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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 Yellow-house Canyon.
 - * Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
 - * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
 - * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.
 - * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 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.
- CITIS (Creating Inspirational Thoughts in Singles) meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2404 23rd near Avenue X at 7:00 pm
- * If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

Iles Elementary Shines in UIL

Iles Elementary, Lubbock's only performing arts magnet school, recently competed in the University Interscholastic League competition at Texas Tech University. On February 4, 2012, the Iles team swept the competition in Number Sense and Music Memory. The Ready Writing team members received 2nd and 6th place respectively. Iles not only offers daily opportunities to participate in UIL, but also offers dance, piano, Suzuki strings, orchestra, gymnastics, ballet folklorico and optional extended day until 5:00pm.

Iles' team was first runner up in Sweepstakes competition. Team members in Number Sense were Tamori McCoy, Kirsten Adame, Ezekiel McGinnis, Kelisha Johnson, Pernel Upshaw, Kendraisa McDonald, Jasmine Garcia, Rodney Moore and Destoney Fontaine. The Music Memory team was composed of Katherine Zhang, Santaea Ratliff, Teal McKinzie, Arabella Belgara, Clarissa Francis, Nyzhae Moses and Raiyne Badillo. Devyn Johnson and Kiyania Russell participated in Ready Writing. Iles Elementary salutes these students for their hard work and appreciates them

representing the Iles' student body. Iles is recruiting potential students for next school year. Any student is able to transfer to Iles inside or outside of the district. Information on enrollment may be received by calling 766-1755. Next year will be the final year for Iles Elementary at the present campus. At the beginning of the 2013-14 school year, Iles will join Wheatley Elementary in a brand new \$17 million facility. Plans of the new school are on display at Iles Elementary. The community is welcome to stop by Iles and see the plans for the new school.



Senator Robert Duncan & Karen Slay

Pageant Held At Parkway Sommerville Center For Lubbock Boys & Girls



Here are some of the girls who participated in a pageant and self-esteem workshop in Lubbock for girls and boys on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the Parkway Sommerville Center. The workshop included Etiquette, Modeling, Public Speaking, and Pageant and Talent Competition. A special guest appearance was done by a former Lubbock resident and Parkway Sommerville Center member NaTalia Johnson, Professional Ballerina of New York, N. Y. For those who missed the program and would like to know more about this pageant, call (916) 647-3223 for information. Canidia Johnson is coordinator of this special effort.

Senator Robert Duncan Honored By Texas PTA

On Thursday afternoon, February 16, 2012, a special presentation was made to Senator Robert Duncan at the Lubbock ISD Central Office when members of Texas PTA presented Senator Duncan with a certificate naming him to PTA's Legislative Honor Roll for his work during the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature. This presentation was during the Lubbock ISD Council of PTA's meeting.

In October, 2009, the Texas PTA Legislative Action Committee created the Texas Legislative Honor Roll to recognize elected or appointed officials at the state level who supported the Texas PTA legislative agenda. Criteria for selection included: An elected or appointed official at the state level; Strong advocate for children's issues; Supporter of legislation or actions that benefit children and youth; Demonstrates a strong commitment to one or more priorities on Texas PTA's legislative agenda.

Senator Duncan, (R) Lubbock, serves on the powerful Senate Finance Committee, Senate Higher Education Committee, Senate Natural Resources Committee, Senate Jurisprudence Committee, and chairs the Senate State Affairs Committee. Senator Duncan was recognized for his principled, committed work on behalf of Texans of all ages. This session he carried a much needed bill to create a policy for applied STEM courses - applied science, technology, engineering and mathematics courses required for high school graduation, providing needed flexibility for high school students. "Senator Duncan's legislation will improve opportunities for Texas children," said Karen Slay, Texas PTA First Vice President. "We are fortunate to have such a strong advocate for children, youth and public schools in the Texas Legislature. Texas PTA applauds his efforts on behalf of Texas children."

Zezzie Nichols Named Monterey Student For December 2011

Zezzie Nichols was named, "Student of the Month" December 2011. Zezzie is a senior at Monterey High School. Upon

graduation, Zezzie will pursue a career in Physical Therapy. Zezzie is the daughter to Ministry Hezzie and Brenda



Zezzie Nichols

Nichols, granddaughter to Raymond Nichols, Billie Nichols and Clifton L. Johnson. Zezzie is an active member at Full Armor Ministries. Her favorite Bible verse is: "For I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

Aarielle CiBrinna Andrews Participated In the Skills USA District 3 Competition



Aarielle CiBrinna Andrews



Nail Exhibit Competition

Aarielle CiBrinna Andrews, daughter of Lesa Rollison, participated in the SkillsUSA District 3 Competition held on Friday, February 17, 2012 - Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Levelland and Frenship High School. SkillsUSA offers competitive activities in which students strive to achieve in a variety of occupational skill and leadership areas. Aarielle is a Junior at Estacado High School, but attends Lubbock High School for Cosmetology. She submitted a Nail Art Exhibit that was judged on Smoothness, Balance, Creativity, Originality, and Notebook where she received a score of 96 out of 100 and advances to State. She will travel to State Competition which will be held March 22-24, 2012 in Corpus Christie, Texas. Aarelle is the sister of Aaliyah Andrews and Alyssabeth Pinkard.

Bishop William H. Watson, II Passes Here Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Lubbock residents learned Tuesday, February 28, 2012, of the passing of one of the senior pastors, Bishop William Henry Watson, II, passes. Bishop Watson, age 68, died at Covenant Medical Center. Funeral services are pending at Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock. Bishop Watson was Prelate of Texas Northwest of the Church of God in Christ.

SPC Homecoming King and Queen



SPC HOMECOMING WINNERS - Michaela Ingram of Littlefield and Tyrone Johnson of Dallas were crowned as the 54th Homecoming King and Queen of South Plains College. Ingram, daughter of Frank and

Kathleen Ingram, and Johnson, son of Pete Bible and Brenda Johnson, represented the Black Student Organization. The crowning ceremony was conducted during halftime of the Lady Texans' basketball game Thursday (Feb. 9) against Midland College in the Texas Dome. The homecoming contest is open to all student organizations, club and residence halls. This year's event featured 22 nominees representing the Campus Ambassadors, SPC Symphonic Band, SPC Star Center, SPC Student Government Association, Hispanic Student Organization, the Plainsman Press, South Sue Hall, Phi Theta Kappa, Tubb Hall, SPC Athletics and the BSO.



Bishop William H. Watson, II (SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)

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Frullo Congratulates Texas Tech On Advancement Toward Tier-One Designation

Texas Tech University reached an important milestone in its pursuit of obtaining tier-one status, according to a report released by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Pending a mandatory state audit in accordance with Texas Education Code 62.146(c), the university is now eligible to receive distributions from the National Research University Fund (NRUF).

"This is an important achievement for Texas Tech," said State Representative John Frullo (R-Lubbock). "I extend my congratulations to those whose hard work and dedication have been instrumental in meeting the requirements to begin benefitting

from this fund."

Created in 2009, the NRUF aids Texas universities who are designated as emerging research universities and meet established criteria in continuing their work in gaining tier-one status. The 82nd Legislature then passed House Bill 1000 specifying the criteria used to determine annual distributions from the NRUF and defining the distribution methodology for institutions eligible to receive monies from the fund.

"This is an exciting moment in Texas Tech history," Frullo said, "and a major step toward securing a prominent rank among the elite higher learning institutions of our nation."



John Frullo

In order to become eligible to receive monies from the NRUF, Texas Tech University had to meet two mandatory criteria: designation as an emerging research university in the Coordinating Board's accountability system, and maintaining \$45 million in restricted research expenditures in each of the two state fiscal years preceding the state fiscal year for which the appropriation is made. They also had to meet four of the six statutory or Coordinating Board established criteria. Texas Tech University has achieved the next important step in gaining tier-one status.

Project: Prom is offering Prom Attire to Young Adults on March 3, 2012

Prom season is quickly approaching and The Bridge of Lubbock is giving away free prom dresses and suits to young men and women. Project: Prom provides gently used or new tuxedos, prom dresses, accessories, and shoes to low income high school students.

On Saturday, March 3rd from 10 am -1 pm, The Bridge of Lubbock is offering Project: Prom to all students in the city of Lubbock and surrounding

communities at no cost. Organizations that have contributed to Project: Prom are Cut the Chase, Kadiza, Totally Unique Unisex Salon, Gillian Chatham from Monroe's Day Salon & Day Spa, Nya Dutkowsky of Mary Kay, Comet Cleaners and Laundry, and Sew Lovely Alterations.

Last year, the Bridge was able to distribute over 130 dresses to young women while providing them with the opportunity to have their hair and makeup

done. Businesses that contributed time, services, and items in 2011 include Sew Lovely, Comet Cleaners and Laundry, Lubbock Hair Academy, The Bridal Shoppe, and Dustee's. This year, Project: Prom has expanded to meet the needs of young men.

Young adults are invited to select their attire on March 3, 2012 from 10:00am-1:00pm at The Bridge of Lubbock, 1301 Red

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New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, February 26, 2012, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church school started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: Fruits of Redemption and its text came from Galatians 5:22-26 and 6:1-10.

Breakfast was served to those in attendance afterward.

Morning Worship started at 9:45 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The song "Oh, I Want To See Him" was sung. Rev. Jackson read the responsive reading which came from Psalm 27:1-14. He also did the altar prayer and "My Soul Loves Jesus" was led by Sister Angela.

Sister Savannah Pannell read all the morning announcements along with Sister Linda Green who told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place.

There was the pastoral period that was held then the offering was taken up.

The choir sang "Jesus Is A Rock" and "What A Friend". The theme song of the church was "Amazing Grace". Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "When In Trouble Tell

God About It!": and the printed scripture came from Exodus 14: 12-14. "Have A Little Talk With Jesus" was sung by Sister Ambra Jackson and Mother Cavanaugh.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended and several went up for prayer.

Pray for all our Youth, Teens, Continue on Page 7

Singers Wanted

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Tony Brewer



Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Thanks Senator Robert Duncan!"

The Legal Aid Law Office of Lubbock located at 1711 Avenue J is a part of the Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas Law Firm headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. LANWT offices are celebrating 60 years of serving those with legal matters that otherwise would not have the financial means to obtain legal support.

Thursday, February 16, 2012, (At the Lubbock Office) Hon. Nathan L. Hecht made the following remarks on behalf of the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the Texas Access to Justice Foundation at the presentation of their Legislative Hero Award to Senator Robert Duncan and celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas.

In May 1995, during Robert Duncan's second term in the Texas House of Representatives, the Dallas Morning News wrote: "Although Mr. Duncan, former student body president at Texas Tech University, does not put up in the press frequently he is known as an effective leader." Last October, over 16 years later, the Dallas Morning News wrote that Robert Duncan has "one of the most listened-to voices in the

state Senate".

Comments like those have typified Senator Duncan's legislative career. It has been a career in which statesmanship has dominated over politics, leadership over compromise, understanding over ignorance, and integrity and hard work over everything else. I recall Robert's first term in the House, how quickly it became apparent that he intended to use his time there to better the State, and how effective he was in working with Republicans and Democrats alike toward that end, a fact that helped propel him front and center in the public eye. Four years later, when he followed John Montford in the Senate, I thought that for one area of the State to have such exceptional leaders, year after year, only proves that Lubbock has a special place in God's divine plan. And State Representatives like John Frullo and Charles Perry are in the same mold.

Virtually every legislative session since then, I have watched as end-of-session anxiety inevitably grows over whether the good legislation will pass and the bad will be defeated. "It looks bad," someone

will say. "There's little time left." "It could go either way." Then another will ask, "Who's carrying the bill? Or "Who's leading the opposition? And the answer will be, "Senator Duncan." And then everyone will breathe a little easier, because if hard work, a keen mind, courage, an integrity can prevail, then they will not falter in Robert Duncan.

Robert is an accomplished lawyer—what the media is given to calling a "super lawyer"—from a great Lubbock firm, Crenshaw Dupree & Milam, the former employer of one of my colleagues, Phil Johnson. He understands full well the pressing need in Texas for basic civil legal services for the poor. Today, over 6 million Texans living in poverty qualify for legal aid. Their needs are great: veterans returning to broken families, facing joblessness and foreclosure, and seeking the benefits we promised them when they agreed to risk their lives for freedom; the elderly; for whom the golden years have never gleamed; children living amidst stress and danger, needing the education that can pro-

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We Thank God for Jesus "A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER SHEFFIELD"

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

1 TIMOTHY 4:6-7 -- FOR I AM NOW READY TO BE OFFERED, AND THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS AT HAND. I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

WE 'RE AT THE HOMETOWN OF **MOTHER LENA MAE SHEFFIELD**, SHE HEARD GOD'S CALL. SHE WAS A WOMAN OF GOD; AND WAS LOVED RESPECTED BY US ALL.

GOD ALLOWED HER 91 YEARS, TO SHARE HER LOVE WITH YOU AND ME, AND SHE DID THAT; JUST AS GOD HAS ALLOWED IT TO BE.

PSALM 90:10 -- THE DAYS OF OUR YEARS ARE THREE SCORE YEARS AND TEN; AND IF BY REASON OF STRENGTH THEY BE FOURSORE YEARS, YET IS THEIR STRENGTH LABOUR AND SORROW; FOR IT IS SOON CUT OFF, AND WE FLY AWAY.

SHE WAS A WOMAN OF ABOUT 5'1; BUT HER BIG HEART MADE HER TEN FEET TALL,

GOD PUT IN THE SMALL BODY OF HER'S; ENOUGH LOVE TO SHARE WITH US

ALL!!!
MOTHER SHEFFIELD DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHILDREN; BUT TO HER STUDENTS; SHE WAS A MOTHER TO US ALL; SHE LOVED PEOPLE; AND THAT WAS HER CALL!!!

I, B.J. MORRISON CLASS OF 61, ONE OF MANY CHILDREN SHE TAUGHT; AND SHE WAS TUFF.

I WAS SPANKED MANY TIMES WITH HER PADDLE; --SHE WOULD SPANK THAT BUTT---(WITH A SMILE!!!)

***** IN GOD: MOTHER SHEFFIELD DID TRUST!!!!**

MOTHER SHEFFIELD TAUGHT SCHOOL FOR OVER 45 YEARS; TEACHING THE RULES.

HER CHILDREN WERE THOSE IN DUNBAR: AND ESTACADO; AND NOT ALL OF THEM WERE IN SCHOOLS.

PSALM 127:3,5a, -- CHILDREN ARE AN HERITAGE OF THE LORD: AND THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB IS HIS REWARD. HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT HAS HIS QUIVER FULL OF THEM: THEY SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED.

MOTHER SHEFFIELD WAS A TRUE WOMAN, PATIENCE, SWEET AND SO KIND.

SHE WAS GOOD TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE;---- RACE AND COLOR WAS NOT ON HER MIND!!!

EVERYTIME WE TALKED, **MOTHER SHEFFIELD** AND I WOULD TALK ABOUT GOD; WE WAS ONLY SPEAKING, THE WORDS; THE LORD HAD PUT IN OUR HEARTS!!! **MOTHER SHEFFIELD SAID WHAT SHE MEANT; AND MEANT WHAT SHE SAID.**

THAT SAME SOFT VOICE EVEN NOW: ----I CAN HEAR IT INSIDE MY HEAD!!!

PROVERB 10:7, -- THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED: BUT THE NAME OF THE WICKED SHALL ROT.

IT IS SAID, THE BEST WAY TO MEASURE A TREE, IS WHEN IT'S DOWN,

THIS LITTLE GENTLE GIANT OF A LADY CAN BE MEASURED NOW; FRONT, SIDE, BACK, AND ALL AROUND.

MOTHER SHEFFIELD DIDN'T HAVE ANY ENEMYS,
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were very inspirational last Sunday morning, February 26, 2012, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Eward Canady. What a time we had in the Lord!

Services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Sister Annie Onasanya, Assistant Superintendent, in charge. The morning teacher was Sister Susie Davis. The morning lesson was re-

viewed by Pastor Canady.

The morning lesson was entitled: "Bearing One Another's Burden." The Unifying Topic was "Fruits of Redemption." The lesson passage was Galatians 5:22; 6:10. The Background Passage was Galatians 5:2; 6:18.

The lesson text were: I. Walking In The Spirit, Galatians 5:22-26; II. The Spirit Filled Life, Galatians 6:1-6; III "Reaping and Sowing", Galatians 6:7-10. The Main Thought was

found in Galatians 5:22-2 KJV.

The Devotional period was conducted by Deacon Williams and Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams.

Pastor Canady made his entrance with the singing of "Because of Who You Are."

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang the following selections: "Now Behold The Lamb," "Softly and Tenderly," and "Lift Every Voice."

Pastor Canady delivered a

dynamic sermon entitled "Why Are We So Powerless?" His scripture text was Mark 9:14-19.

The Song of Inspiration was "Wade In The Water."

Black History Month was February. The members of St. Matthew Baptist Church celebrated the third Sunday with food and songs.

Let us pray for Brother Tyree Morris in Dallas, Texas. Your precious prayers are most appre-

ciative.

The Weekly Meetings of St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

Mission meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 p. m.; Bible Study meets also on Wednesdays at 6:00 p. m.

Choir rehearsal is held on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 p. m.

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

If you are member of any mentioned above, please make this a part of your weekly Sched-

ule.

Thought For The Week:
"You can hate me, and it won't hurt me, but it will destroy you!"

Satan is powerless against the protection of Christ. When Jesus says He will keep you safe, He means it.

Max Lucado, A Gentle Thunder

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

"Putting On The Armour of God"

(Continued from last edition.)

Helmet of Salvation -- Now, Lord, I put on the Helmet of Salvation. My mind is covered by your salvation and your bloodshed 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.

SHIELD OF FAITH -- Next, I put on the Shield of Faith against the fiery darts of the wicked. By faith I see You, Lord Jesus, as my shield. I realize that **"without faith, it is impossible to please God."** By faith I ward off the attacks of the enemy as I move forward for the Gospel. By faith I rejoice in all things. I walk in faith.

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT -- Lastly, I take the Sword of the Spirit - the Holy Bible. I believe the Word of God and continually confess it is a lamp to my

feet and a light to my path. Father, help me stand against satanic powers with your **WORD**.

Lord, I want to realize who I am in Jesus. The Bible says I am an over comer and your child. Therefore, I want to begin this day by realizing I am who the Bible says I am. **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. You desire for signs and wonders to be the norm; sick people healed, the lost saved, Brethern filled with the Holy Spirit and the demonized set free. **I will faithfully put on Your armour, pray and praise and believe Your Word as never before.**

Be Positive

Deuteronomy 33:1-5; 34:1-12
What do you want your obituary to say about you? If someone were writing a book about your life, what would you want it to say?

Most of us do not like to think about our death or to talk about it. Many of us will fail to plan

for what happens after we are gone. My uncle suffered from emphysema and realized that the end was near. He moved his family from a beautiful, drafty, large old house that would require tremendous upkeep into a new modern, well-planned home before his death. He wanted to be certain that his wife and daughters had a place that they could manage.

Moses, in preparing for his death, blessed the tribes of Israel. Again he reminded them of all the things God had done to bring them this far. He also

blessed his successor, Joshua.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if our leaders blessed their successors? Moses prepared his followers for new leadership that would help them face new challenges when they crossed the Jordan River. Moses was positive about the changes that were in store. Because Moses embraced Joshua, the children of Israel did as well. They were willing to listen to Joshua.

At his death, Moses was still a vital leader. His eyes were clear and his strength was still evident. Moses was faithful in

his service to God and the people until his death. He left a legacy of service that survives to the present day. Moses finished well.

The Bible honors meditation and periods of withdrawal from the cares of daily life in order for

us to renew our strength. God provided the Sabbath as a day of rest, but there is no retirement from service or faithfulness in the Bible.


What a wonderful example **Continue on Page 7**



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Obsequies

Robert Harris

Funeral services were held for Robert Harris on Saturday morning, February 18, 2012 at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Harris, 84, of Lubbock passed away Monday, February 13, 2012.

He was born December 26, 1927 to Robert and Earsey Johnson-Harris. He attended public school in Taylor, Texas where he graduated. He worked for Furr's for 42 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory twelve children, Earlene (Will), Willie Donald (Modesta),



Larry (Karen), Cynthia (Zack), Emma (Yolanda), Alvin T. (Barbara), Mary Clark, Freddie G. (Sarah), and Billy Ray Harris; forty grandchildren; a special friend, T. Johnson (Tubb); and a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Floyd Wiley

Floyd Dean Wiley, 68, of Dallas and formerly of Los Angeles, California, passed away February 12, 2012 at the Veteran Administration Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 18, 2012 at St. Mark's Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Burial followed at the Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Dean was born July 5, 1943 to Annie Lee Contee and the late Arthur Wiley. He graduated from Dunbar High School in 1964. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1965 and was honorably discharged in 1969. While in the service he received the following medals: Republic of Vietnam Campaign, Vietnam Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He resided in Los Angeles, Calif. for 42 years. He recently relocated to Dallas, Texas where the Lord called him home. Floyd was preceded in death by his father, Arthur Wiley, Sr.; stepfather, Charles Contee, Sr.; sisters



Ezra Wiley-Holder (Jean) and Carolyn Contee; and a brother, Charles Contee, Jr. Left to mourn his passing are his mother, Annie Lee Contee; brother, Washington Wiley of Oakland, Calif., Buford Wiley (Rose), Arthur Wiley (Brenda) of Desoto, Texas, L.D. Wiley and Anthony Contee (Rebecca); and sisters, Walter Mae Wilson (Harry) of Ft. Worth, Texas, Sherley Henry of Desoto, Texas, Vivian Williams (Charlie) of Las Vegas, Nev., Annie Griffin (Jesse) of Dallas, Texas Deloris Taylor (Johnny

Osker Shepherd

Funeral services for Osker Shepherd on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Community Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.

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

He passed away Monday, February 13, 2012 at Covenant Medical Center. He was born September 24, 1949 to Fletcher William Shepherd and Lois Mack in Linden, Texas. He attended school in New Deal, Texas. Upon graduation, he worked for Scoggin Dickey Buick Company for 28 years in the parts department. He received several awards and trips for top sales in his field. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 40 years, Earlean; one daughter, Tawnya Shree Mc-



Conic (Kevin); one son, Chris D. Shepherd; four grandchildren, Kiasia, Deon, Tori, and Little Chris; one stepdaughter, Sandi; one sister, Eva Jackson (Joe); a special niece, Edith Dykes; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Karen Denise Wright

Funeral services for Karen Denise Wright were held Friday morning, February 24, 2012, at St. Matthews Baptist Church with Rev. Edward Canady, pastor, officiating.

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

Wright, 56, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, February 18, 2012, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born February 4, 1956, to the parentage of Miree B. Sr. and Dimple Lee Walker. She graduated in 1974 from Dunbar High School.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, DeAndre Wright; stepfather, Dennis Saunders; one aunt, Johnnie Mae Garner; three sisters, Janice Mc-



Call (Danny), Bridgette C. Doddy (Brant), and Latonia Bennett (Randy); four brothers, Miree Walker Jr. (Yumi), Gregory Saunders, Byron Walker Gordon Robinson (Rita); nine grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Norweitta Lewis

Funeral services were held for Norweitta Lewis services Friday afternoon, February 24, 2012, at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

Lewis, 45, of Lubbock passed away Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, at UMC. She was born April 6, 1966, to Earnest Ross Jr. and Mary Lewis Ross. Norweitta attended public schools in Lubbock, graduated from Dunbar High School in 1985, and later went to Job Corp. She was a CNA. She leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Mary Ross; a brother, Kareem Ross; a spe-



cial friend, L.K. Bradley; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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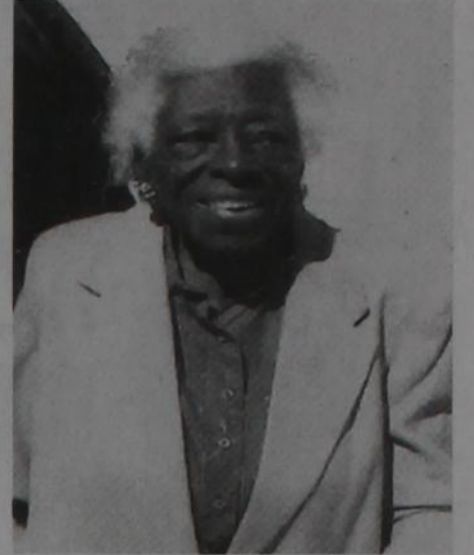
Lena Marie Sheffield

Funeral services for Lena Mae Sheffield, 91, of Lubbock was held Saturday, February 25, 2012 at New Hope Baptist Church in Lubbock with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed at Resthaven Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Ossie Curry Funeral Home and Chapel.

Mrs. Lena Mae Sheffield went home to be with her heavenly father on Monday evening. She was born to the late Willie and Ricey Crompton. She was reared in Abilene, Texas and received her formal education there. She went on to further her education at Texas Southern University in Houston, the University of California, the Univer-



sity of Atlanta Georgia and Prairie View A&M.

She taught school for 45 years at Dunbar and Estacado High Schools.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother, husband, a brother and a sister.

James Earl Matthews

Funeral services were held for James Earl Matthews last Monday afternoon, February 27, 2012, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

Monday, February 20, 2012, at University Medical Center.

He was born May 20, 1948, in Ozark to Ruth Jiles and Oree Matthews. James attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock but graduated from Carl High School in Ozark, Ala., in 1969. He worked in the health care industry.

James leaves to cherish his memory his partner and friend, Gloria Mitchell-Matthews; stepmother, Alene Matthews; stepson, Bobby Pegues;



stepdaughter, Christy Pegues; four daughters, Michelle McCloud (SM), Annette Matthews, Octavia Cooper and Kizzie Shipman; three sons, Edward Matthews (Brandy), Keith Matthew and Andy Perry; three brothers, Oree Matthews (Lu), Eddie Jiles and Cedric Jiles; one

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By Renetta Howard

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Truly, I am one person who was very happy to see the year 2012 roll around as it meant that I have been given the opportunity during this one more year to be the best person that I can be and do as many of the things that I enjoy doing that makes me happy, as I can.

Entering into this year and witnessing the beginning of this year is no guarantee that I will see the entire year through, but it gives me hope and most other people, I imagine, that same hope, that you have been blessed with one more opportunity to enjoy life, do good things and be happy and make others happy.

For some of us, 2012 has been the day of reckoning. As quiet as it is kept, during the last two and one half months, I have witnessed the home going of at least two people per month who have been near and dear to me; one a blood relative. It is difficult to keep your joy when friends of a lifetime leave you and relatives as well. Then you add to that, those friends and relatives who have suffered irrevocable illnesses and you can only stop and pray and thank the Lord for your blessings, even if they are few, and still try to have joy.

Sometimes I wonder if it is my calling to depart words and acts of consolation, words and acts which I find easy to do, but wonder how they come about. Sometimes I feel that there is a Devine spirit that somehow works with me and I am not really in control. Then I attempt to use reasoning and logic and it somehow come to my belief that we are here to love, live and let live.



This is a year in which I feel that if we stop focusing on the material things that we can accumulate on this earth and put more emphasis on the value and quality of life which has no connections to material things, that this will indeed be a better world. So many of us have really forgotten what love is. Most of the songs that we hear today on the television, radio or internet talk about that little three letter word sex which they equate to love.

"Love is a Many Splendored Thing." We must learn the difference between love and sex. Love can and does exist without sex. True love does not involve sex. Older generations know this, but our young people need to know the difference! Knowing and experiencing true, unadulterated love makes one a stronger and more mature individual. True love encompasses moral maturity. Moral maturity is the foundation for loving, living and taking the responsibility of helping others to live and love. We are in an age, a year, where we need to get 'in cinque' and love so deeply that our lives reflect it and the world is better for it.

Thank God For Jesus

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AGAIN THIS MIGHT NOT BE TRUE;

YOU SEE IF SHE HAD ONLY JUST ONE;--- IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS YOU!!!

MATTHEW 5:8 -- JESUS SAID, BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN-HEART: FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.

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LOVE; WILL GO AROUND THE WORLD; AND BACK TO YOU AND ME!!!

OH!!! IF YOU DIDN'T GET TO ENJOY MOTHER SHEFFIELD; GOD'S 91 YEARS WAS PLENTY OF TIME.

YOU SEE YOU CAN'T DO IT NOW; BECAUSE GOD IS NOW SAYING:----- SHE'S ALL MIND!!!

II CORINTHIANS 5:8 -- WE ARE CONFIDENT, I SAY, AND WILLING RATHER TO BE ABSENT FROM THE BODY, AND TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD.

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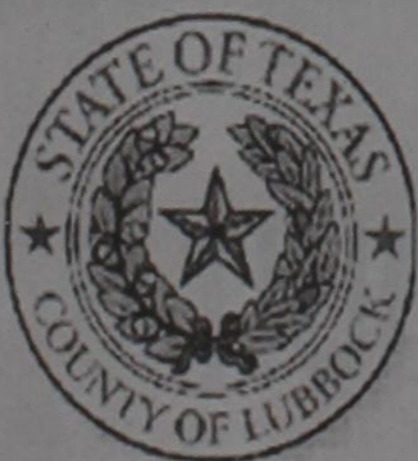
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Parson Smith

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vide a future their past never will; women for whom domestic violence is a matter of life and death. Legal aid is not another welfare program. It is a way to provide legal services necessary to life in our society.

Hard economic times both increase the need for legal services and decrease financial support. IOLTA program—interest on lawyers trust accounts—has helped support legal services for nearly 30 years, but now with interest rates hovering at zero, there is little revenue available, and no dawn in sight. For nearly 40 years, Congress has provided some federal funding through Legal Service Corporation, but that has been cut over 16%, just in the past year. For Texas, that means nearly \$6M less a year in federal funds. Lawyers are doing their share, in my judgment, more than their share. Just last week, Dallas lawyers contributed \$750,000 for legal services in the Dallas area. Every year, across the State, lawyers give not only millions of dollars. Lubbock lawyers join fully in these efforts.

But lawyers' willingness to contribute time and money depends on a strong legal services operation to contribute to. Lest legal services organizations fail completely, the Legislature in 2009 appropriated \$20 million, and 2011 17 million. Though an infinitesimal part of the State's budget, these appropriations have been vital in proving a structure to connect the poor with available help. From the beginning, Senator Duncan understood this and pledged his help. As the long-time chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee and a long-time member of the Senate Finance Committee, his support was key.

Legal services make economic sense; the financial consequences of unresolved legal problems—domestic violence, deprived children, denied veterans, forsaken elderly, and on and on—are a far more burdensome expense than the cost of providing legal services to address them. But even more important than economics, basic legal services for the poor is essential to the integrity of the rule of law. That is why the Supreme Court of Texas—I and all my colleagues unanimously—support legal services heart and soul. A legal system too expensive for those who need it is a failure. We do not intend to preside over such a system. This is not a partisan issue. It is not a Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal, understanding and courage from its advocates. And those qualities abound in Robert Duncan. We gather to salute him for his efforts. Senator, for your tireless work for Lubbock and for Texas, especially for you countless lives for whom your efforts have made a real difference, the Texas Access to Justice Commission and Foundation present you their Legislative

Tenth Annual African American History Month Program & Reception A Success

If you would ask the housed filled Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library last Saturday afternoon, those in attendance would advise it was successful. The guest speaker, Mrs. Kimberla Lawson Roby of Chicago, Illinois, told of her many experiences over the years as she has published sixteen books.

Helen Viser-Fitzgerald, Branch Manager, served as Mistress of Ceremonies. She introduced Mrs. Roby, and told of her various successes. "Mrs. Roby is a New York Times best selling author of color, and we're glad to have to speak," she said.

After the invocation by Rev. S. E. Fields, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, a welcome was given by Jane Clausen, Director of the Lubbock Library. Mayor Pro Tem Floyd Price brought special greetings from the City of Lubbock, and bestowed an Honorable Citizenship upon Mrs. Roby, who graciously accepted it.

President of Friends of the Library, Gretchen Scott, delivered greetings. A painting of a Black Sentry' was presented in memory of the late Bobbie Gean Patterson, who passed away January 13, 2012. "Our family is happy to make this presentation," said Councilman Victor Hernandez, who was joined by his wife, Judge Aurora Chaides-



WELCOME TO LUBBOCK -- Mrs. Kimberla Lawson Roby, left, is being welcomed to Lubbock by T. J. Patterson at the 10th Annual African American History Program Saturday, February 25, 2012, at the Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library. Mrs. Roby is a New York Times best selling author of color.

Hernandez

Mrs. Fitzgerald thanked all of those who have contributed to the Mildred Lusk and Helen Fitzgerald Fund. "Those funds helped with this special program," said Mrs. Fitzgerald

Those persons in the Lubbock community who want to con-

tribute to this fund, call Mrs. Fitzgerald at (806) 767-3300.

According to Mrs. Fitzgerald, many other programs are in the process of being developed. "This is a library for the community to utilize," concluded Mrs. Fitzgerald.

THIS N THAT

By T. J. Patterson

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Parson Smith and others not of the legal community also congratulate Senator Duncan for his continuous support of those who do not have the financial means to obtain legal justice by making sure free legal service is available.

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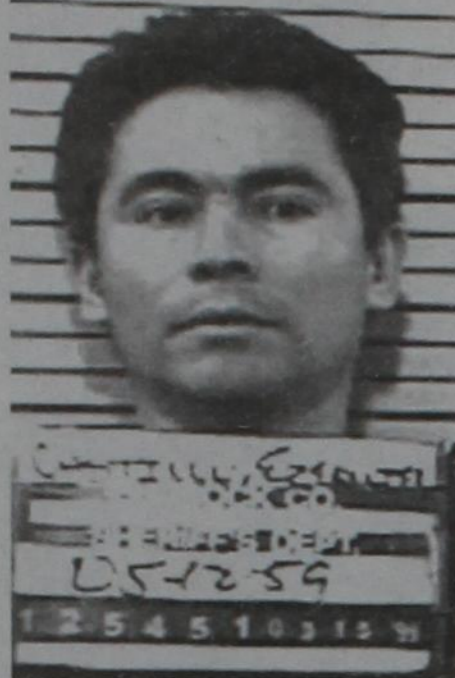
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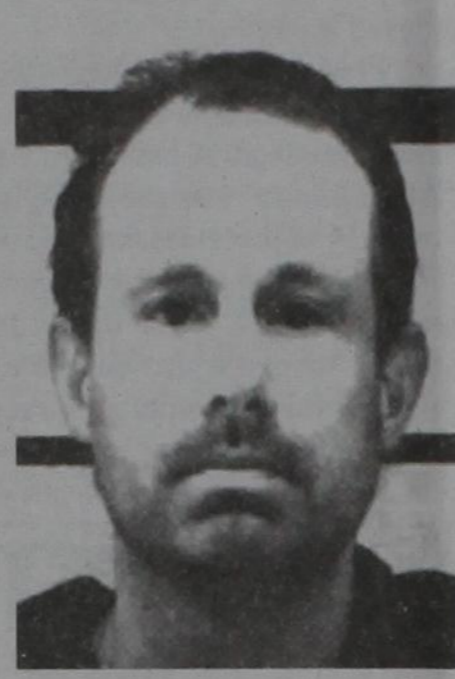
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Evening City Council Meetings

District 3 City Councilmember Todd Klein releases the following statement:

"The City of Lubbock should conduct government with the opportunity for the citizens to participate in city council meetings. I truly believe the public wants to witness and play a role in the process of our community discussion and debate. The general public at large works during the hours of the council meeting. Tomorrow, Thursday, February 2, 2012, I recommended that every quarter of the year the council should have at least one evening meeting. I strongly desire to improve open government and transparency at City Hall. The council works on behalf of the public. The time change will benefit the entire community."

For more information contact Raquel Quigley, Assistant to the City Council, 806-775-2014 or e-mail rquigley@mylubbock.us.

Matadors Play Alvarado Friday

The Estacado High School Matadors ran over Seminole High School in a Class 3A regional quarter-final game in the Post High School Gym on Tuesday evening, February 28, 2012, by a score of 79 - 60.

The Matadors will play Alvarado High School in the Class 3A regional semi-finals at 7:00 p. m. on Friday, March 2, 2012, at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

The Southwest Digest is encouraging as many as can to attend and show these Estacado High School Matadors we support them 100%!!

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12:10 p. m. - 12:40 p. m.... Keith Patrick American Cancr Society.
12:45 p. m. - 1:00 p. m.... Questions, Comments and Dimissal with Prayer.
Lunch will be served immediately afer the dismissal until 2:30 p. m. There will also be

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Will Gas Prices Hurt President Obama's Re-Election?

Washington, DC — Soaring gasoline prices are threatening to undercut President Barack Obama's re-election prospects and offering Republicans an easy target. With prices pushing \$4 a gallon and threatening to go even higher, Obama sought Thursday to confront rising public anxiety and strike back at his GOP critics.

Obama said dismissively that all the Republicans can talk

about is more drilling — "a bumper sticker ... a strategy to get politicians through an election" — when the nation's energy challenges demand much more. In a speech in Miami, he promoted the expansion of domestic oil and gas exploration but also the development of new forms of energy.

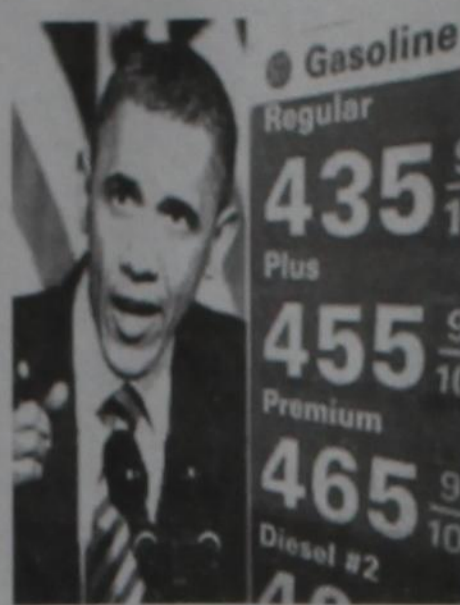
For all the political claims, economists say there's not much a president of either party can do about gasoline prices. Certainly not in the short term. But it's clear that people are concerned — a new Associated Press-GfK poll says seven in 10 find the issue deeply important — so it's sure to be a political issue through the summer.

"Right now, we're experiencing yet another painful reminder of why developing new energy is so critical to our future," the president said. At an average of \$3.58 a gallon, prices are already up 25 cents since Jan. 1, and experts say they could reach a record \$4.25 a gallon by Memorial Day.

Those higher prices could hurt consumer spending and unravel some of the recent improvements in the economy. And they could also be a daily reminder to voters to question Obama's contention that he's making the nation — and them — more secure.

While motorists are already starting to complain, many economists see the \$4-a-gallon mark as a breaking point above which the economy starts to suffer real pain. Analysts estimate that every one-cent increase is roughly a \$1.4 billion drain on the economy.

Obama's Republican challengers aren't letting it all slide by. They have stepped up their



President Obama

attacks on his energy policies, including his rejection last month of a pipeline to carry oil from Canada to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast. And they're full of promises.

"I've developed a program for American energy so no future president will ever bow to a Saudi king again, and so every American can look forward to \$2.50-a-gallon gasoline," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said in the Wednesday night GOP debate in Mesa, Ariz. He calls his strategy "Drill Here, Drill Now."

At the same event, former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania — who has warned of \$5-a-gallon gas — asserted that "we have a lot of troubles around the world, as you see the Middle East in flames and what's going on in this country with gas prices and the economy." And former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney suggested that even more troubling than rising gasoline prices was Iranian President Mahmoud

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& Young Adults in and around our community. Pray that we as children of God will stay connected with one another and that we will depend on Jesus more than we do men.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord is good; it is he that made us and not ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gate with thanksgiving and unto his court with praise. Be thankful unto him and bless his name for the lord is God and his merciful and the truth endures forever. Psalm 100: 1-5

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sister, Patricia Jiles; one favorite sister-in-law, Evelyn Mitchell Asare; 23 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends

"Ahmadinejad with nuclear weapons."

In his speech at the University of Miami, Obama sought to draw a contrast with his GOP challengers and made a pointed reference to what he suggested was Republican glee at rising gas prices.

"And you can bet that since it's an election year, they're already dusting off their three-point plans for \$2 gas," Obama said. "I'll save you the suspense. Step one is drill, step two is drill, and step three is keep drilling... We've heard the same thing for 30 years. Well, the American people aren't stupid."

Addressing the rising public anxiety, Obama said, "There are no quick fixes to this problem, and you know we can't just drill our way to lower gas prices." Anyone suggesting otherwise was not being honest, he said.

Still, Obama said he had ordered his administration to search for every possible area to help consumers in the coming months. He said his administration's "all-of-the-above strategy," one that includes oil, gas, wind and solar power, is the "only real solution" to the nation's energy challenges.

Gingrich quickly dismissed Obama's energy speech as "excuses and fantasies."

Presidents often get blamed for rising gas prices, but there's not much they can do about them. The current increases at the pump have been driven by tensions in Iran and by higher demand in the U.S. as well as in China, India and other quickly growing nations.

"Obviously, people go to the pump all the time, so it's something that really hits home with the voters," said Fred Greenstein, a Princeton University professor emeritus of politics. "It's an easy issue to talk about, and not an easy issue to accomplish very much on."

In his Miami remarks, Obama said that despite political criticism of his policies "America is producing more oil today than at any time in the last eight years. He also noted that, for the first time in 30 years, the United States is now exporting more pe-

troleum products than it imports.

But Jack Gerard, the president of the American Petroleum Institute, challenged Obama's apparent effort to take credit.

"While oil production is up, the increase relates almost entirely to investment and leasing decisions made before, sometimes long before, this administration came into office," Gerard said. "The increase is also due to oil and gas development on private and state lands over which the administration has little or no control at all."

Though Obama's approval rating on the economy has climbed, his negative rating on handling gas prices is stagnant. Just 39 percent approve of what he's doing there, and 58 percent disapprove, according to the new AP-GfK survey.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said gasoline prices are likely to keep rising as the summer driving season approaches. "Increasingly, it's becoming the biggest threat to the economy," he said. "And there is little presidents can do to influence gasoline prices in the near term."

Some lawmakers have called for Obama to release oil from the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

"Rising gas prices could be the difference between an economy that continues to recover and an economy that sinks back into recession," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., among those calling for such a move.

The emergency reserve is kept in salt caverns in Texas and Louisiana and contains about 700 million barrels of oil. There are 42 gallons in each barrel. Last year, as prices rose, Obama authorized the sale of 30 million barrels of oil from the reserve.

However, economists suggest that tapping the reserve to increase the amount of oil on the market has only a modest and temporary effect on gas prices.

Will Obama take that step? White House spokesman Jay Carney says, "We never take options off the table."

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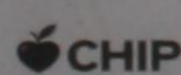


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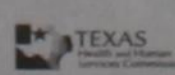
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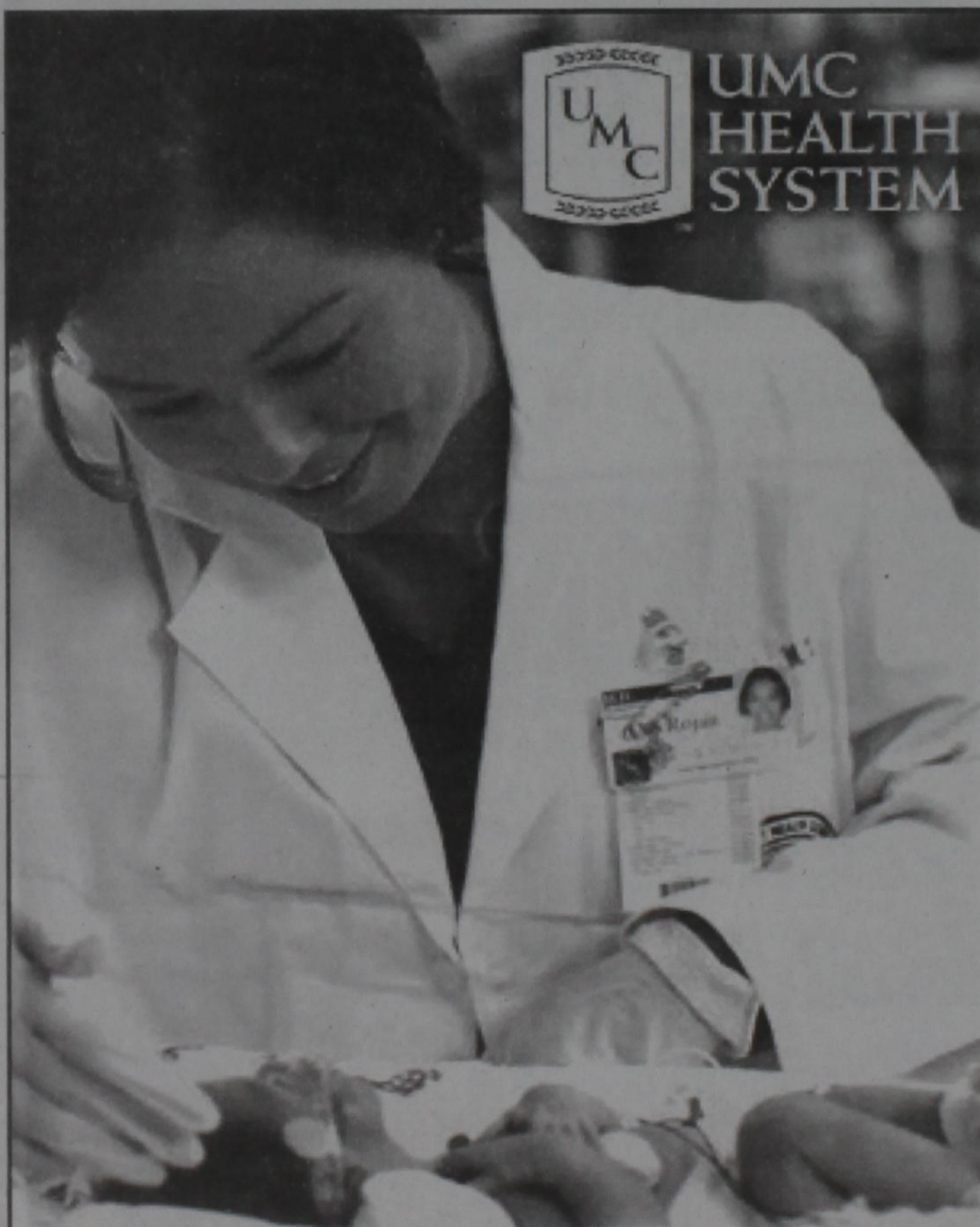
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Octavia Spencer Wins Oscar For Best Supporting Actress For "The Help"

Los Angeles, CA -- Octavia Spencer inspired her formidable character in "The Help," but the actress turned into a softy Sunday as she accepted an Oscar for the role.

"Oh, thank you," a tearful Spencer said as many in the audience rose to their feet. She expressed gratitude to her family, her colleagues from "The Help" and her native "state of Alabama" as she received the best supporting actress trophy.

The actress played tart-tongued maid Minny Jackson in the movie, which depicted Southern life as the 1960s civil rights movement unfolded. The film is based on Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel "The Help," and the author drew on

her friendship with Spencer in creating Minny.

The two were introduced by a mutual pal, "The Help" writer-director Tate Taylor.

After playing a nurse in the film "A Time to Kill," Spencer was cast as a nurse in several different TV series including "City of Angels" and "Chicago Hope," and played the same medical role in films including "Halloween II" and "Seven Pounds

Spencer, 39, who was favored to win the Oscar, was composed enough to enjoy the company of Christian Bale, who presented the award to her.

"Thank you, academy, for putting me with the hottest guy in the room," she said.



Octavia Spencer

She also thanked Steven Spielberg for "changing my life." Spielberg's DreamWorks is the studio behind "The Help."

Whitney Houston's Funeral: Her Voice Still Soars

Newark, NJ -- After all the testimonials from relatives and friends, the songs from legends and pop stars, the preaching and even laughter, the raw emotion of Whitney Houston's funeral came down to just one moment: The sound of her own voice.

As the strains of her biggest record, "I Will Always Love You," filled the New Hope Baptist Church at the end of the nearly four-hour service Saturday and her silver-and-gold casket was lifted in the air, the weight of the moment was too much for her mother to bear.

Gospel singer Cissy Houston wailed, "My baby! My baby!" as she was held up by two women and led out of the church behind her daughter's body.

A few steps behind her was the pop icon's daughter, Bobbi Kristina, also crying uncontrollably as she was comforted by Houston's close friend, singer Ray J

It was the most searing scene on a day with mixed moods as family, friends and a list of celebrities - sometimes one and the same - came to the humble New Hope Baptist Church, where Whitney Houston first wowed a congregation, to remember one of music's legends, but also a New Jersey hometown girl.

Houston died the previous Saturday in Beverly Hills, Calif., on the eve of the Grammys at the age of 48.

She is to be buried Sunday next to her father, John Houston, in nearby Westfield, N.J.

Her death marked the end of a life of stunning achievement. Blessed with a voice of great power and beauty, Houston became one of pop music's most successful artists over a career that spanned nearly three decades and segued into film with hits like "The Bodyguard."

But her life was not without struggles. An addiction to drugs and a tumultuous union with ex-husband Bobby Brown saw her tumbling from grace.

Both sides of Houston were



recalled at the service at New Hope, which was filled with about 300 mourners, including Oprah Winfrey, Tyler Perry, Alicia Keys, Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Forest Whitaker, Jennifer Hudson, Diane Sawyer and Houston's cousin, Dionne Warwick.

"She was someone with a charmed and a beautiful life, sometimes misunderstood, even by herself," said her sister-in-law and manager, Patricia Houston. "But a life nevertheless that gave joy, happiness, enthusiasm, peace and beautiful music to millions of people around the world."

Kevin Costner, her co-star in "The Bodyguard," said that for all of Houston's beauty and success, she was still yearning for approval from the public and somewhat insecure, a superstar who "still wondered, 'Am I good enough? Am I pretty enough? Will they like me?'"

"It's a tree we could all hang from - the unexplainable burden that comes with fame," he said. "Call it doubt. Call it fear. I've had mine. And I know the famous in the room have had

theirs."

Many who spoke talked about Houston's unshakable faith in Jesus Christ. They said it got her through some of her most difficult times. Perry recalled a conversation where Houston would look sad when reflecting on her troubles, but then would hasten to add that God was taking care of her.

"The other thing I know for sure - and this is more important than anything that she's done in her life - Whitney Houston loved the Lord," he said.

Fittingly, music played a major role in the send-off to one of music's greatest voices.

Stevie Wonder rewrote lyrics to "Ribbon in the Sky" for Houston - "you will always be a ribbon in the sky," he sang.

So did gospel's the Rev. Kim Burrell for "A Change is Gonna Come," which Warwick said was Houston's favorite song of all time. R. Kelly brought the New Hope Baptist Church to its feet with a stirring version of "I Look to You," the title of Houston's final studio album.

700 Area High School Students Participated In Senior Sneak At SPC



SENIOR SNEAK PREVIEW -- Approximately 700 area high school seniors recently participated in Senior Sneak at South Plains College. The day-long event gave the students the opportunity to talk with current students and SPC faculty about career choices, programs and student life. Parents also were included in the festivities with their own special sessions that provided information about financial aid, scholarships, career planning, housing and admission. (SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)

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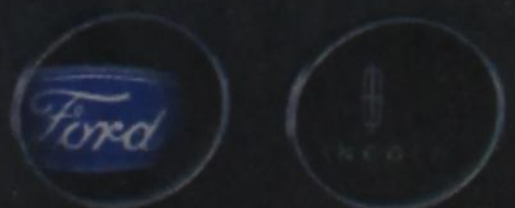
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