end on the field to endearing giant in his successful second career as an actor, died Wednesday, August 3, 2011. He was 66.

Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman Ed Winter said Smith was found dead at his Baldwin Hills home. Winter said he didn't know the circumstances or cause of death.

Police spokesman Richard French added the death does not appear to be suspicious.

The top overall pick in the 1967 draft after a sensational career at Michigan State, the 6-foot-7 Smith spent five seasons with the Baltimore Colts and two seasons each with Oakland and Houston. He won the 1971 Super Bowl with the Colts.

"I'm saddened by it. I remember my first training camp in 1972 in Golden, Colo. I spent a lot of time with him there. He was a great guy. He was a giant, the biggest player on the field," Colts owner Jim Irsay said.

One of the best pass rushers in the game, Smith often drew two blockers, yet was effective enough to make two Pro Bowls and one All-Pro team. His best work, though, came in college, and Smith was enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame in 1988.

"He was simply a good guy," former Michigan State teammate Robert Viney said in a statement released through the university. "His size made him an intimidating figure, but he was a real gentleman. He was a helluva player."



Bubba Smith was the No. 1 selection in the 1967 NFL Draft.

As an actor his most memorable role was playing Moses Hightower, the soft-spoken officer in the "Police Academy" series. He also appeared in such television series as "Good Times," "Charlie's Angels," and "Half Nelson," and was a regular in the ground-breaking Miller Lite commercials featuring retired players.

Born Charles Aaron Smith, he played in high school for his father, Willie Ray Smith, in Beaumont, Texas, before heading to Michigan State, where he was an All-American in 1966.

"Bubba' Smith was a great Spartan," Michigan State athletic director Mark Hollis said in a statement. "As both a football player and later as an actor, 'Bubba' was a great ambassador for the University. It's only fitting that beginning this fall the Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year Award bears his name."

Thank God For Jesus

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Crosbyton, Texas -- (Special) -- The Williams/Fullbright Families will be hosting its annual family reunion this month.

The reunion will take place Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church, located at 411 N. Front Street, in Crosbyton. The time of the reunion will start at 11 a.m. There will be food, fun, gospel singing by the (Golden Voices), games, and just a Godly blessed time.

Any family members who may have not received an invitation or any friends of the family, past or present, you are welcome to come join us.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact, Deborah Hutchinson @ (806) 747-6591

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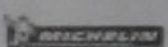
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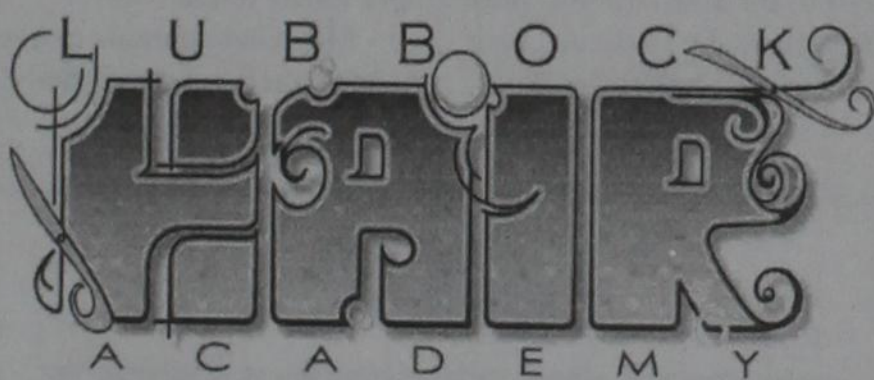
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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As I was watching a television commercial regarding the adoption of animals which have been neglected, abandoned and/or abused, I noticed one dog which was said to be dying of abandonment and heartbreak. Then I thought back to a time when my family moved to another state and my daughter stayed behind while we took her dog with us. Her presence did not take a great toll on the dog until I had to be away for several weeks as well.

It was then that he dog became irritable, refused to eat properly and her hair began to fall out.

When I returned home, along with my Mother, we saw some improvement in the dog's disposition. My Mother talked 'baby talk' to the dog and gave her lots of rubs and strokes and hugs. She began to eat again and pretty soon her hair was back to normal, but she did not really come alive until my daughter arrived. She jumped six feet in the air and pawed and kissed her. This is indicative that God's creatures not only need food and shelter, but love. The dog appreciated my Mother's care, but she knew that my daughter loved her.



most common statements when things go wrong is, "I did everything I know how to make him a good person and gave him everything he wanted. What went wrong?"

The last part of that statement is often the key to what went wrong. Many of our children get everything they need or want, except love. It is a given, we all need love. Some of us do not know what it is. We equate it with so many other things because it is those things which give us a sense of satisfaction and belonging; in-animate objects and sex. Those are the main items that our young people, especially, equate with love. Parents and the institution dedicated to teaching love, the church, are not getting the job done. They say that 'love makes the world go around.' I am not so sure it is not sex that makes the world go around. Certainly, we have noticed the wide array of unrest in the world these days and it definitely has not been fostered by love. Only prayer and love is going to turn things around in this world positively. We must get 'incinque' and learn to love and pray.

In Psychology 101, it is taught that newborn babies need love and carressing as well as food to survive. In Neo-natal hospital units, love and carressing is a prescription. It is not unusual to find a nurse or aide sitting in a chair feeding and carressing a newborn baby. I still like Newt Gingrich's thesis that small children should be kept by professionals while they are in their formative years and their parents are working. Some parents work so hard to make sure that their children are happy until they 'miss the boat completely.' When the child grows up and does not give the hoped for results of childrearing, one of the

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AKA's & Emerging Young Leaders Continued from Page 1

already demonstrated the potential for becoming outstanding leaders within the Lubbock community and beyond, their school and churches. demonstrated the potential for becoming outstanding leaders within the Lubbock community and beyond, their school and churches.

Both Lubbock chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Eta Delta Omega (Graduate Chapter) and Zeta Tau (Undergraduate Chapter) are committed to the success of this program throughout the year of 2014.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. also recently recognized these young ladies at their June 11, 2011 "Rhinestones Rule: An Evening of Elegance" silent auction/banquet/style show where women of the Lubbock community were honored. The EYL students were recognized individually, looking pretty and wearing lovely pink and green sashes designed and created by a parent, Mrs. Bridgette Stubblefield and grandparent, Minister Ruby Travenia.

The AKA's are excited and enthusiastic about beginning the educational and social activities with the young ladies this coming fall. We appreciate the support of Dunbar College Preparatory Academy principal, Dr. Brian Yearwood, counselors and staff. We are also grateful for the exemplary support from parents, grandparents, guardians and the community.

The Emerging Young Leaders are as follows: Savannah Barbosa, Mia Barrientos, Zakeia Collins, Marshonda Essix, Shante Gilmore, Janylaneke Hardrick, Diana Jimenez, Ebony Mitchell, Ashley Perry, Kaquliyah Ragsdale, Jamiya Ross, Tygenae Ross, Kendra Ruth, Alora Stubblefield, A'Kashi Turner and Akia Wilson.

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

VERY HARD TO BELIEVE LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL TALKING ABOUT CLOSING HEALTH DEPARTMENT! THIS N THAT ... as well as many Lubbockites were shocked to hear that the **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL** ... has been discussing the possibility of **CLOSING THE LUBBOCK HEALTH DEPARTMENT**.... Many of you were aware of the position in which **LUBBOCK** ... ranked in Texas in regard to **STD'S & OTHER SEXUAL DISEASES** ... just a few years ago ... and to think of closing this needed agency is very hard to believe.... **COME ON LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL** ... and really get

down to the basics and see that this agency remains with us.... Can you imagine the **HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICE** ... being closed.... that is the upcoming meetings with the **LUBBOCK HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS** ... which is set for 12:30 p.m. Friday ... August 19th... 1902 Texas Avenue.... In order to achieve a slowing of the current action to gut the health department of essential services it is critical that the public step up and get involved. The best way to do this is to sign up to speak before the Board of Health at their next meeting, Friday.... In order to speak one must contact ...Gloria Hernandez at the

dept (e-mail GHernandez@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us) to be registered to speak at the meeting....

BLACK VOTERS KEEP YOUR EYES & EARS OPEN! THIS N THAT ... wants to advise those **BLACK VOTERS** ... in Lubbock to keep their eyes and ears open.... You need to be aware of what's going on.... Don't depend on what people may tell you! ... **YOU** ... need to get involved and attend those meetings which will determine situations in your community.... As the old folks would often tell us..... **ALL THAT SHINE MAY NOT ALWAYS BE GOLD!**"... Remember ... You must get involved!!!

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- **1961-1970.** Examples: athletics, businesses, Vietnam, civil rights, the tornado, rebuilding, college life, agri-business, shopping, religion.
- **1971-1990.** Examples: Texas Instruments, bussing, medical, technology, HSC, airport, woman's movement, counter-culture, music & musicians, the arts.
- **1991-present.** Examples: the arts, music & musicians, agri-business, war, college life, new development, new industry, medical, athletics, retail.

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Interested individuals and agencies may submit comments and ballots verbally or in writing before 5 p.m. on Friday August 19th, 2011.

Written comments may be mailed to Citibus Planning Department, 801 Texas Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401.

Verbal comments may be called into Citibus at 806-712-2000 ext 252.

All are welcome and encouraged to voice their opinion.

If approved by City Council Citibus service would change on or about October 3rd, 2011.

Who: Citibus riders!

When: August 23, 2011 at 5:30 P.M.

Where: Downtown Transfer Plaza (DTP). 801 Broadway Ave. Lubbock, Texas 79401

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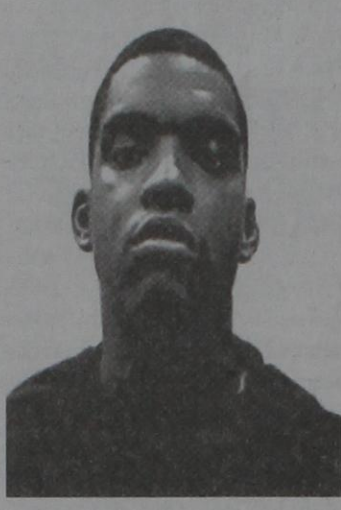
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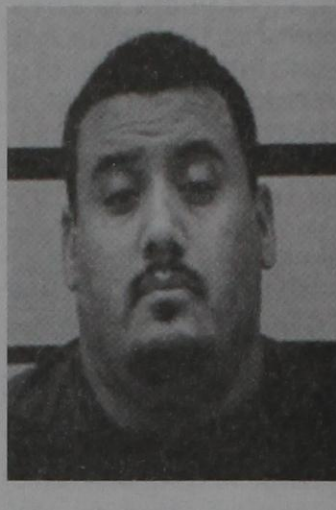
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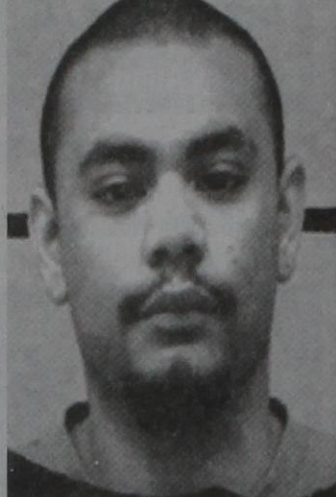
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Rose Hankson Honored

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The Awards presentation was as follows: Art Program/Science Program by Julie Reese; Swimming Awards by Ryheim Hunter; Etiquette Program by Michal Ibarra; Guadalupe Awards by Carlton Phillips; Madison Awards by Ashley Sanders; and Parkway Awards by Jazz Williams.

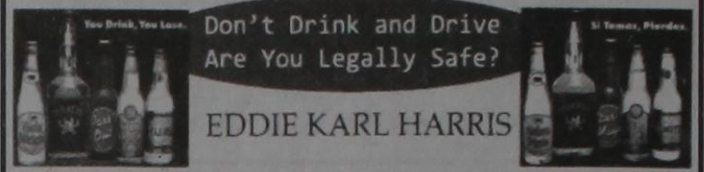
Dela Esqueda, Executive Director, said, "We thank all of you in attendance and supporting our children."

Mrs. Hankson said, "I want to thank all of you for honoring me. I thank God for having this opportunity of working with our young people."

Mrs. Hankson serves as Finance Director.

Special music, "Amazing Grace", was played by William Smith, who has recovered from a broken neck.

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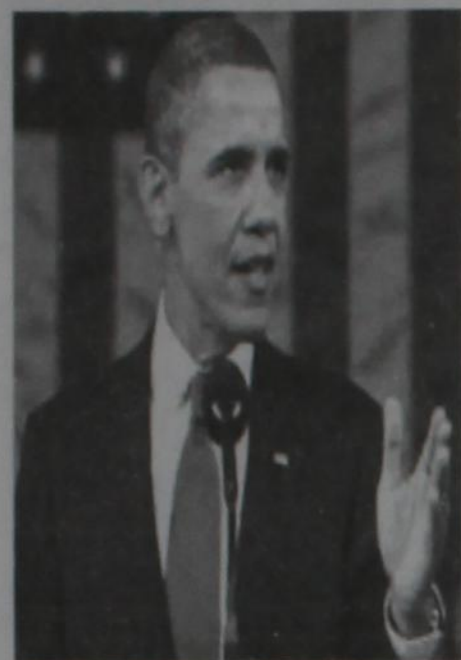
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Congressman Called President Obama a 'Tar Baby' Last Week!



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Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO)

WASHINGTON (CNN) - In the heat of the political debate over the debt ceiling last week, Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) may have crossed the line when he said that being associated with President Obama would be similar to touching a "tar baby".

"Even if some people say, well the Republicans should have done this or they should have done that, they will hold the President responsible," said Lamborn said Friday during an interview on a Denver radio station. "Now I don't want to even have to be associated with him. It's like touching a tar baby and you get, you get it, you know... you are stuck and you are part of the problem now and you can't get away."

Now critics are questioning his use of that term and are calling it highly offensive to the president.

The term "tar baby" is a reference to 19th-century Uncle Remus stories about Br'er Rabbit but has taken on a negative connotation towards African-Americans.

Lamborn spokeswoman Catherine Mortensen said the comments were a misunderstanding and he apologizes.

"Congressman Lamborn re-

grets any misunderstanding. He simply meant to refer to a sticky situation or quagmire," she said.

The Republican congressman is not the first to run into trouble with the phrase. Mitt Romney referred to the Big Dig construction project in Boston as a "tar baby" in 2006 during a fundraiser on the campaign trail. And Sen. John McCain also used the term during his campaign for president. Both men apologized.

The White House has not given any comment on Rep. Lamborn's remarks.

LISD Employees Receive Pay Raises

At their meeting Thursday morning, August 11, 2011, the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees gave a small raise to district employees to help offset an increase in healthcare premiums. The differentiated compensation gives the largest increase to teachers, nurses and librarians, averaging \$455 annually. The raise is calculated on a percentage increase from the midpoint salary range by job and experience. Counselors and diagnosticians will receive an average

37th Annual Spiritual Explosion Conference Held In Midland

Supt. W. C. Kenan and the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ will host the 37th Annual Spiritual Explosion Conference August 17-20, 2011. This event will include worship services nightly at 7:30 p. m. with inspiring preaching and singing. Featured speakers will be Pastor Jimane Nelson, Moreno, Calif.; Evangelist Shane Perry, Sr., Atlanta, Ga.; Pastor Timothy Cox, Atlanta, Ga.; and Pastor Corby Bush, Dallas, Texas.

Conference highlights will include a civic night honoring the achievements of New Direction Ministries and seminar classes addressing young adults ages 49 and under. Class instructors are Pastor James Porter and Missionary Dorothy Johnson.

Music guests for the conference will include Psalmist Pervis Evans, the Explosion Choir, Mt. Rose Choir, Pastor Cliff DeArmond, Carolyn Nelson, Sue Roseberry and many more.

Another special conference event is the Founder's Banquet honoring the Pastor and Founder - Supt. W. C. Kenan, which will take place on Saturday afternoon. The keynote speaker for that event will be Eld. Tommy Hudson. Banquet tickets can be obtained for \$15.00.

The Founder's Banquet is the only ticketed event. All other events are absolutely FREE and open to the public.

raise of \$400 annually, and secretaries and clerks will receive an average increase of \$359 annually. Administrators will receive the smallest increase of \$300 annually. In making the recommendation, Superintendent Karen Garza, Ph.D. said, "Our employees are not compensated enough for what they do and I wish this could be more." Garza went on to say, "Lubbock ISD is in the bottom third of the state in per student funding and well below many school districts in the county, which has made it particularly difficult to deal with the almost \$14 million cut in state funding over the next two years. The bottom line is we need to take care of our employees as best we can."

In related action, trustees approved an increase in premiums for the district's self-funded insurance plan. The healthcare premium for an employee will increase \$38/month for the silver plan and \$75/month for the gold plan. For an employee insuring themselves and their family, the premium will increase

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Minter & Reed Reunion Held Here July 10 - 12, 2011

The Minter & Reed Family Reunion was held at Clapp Park July 10 -12, 2011. This year's theme was "Do You Remember 2011?" The motto was "Only The Strong Survives."

There were approximately 70 family members in attendance. The family traveled from Amarillo, Cedar Hill, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Brownfield, San Antonio, Friona, Mesquite, Bedford, and Arlington, Texas; Clovis, New Mexico and Baltimore, Maryland.

Both parents of the Minter Family preceded their children in death. They were parents of six daughters and one son.

Their Mother, Rosie Lee Minter's Homegoing was October 26, 1983. Their Father, Maxie Eugene Minter's Homegoing was June 1, 1993. A daughter, Emma Jean Benson, passed away February 23, 2001. She was the Mother of Effie Nelson.

Special guests his year included the following: James Boyd, Brittany Boyd, Wanda Boyd, Brandi Walker Campbell, Jeremy Walker, Lyette Reed Miller, Patrick Campbell, Jr., Earnest Davis, Ronnie Washington, Theresa Washington, and Franklin Nelson. Also, Kye Zaudye Lewis, Lynette Reed Miller, Tanika Sanders, Shani Ya Gee, and Doriel Roebuck. Music was conducted by Tammie Stewart.

This year's T-Shirts were different. The T-Shirts were smooth and comfortable. Everyone looked great! We want to thank all those Cooks for the year of 2011. Everyone was full and very satisfied!

Pictures of this year's reunion were taken by as well as video for \$5.00 for DVD were made available. We want to thank the City of Lubbock for the usage of the building.

July 10th -- Prayer was offered at 6:00 p. m. Dinner was served. It was Casserole Night. There were a variety of Casseroles with Garlic Bread. Also Drinks and delicious deserts were available.

July 11th -- The Menu included: Fried Chicken, a Variety of Chicken, Pans of Garlic Bread, Pans of Spaghettis, Pans of Rolls, Vegetables: Potato Salad, Lettuce & Tomatoes Salad, Variety Dressing for Salad, Vegetable Tray with Trimmings, Onions, Pickles, Peppers, and Sweet Peppers.

Deserts - Several: Pound Cakes, Strawberry Cakes, Chocolate Sheet Cake, Pine Apple Cakes, Blue Berry Muffins, Brownies, Watermel-

ons, and Cantaloupes.

Drinks: Included a Variety - Tea, Bottle Water, and Sodas.

Prayer was offered by Uncle Willie. He also gave remarks and Effie Nelson welcomed all in attendance. Velda thanked everyone for coming. Patricia Minter and Tammie Stewart decorated the building and Variety and others prepared the delicious food.

Family members played a game called, "Do You Remember?" In order to play the game, it had to be something funny down through the years.

Our Aunt Lorine Minter came out with a little saying and making forks. Members had to guess who the person was. It was surprising to know how family members knew about each other.

Our Lady of Honor for the year 2011 was Aunt Katherine Minter Gilbert. Her colors were Black & Red. She received a plaque, scarf and head ban to match her scarf. The Lady of Honor was Margallene Thomas in 2010, and Lady of Honor for 2009 was Aunt Thelma Jackson.

The family had two of their Aunties kids present this year as all of their children came home. Aunt Katherine had all other six children of the Gilberts were home. Aunt Earnestine Minter four children of her children.

The first payments of the dues was Lorine Minter. The farthest traveled: Cousin Fredrick Boyd and Sara Boyd of Baltimore, Maryland.

Family members missed the presence of those family members who were unable to attend this year. Especially Anthony Thomas. May God bless you to attend the 2010 Reunion. We missed you and love you too.

The family gives their blessing to Jehovah God for bringing our family from Narity Places for this Happy Occasion from 2010 to 2011. This was our 19th Year with the Family Reunion for honoring our Aunties and Uncle. God Bless all of you as each of you is still living today. Minter and Reed Families, God is still smiling on our family. There hasn't been a death since February, 2001, who was the mother of Effie Nelson, Emma Jean Benson. Let's keep the prayer line open.

A Special Thanks to our first

time guest. Also, Mr. T. J. Patterson and Southwest Digest Staff.

Let's not forget the delicious breakfast served on July 10th. The Menu included: Bacon, German Sausages, Pork Sausages, Eggs, Oatmeal, Biscuits, Orange Juice, Milk, Water, Coffee, Tea and Soda. Also Toast, Trimmings with Jelly, Butter, Coffee.

The Family would like to thank the family for staying for breakfast. Family members cooked the breakfast at their house. We received reports everyone returned home safely!

Letters will be sent out January, 2012 for information about the July 2012 Family Reunion. Please send your money early for those who are able so the family will be able to have a building with an air conditioner. Thank you!

Again, we want to thank every one for coming home this year for the 2011 Family reunion -- "Do You Remember?"

For the 2012 family reunion, order your T-Shirts early. Thank you! We have a limited amount of time to put in the order.

This was the first year we changed the style of the T-Shirts as it was voted upon to do so.

Family Reunion News 2010-2011

* Mr. & Mrs. Willie & Linda Darnes were here visiting the family August 20-22, 2010 as well as Aunt Thelma Jackson.

* Baby Shower for LaJeri Ericka Pierce held September 18, 2010 at Cousin Valarie's house.

* There were two new family members born from 2010 to 2011.

* Congratulations, Veronia Smith for having a baby girl. The grandmother is Petra Thomas, and great-grandmother is Margallene Thomas.

* Cousin Valarie took a trip to Dallas to visit her son and grand baby.

* Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jerry, Sr. and Cynthia Pierce for their first granddaughter for 2011.

* Quentin, Sr. and Quentin, Jr. were here visiting their mother and grandmother, Katherine Gilbert and Valarie Gilbert.

* The Nelson family had a barbecue at their home September 10, 2010.

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Sharpton: Debt Fight About "Your Mama," Not Obama

Boston, MA -- The fight in Congress about raising the nation's debt limit isn't about President Barack Obama, but rather, "your mama," the Rev. Al Sharpton said last week.

The New York-based civil rights activist told the National Urban League convention in Boston that efforts to drastically cut spending in exchange for raising the debt limit, as some House Republicans want, would put Social Security at risk.

This is not about Obama. It's about your mama," Sharpton said to laughter and applause. "Social Security is about our mamas. And if Obama is a way to protect our mamas then I'm not ashamed to stand with Obama."

He urged advocates to change the conversation about the debt limit to one about creating more jobs, which are the convention's theme.

National Urban League officials say the effects of government default would put more strain on black families.

Sharpton, a former Democratic candidate for president in 2004 and president of the National



Al Sharpton

Action Network, also attacked "states' righters" for using the debt crisis to "destabilize" the central government. He said those strong advocates for states' rights would love to see the federal government destabilized under Obama's administration.

In April, Obama addressed Sharpton's National Action Network and conceded there were times when people "lose hope" over whether national politics will ever change.

Joshua and Dee were visiting family members April 10, 2011.

Aunt Earnestine had a 'Make Up Gathering' at her house -- Mary Kay.

If we missed something because we didn't know. Please advise.

Aunt Thelma was the oldest family member this year.

A Family that Prays together, stays together.

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Ms. Effie Nelson, Secretary

President, Velda Gilbert

Always be in a state of expectancy, and see that you leave room for God to come in as He likes.

Oswald Chambers



Mrs. Rose Hankson, who was as honored or her twenty years of service to the Guadalupe Parkway Somerville Center, is shown waving to the many young people and their parents Thursday afternoon, August 11, 2011 during the Summer Blast Recital 2011.

She expressed her appreciation, and gave thanks to God for all He has made possible for her be a part of over the years.

The Southwest Digest says Congratulations to her!!

LISD Pay Raises

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\$89/month for the silver plan and \$210/month for the gold plan; however, by moving from the gold plan, which has a lower deductible, to the silver plan, the insured employee and family can save \$111/month. In any category, moving from the gold to the silver plan will result in a substantial decrease in the monthly premium. In addition, employees can save \$25 per month on their healthcare premium by participating in the free wellness screenings being offered by the district during August. Last year, more than 65 percent of employees took advantage of the free wellness screenings.

Trustees reviewed budget and revenue information in preparation for an August 25 vote on the budget and tax rate. The tax rate will not increase.

Dallas Celebrates Esteemed Bishop's 80th

Dallas, Texas -- The Dallas community came in droves in their best "black tie affair" threads to the Fairmont Hotel celebrate Bishop Neaul Haynes' 80th birthday Monday, August 8, 2011.

Bishop Haynes has lived his life according to his father's sage advice, "if you are going to make God's work your work, you go to work when He says go." These words lead him to become a pastor in 1951 at the age of 20 at the Open Door Church of God in Christ.

Since 1952, Bishop Haynes has pastored six churches and currently serves as the pastor of Saintsville Sanctuary Church of God and Christ and has held numerous prestigious positions in the Church of God in Christ (COGIC).

In 1997, Bishop Haynes was chosen by over 200 pastors to serve as the Bishop of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, which holds him responsible for presiding over more than 400 pastors and 45 districts. This title has allowed him to travel the world and appoint other Bishops both locally and internationally. At the celebration, he remarked with a nostalgic smile, "I don't



Bishop Neaul Haynes, right, is shown visiting with a guest at the "black tie affair."

know where it is that I have not been."

But Bishop Haynes is not just a man of God. He is a family man as well. As his cousin, Beth Harden, remarked on his familial triumphs, "He is a family man who has raised a beautiful family. It says a lot about a man whose adult children still love to be around him."

Bishop Haynes, who was re-

lated to the late Bishop W. D. Hayes, pastor of Christ Temple Church of God in Christ of Lubbock, is a cousin of Supt. W. David Haynes, present pastor of Christ Temple.

Editor's Note: Article complimentary of the North Dallas Gazette, and written by Toi Pearson.

Minter & Reed Reunion

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Jerry & Cynthia Pierce left going to California to visit family members August 23, 2010.

A gathering was held for Velda & Valeria Gilbert. It was their birthday. The twins turned 45 years old.

Crystal Byron Nelson gave their mother, Effie Nelson, a Surprised Birthday Party January 30, 2011.

The Girls Night Out for Dinner with family members February 4, 2011.

Aunt Morgallene Thomas' dinner March 17, 2 011 at her daughter's ghter's house, Patricia Minter.

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