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### Community Meetings

\* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 East 23rd Street.

\* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

\* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue

\* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

\* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

\* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

\* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.

\* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

\* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

\* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

\* Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

\* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.

\* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

\* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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

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### Many Lubbock Boys And Girls In Attendance At Mae Simmons Christmas Carnival December 4, 2010



Here is a photo of some of the kids with Santa at the Mae Simmons Christmas Carnival Saturday, December 4, 2010. The young people are from left to right: A'Kia Wilson, age 13; Ja'Lae Wilson, age 11; and Ky'Ree Turner, age 10. The event was great and well attended!

### NAACP Hosts Education Summit; Calls For End To Resegregation

RALEIGH, NC -- The country's most prominent civil rights group has come to Raleigh to draw attention to what it calls a growing erosion of the gains made since a 1954 Supreme Court decision made segregated schools illegal.

Using Wake County's ongoing debate over school diversity as a backdrop, the NAACP is holding a national conference on education in Raleigh to argue that schools around the country are, in essence, returning to Jim Crow-era patterns of segregation. "Resegregation is on the rise," said the Rev. William Barber, chairman of the state NAACP chapter. "The rates now are worse than in the 1970s."

Wake County has been the scene of acrimonious dispute



since the school board voted to scrap a decade-old policy that used busing to achieve socio-

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### Matadors Received Their 3-A State Championship Rings In A Ceremony



On Friday, December 3, 2010, the Estacado Varsity Basketball Team had their 3A State Championship Ring Ceremony in the gym. Principal Sam Ayers welcomed guests and presented rings individually to each of the boys from last year's team as Coach Wagner introduced the players and read off their individual highlights. Mayor Tom Martin and school board members Vernita Woods-Holmes, and Mario Ybarra, participated in the ceremony and congratulated each player. The team went on to defeat Hobbs 92-61 before a home crowd.

The attached photo is from Tamara Rose of Herff Jones.



Sanders' Home - 59th Street



Aguirre's Home - Ash Avenue



Branson and Harper's Home - Globe Avenue



Rev. Canady's Home - Ash Avenue  
Christmas Decorations Seen In East Lubbock

The Southwest Digest the citizens of Lubbock and the surrounding areas of the South Plains to know about the many homes displaying Christmas decorations on their property. Of course, this is not the first time ever as it has become a custom for this to take place every year.

The homes are located on Globe Avenue, Ash Avenue and 59th Street. When you have an opportunity, why not drive by and see these works of arts for yourself.

We're sure the members of the Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association is proud to see this kind of community involvement. At times, we forget about all the many talents we have in our community. Instead of always complaining of what we don't have, and began appreciating

what we do have.

If there are other homes who have displayed Christmas decorations on their property, please send an email of your Christmas decorations to [swdigest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swdigest@sbcglobal.net). It will be a pleasure for us to display your Christmas decorations.

The photos on this page was done by Avis Patterson. She will tell you how much of an experience it was for her to shoot these photos. We only show the street.

Hopefully, these photos will advise the community there are good things happening in East Lubbock. So when you talk with those who reside outside of East Lubbock, let them know what is happening in East Lubbock. Hopefully, this is the beginning! We will publish more Christmas decorations in our next issue.



A Christmas Musical will be held at the Agape Temple Church of God in Christ, 4510 Avenue Q, on Sunday evening, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

Host pastor is Elder Daryl J. Collins.

Special guest will be P.O.W., Y.A.H.W.E.H., King of Kings, Lewis Sisters, and the Agape Sanctuary Choir.

For additional information, call (806) 763-2066.

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A Holiday Camp will be held at Mae Simmons Community Center - 2004 Oak Avenue.

For more information, call 767-2708.

The dates are December 20-23, 7:45 am to 5:30 pm, \$28 per child (4 days); and December

28-30, 7:45 am to 5:30 pm, \$21 per child (3 days).

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If you want to attend the next LISD Board meeting, it will be held today, Thursday, December 16, 2010, beginning at 7:00 a. m.

These meetings are important. If you miss this one, then call the LISD at 766-1000, and find when the next meeting will be held.

The meetings are held at 1628 19th Street.

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Let us continue to pray for those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Today it happens to be someone else, and tomorrow it could be you or this writer.

Also, let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. A tele-

phone call, a card or an expression would very positive. But above all, prayers are always a good thing to do.

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In our next edition, pictures of other decorated homes for the Christmas Holiday will be published. Hope you enjoyed seeing the ones on Page 1 of this edition. It is just great when a community is doing things which will upgrade the neighborhood. If you have a photo, let us know about it.

Channel is broadcast on Suddenlink (Channel 2) and AT&T U-Verse (Channel 99) cable systems in Lubbock. The program will also be available on-demand on the City of Lubbock website www.mylubbock.us.

The program's 'news magazine' format will be shot at various locations around the city. Ms. Dumbauld explained, "In essence, we're taking the viewers directly to the projects and not only answering their questions currently being done. We'll provide a view of the project that cannot be explained in words alone."

Ms. Dumbauld will be joined often on the program by various City employees for in-depth explanations of City projects.

Citizens are encouraged to begin submitting their questions to citymanager@mylubbock.us or by calling 3-1-1.

Ms. Dumbauld started with the City in 2004 at Chief Financial Officer and became City Manager in September of 2005. She earned a Bachelor of Finance degree from the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. She came to Lubbock from the City of Portsmouth, Virginia where she served as Director of Finance.

### FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Spotted on the runway: bold accessories in fierce animal prints, walk on the wild side in animal print pieces. It's just a matter of adding the right accessory to your favorite outfit, maybe a large animal print handbag with matching shoes,

bangle bracelets, necklaces, ear rings, finger rings, anything goes as long as its animal print.

Getting ready for church? Try this.. your designer black suit, black handbag, black pumps.

Your necklace bracelets and earrings are also matching your suit, just make sure your jewelry is something big and bulky. Now it's time for your hat, not just any hat, it's time for your large wide brim animal print hat. The only animal print you are styling today is the huge hat, nothing animal print but the hat.. after all ladies,



a wild animal is BAD- all by itself.

NOW YOU TELL, HOW GREAT IS THAT!

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Fashion tip..always wear a smile!

### New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday December 12, 2010, church services got started at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson, "Not Forsaken". The scripture text was taken from Isa. 41:8-10 & 17-20.

Sister Rochelette Hood taught the lesson titled "God Provides For Us."

Breakfast was served after the lesson session.

Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the devotion. Rev. L.C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir sang "Oh I Want To See Him." The responsive reading came from Psalm 119:129-144 conducted by Rev. Lee. The altar prayer was led by Rev. H. Edom, with the choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus" Sister Hood read all of the announcements and the upcoming events. Rev. Jackson held the pastoral period and after the offering was received.

The Senior Choir sang "Let Your Light Shine, which was led by Sister Linda Green, and "Precious Lord" which was led by our first lady, Sis. Ambra Jackson. The choir and members sang "Amazing Grace". Rev. Jackson preached the sermon "Set Your House In Order" with his scripture text being II Kings 20: 1-6. "I Will Trust In The Lord" was sung after the sermon. The invitation to discipleship was extended to all.

Scripture of the Week:

"O praise the Lord all ye nations

Lord endures forever. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 117:1-2

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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### City Manager To Host Monthly Television Show

A new television show will debut in February of 2011 on the City News Channel.

The monthly program, "Let Me Speak To The Manager" will feature City Manager Lee Ann Dumbauld answering questions

on various municipal issues.

According to Jeff McKitto, Public Information Officer for the City, the program is an opportunity for citizens to seek answers to questions directly from the City Manager. The 30-minute show will be produced by the Public Information staff and broadcast on the City News Channel at various times during the month. The City News

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# Church News



**From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith**  
Dogging President Obama While Taking Government Money For Religious Purposes!



**We Thank God for Jesus**  
"Christmas Mocking God"

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

There is a story written by Ben Smith and Bryon Tau on 12/3/2010 that is a must read for many as it relates to the religious heart of President Barack Obama.

The story was titled "Obama's stimulus pours millions into faith-based groups."

The writers stated the stimulus bought Castleton United Methodist Church in Indianapolis a new heating and cooling system. In Laramie, Wyo., it bought the Church of St. Lawrence O'Toole new windows for the Roman Catholic school it runs. And in Harrisburg, Pa., Christian Churches United of the Tri-County Area spent its \$120,000 stimulus funding on food and shelter for local homeless people.

"It kind of fell from the sky, and it was unbelievable that we had this much extra money," said Jackie Rucker, executive director of the church-sponsored nonprofit in Pennsylvania's capital.

For many conservatives, the \$787 billion America Recovery and Reinvestment Act, as the

stimulus is formally known, has been Exhibit A in their case against Obama administration, a symbol for an era they feel will be defined by out-of-control government spending.

But the stimulus is also the largest-scale embodiment of what was, not long ago, a conservative priority: directing tax dollars to "faith-based initiatives," as President George W. Bush called them.

The story of the Obama administration's large-scale spending on faith-based groups has been largely untold, perhaps because it cuts so sharply across the moment's intensely partisan narrative. And in fact, when the stimulus was being debated in February 2009, conservatives attacked the bill as "anti-religious" in it spending policies. But an analysis by POLITICO found that at least \$140 million in stimulus money has gone to faith-based groups, the result of an unpublicized White House decision to spend government money, where legal, supporting religiously inspired nonprofit groups. And that decision was

just the beginning.

In an aggressive attempt at outreach, federal agencies, in conference calls and online seminars, instructed faith-based groups on how to apply for the grants, and federal officials sometimes stepped in when the state officials who distribute the money were reluctant to spend it on groups associated with churches and other religious establishments.

"Part of our job is to ensure that there's a level playing field—we don't encourage anyone to favor faith-based groups over other organizations, but we do want to ensure that there's no discrimination against faith-based organizations," said Joshua Dubois, who heads the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, which Bush created and President Barak Obama renamed and expanded.

"Federal agencies did make a point to remind people that faith-based and community organizations were eligible for some of this funding," he said.

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**I Timothy 3:1-5** -- This known also, that in the last days perilous (dangerous) times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of these that do good, traitors, heady, highbinders, oovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away.

We know you can mock the President because we're seen it done on T.V. It is disrespectful; but it's a new thing, called freedom of speech!!!

**Proverb 14:12** -- There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

\*\*\*\*\* **ARE YOU MOCKING GOD, PLAYING WITH SANTA CLAUS???** \*\*\*\*\*

Mankind know he can even mock Preachers, with some kind of comedy, that is what the world have come to, and it's

freedom of speech!!!

**II Kings 2:23-24** -- And He (Elisha the preacher) went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him go up, you bald head; go up, you bald head. And he turned back, and looked on them and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the woods, and tare forty and two children of them.

Man has been mocking mankind, and doing it for a long time. But when started mocking GOD, he must be losing his MIND.

**Proverb 24:21-22** -- My son, fear the Lord and the king (President), and meddle not with them that are given to change for their Calamity shall suddenly, and who knows the ruin of them both?

\*\*\*\*\* **IT'S JESUS PLUS NOTHING** \*\*\*\*\*

Mocking God is when you take things and say, you're doing them for GOD. Only to do what you please, and it's not from

your HEART!!!

**Galatians 6:7-8** -- Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sow that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

(Now that mankind has put CHRISTMAS with that Santa Claus LIE, and it's out of hand. Many people want to give things like they use to. Because of the UN-EMPLOYED in the LAND. Now do that prove you don't LOVE LOVED ONES AS MUCH, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BUY AS MUCH???)

\*\*\*\*\* **WAS THERE PEACE ON BLACK FRIDAY???** \*\*\*\*\*

There was a time when CHRISTMAS praised GOD; it was from the HEART. But then MAN got where they wanted to put in their own SMARTS.

**Romans 1:24-25** -- Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts to dishonor

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, December 12, 2010, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Service begun with Sunday School with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

Sister Shirley taught the morning lesson, "Not Forsaken", with the Unifying Topic being "I Am God." The lesson passage was Isaiah 41:8-10; 17-20. The background passage was Isaiah 41:1; 42:9.

The lesson text was "Upheld By God," Isaiah 41:8-12; "Never Forsaken" Isaiah 41:17-20.

Pastor Canady reviewed the morning lesson.

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The Devotional was led by Deacon & Sister Eddie Williams in charge. The entrance song for the Pastor Canady's entrance was "Because Of Who You Are."

The St. Matthew Baptist Senior Choir sung the following songs: "Continuation of Because of Who You Are," "I'm Going Home On The Morning Train,"

"Silent Night," "Don't Let The Devil Ride."

Pastor Canady preached the morning sermon entitled "Hypocrites In The Church." His scripture text was Luke 13:15.

The song of inspiration was "Somewhere Around God's Throne."

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The St. Matthew Baptist Church will host the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs on Sunday afternoon, December 19, 2010, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

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The brother of Sister Canady,

Tyree Morris, Jr., visited Rev. & Sister Edward Canady last week. They reported an enjoyable visit.

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Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in residents. Among them include Brother Dennis Saunders and Brother Whiteside.

We must remember that God is able, no matter what our condition may be.

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The members of the following organizations are as follows: Mission meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

The Brotherhood meets

also on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study is held at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesdays.

Choir Rehearsal is held at 5:00 p. m. on Fridays.

Usher Meeting is held on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a. m.

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Our Announcing Clerk is First Lady Shirley Canady. Sister Barbara Johnson is reporter.

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Thought For The Week: "Even though we make excuses for not obeying God, He still

calls it disobedience."

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May each of you have a Merry Christmas, and remember why we celebrate the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us remember that God is able!

If you don't have a Church home, then come and visit us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our door are always open for you and your family.

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May Each of You Have A Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

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Be careful driving to and fro during the Holiday Season!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast would like to present some information about whose birthday we will be celebrating on December 25th.

**Luke 2:1-24**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus II that the whole world should be enrolled.

2 This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

3 So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

4 And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David.

5 to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

6 While they were there, the time came for her to have her child.

7 and she gave birth to her first born son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.

9 The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

10 The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people.

11 For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

12 And this will be a sign for you; you will find an infant

wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

14 "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then to Bethlehem to see

this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.

16 So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

17 When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

18 All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.

19 And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

21 When eight days were completed for his circumcision, He was named Jesus, the name given Him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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# Obsequies

## Robert Finch, Jr.

**Hart, Texas** -- Funeral services were held for Robert Finch, Jr. Friday afternoon, December 3, 2010 at First Baptist Church, Hart.

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

Finch, Jr., 60, of Hart and formerly of Lubbock, passed away Saturday, November 27, 2010 at his residence.

He was born December 17, 1949 to Robert, Sr., and Patsy Finch in Littlefield.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patsy Finch; one son, Kyreece Finch; and one brother, Sammy Finch.

He leaves to cherish his memory five children, Sharron Ann Wiley, Robbie Walker, Tyreece Finch, Rodrick Finch, and Dayz-ijah Finch; a very special friend, Angela Finch; father, Robert



Finch, Sr.; nine brothers, Taft Finch, Willie Finch, Bobby Finch, Joseph Finch, Billy Finch, Randy Finch, Steven Finch, Micheal Finch, and Bruce Finch; three sisters, Joyce Sanders, Brenda Yarbarough, and Sarah Frazier; seven grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Pearlie Mae Scody Harris

The funeral services for a longtime resident, Pearlie Mae Scody Harris, was held Friday morning, December 10, 2010 at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Harris, 83, of Lubbock passed away Thursday, December 2, 2010.

She was born in Quinlan, Texas August 29, 1927 to the parents of Cornell and Nancy Scody. Shortly after her birth, the family moved to Lorenzo, Texas, and later to Lubbock where she graduated from Dunbar High School in 1944. She continued on and completed class required requirements and state from Jessie Lee's Beauty College. She worked in local salons for a number of years and worked in another career at the Lubbock County Courthouse as a District Clerk. She was also a



proud Foster Grandparent for several years with the Lubbock Public Schools and Carver Day-care. She also worked from time to time in business with her husband.

She was a member of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Lorenzo. She was also a member of St. James Baptist Church, and later united with the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church where she served for over 30

## Mary Kennard

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 11, 2010, for Mary Kennard at Lyon's Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Kennard, 75, of Lubbock passed away Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at Covenant.

She was born Dec. 28, 1933, to the late Rev. O. D. Hollins and Orphis Williams-Hollins in Tahoka, Texas, where she attended elementary school.

She graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas; also attended Butler College in Tyler, Texas. She was a retiree of Pitney Bowes and Lubbock I.S.D.

She leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Mrs. O.D.



Hollins; one son, Anthony (Erin); three grandsons, Brandon, Lamar (LaCeidra), and Marcus; one granddaughter, Taneka; three great-grandsons, Ja'Marion, Taevion and Montrell; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Minnie L. Whaley

Slaton -- Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11, 2010, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Slaton.

Interment will follow at Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Whaley, 94, of Slaton passed away Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, at Vista Care.

She was born October 6, 1916, in Huntsville, Texas, to Arthur and Hattie Branch.

She leaves to cherish her memory four sons, Moren Lee Whaley Sr., David Lee Whaley Sr., Lewis Whaley and Phil Whaley; three daughters, Ruby Bryant, Doris Whaley and Jo Ann Whaley-Madkins; nephew, Pastor Ray McCoy; two nieces, Mae Ean McCoy and Mildred Hall; one adopted son, Pastor



Jimmy Doss; two adopted daughters, Manie Milton and Mattie Harris; one adopted granddaughter, Mirilan Doss-Williams; 37 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

## Ruby Lee Hooker

Funeral services for Ruby Lee Hooker Services were held Tuesday morning, December 14, 2010 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

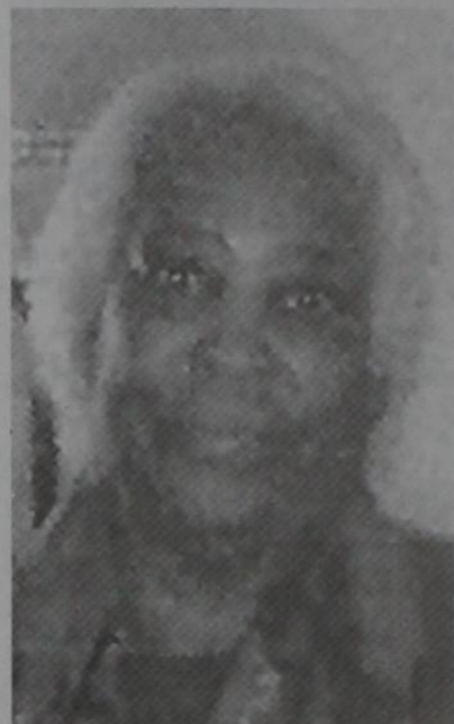
Interment followed in Peaceful Garden Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Hooker, 77, of Lubbock passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at Whisperwood Nursing Home.

She was born November 20, 1933.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Hooker and Ray Hooker.

She leaves to cherish her memory, eight sons, Richard Hooker, Willie James Anderson, Larry Hooker, Randy Hooker, Johnny Hooker, David Hooker, Clarence Hooker, and Billy Hooker; six daughters, Betty Fletcher, Kathy Hooker, Patricia



Hooker, Brenda Session, Tina Competio, and Ruby Sitterle; 44 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## MINORITY DEATH RATE DROPS!!

**WASHINGTON** - The average life expectancy in the United States in 2008 — the first full year of the recession — was 77.8 years, a slight drop from 2007, according to the National Vital Statistics Report from the National Center for Health Statistics.

Hispanics, Asian Pacific islanders, American Indians and Alaska natives had the lowest death rates out of all ethnicities measured in the report.

Compared with the death rate of non-Hispanic Caucasians, Asian Pacific islanders' death rate was 40 percent lower, Hispanics' death rate was 30 percent lower and American Indians and Alaska natives' death rate was 20 percent lower, according to the report.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

## Pancho Clos Is Coming To Town!

Pancho Clos will be arriving at Maggie Trejo Super Center on Sunday afternoon, December 19, 2010, at 2:00 p. m. He will be bringing bags of fruit and candy to all the needy kids in Lubbock and surrounding area.

This will be the 39th anniversary of the origin of the Pancho Clos character originated here in Lubbock and now has spread to other parts of the state. This project was presented to the American G. I. Forum by the late Bidal Aguero, Gus Medina, and Jesse Reyes, and was adopted by the American G. I. Forum in 1971.

This year Pancho Clos will be escorted by the Hispanic Police Officers Association. This will be the second year the Hispanic Police Force has been part of the Pancho Clos Project and the Lubbock Community, and the Lubbock Community is appreciative of the officers participating in this project.

Pancho Clos invites all the children to come and visit with him and let him know what they want for Christmas.

A very thank you to the Law Offices of Kevin Glasheen, LP & L, the Hispanic Policed Officers, and the United Supermarkets for their contributions and support to the Pancho Clos Project.

For more information, please call Robert Narvaiz at (806) 781-6277.

## MLK Choir Members Needed

It is MLK time again, and we are asking the community to help with the celebration. The MLK Commemorative Council is extending an invitation for the community to join in the celebration.

Those individuals interested in participating in the Mass Choir are asked to meet with Minister Equilla Morgan on Monday nights at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1701 East 24th Street, from 7:00 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.. Come with a willing spirit and an attitude for working.

Those individuals interested in participating in the Youth Night activities/choir are asked to meet with Nicole Snell on Friday nights at Alderson Middle School, 201 Walnut Avenue, from 6:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m. We are asking our youth to come with a willing and obedient spirit. For those Youth who want to display a talent other than singing, please feel free to contact Tracey Snell-Jackson at 777-6017. If your call is not answered, please leave a detailed message.

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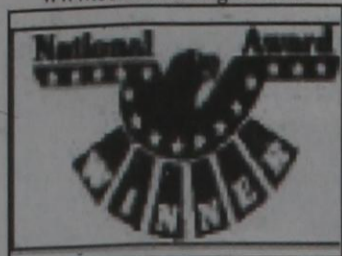
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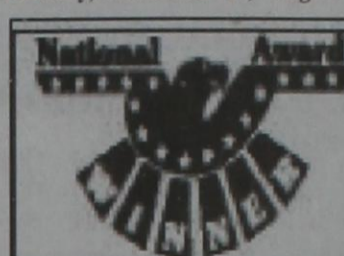
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# EDITORIALS-COMMENTS- OPINIONS



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

LET'S NOT FORGET THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS!! THIS N THAT ..... wants to take this time and opportunity ..... and ask each of you to ..... REMEMBER WHY WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!!! THIS N THAT ..... wants us to know that it is the celebration of the ..... BIRTH OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.... This time of the year should remind us of what we must be about our Lord's Business and treating each other on this day and every day ..... no matter who we are....

In a few days .... actually on .....Saturday .... December 25, 2010.... Anyway ..... let's not forget..... THIS N THAT ..... wishes you and your family ..... A BLESSED CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION!!! PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER WISHES ALL OF YOU ..... a vey happy ..... MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! A NEW YEAR IS UPON US!!! VISIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS! THIS N THAT ..... invites all of us ..... with children or not ..... to mak a pledge to ..... VISIT OUR

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE YEAR 2011! THIS N THAT ....** knows his will help our schools!

### Thank God For Jesus

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their own bodies between themselves, who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. AMEN

Then they put in Santa's red nose-deer, and his flying reindeers, along with Santa's little helpers, with the very large ears!!!

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People praising the GIFTS and saying I love YOU and I DID GIVE! But GOD SO LOVE YOU. HE GAVE US JESUS THAT WAS HIS GIFT!!!

**Romans 6:23** -- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ Our Lord!

### Citizens Reminded of Flu Shot

The City of Lubbock Health Department wants to remind citizens to get a flu shot.

Even healthy people can get the flu, and it can be serious. Everyone aged 6 months and older are recommended to get a flu shot, especially persons at high risk of serious flu complications. High-risk persons include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease, and people 65 years and older. High-dose influenza vaccine is available for persons ages 65 and older.

The City of Lubbock Health Department received reports of seven (7) cases of Type A flu this week. This is the first time this season more than 2 cases have been reported in any given week.

This season, protect yourself—and those around you—by getting a flu shot.

The cost of the vaccine is \$20/person. Medicaid is accepted for children. Medicare is accepted for adults. The Health Department is located at 1902 Texas Avenue. Call 775-2914 for a listing of immunization clinic hours.

Reminder: You cannot take the flu shot if you are ill with a fever, have an allergy to eggs or have had an adverse reaction to a previous flu shot.

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## Lets Face 2011 With A Positive Mental Attitude

by Eddie P. Richardson

Everything is about attitude. If you think positive, you will receive positive results. If you think negative, you will receive negative results. Remember as a man thinketh so is he. You are what you think and so on.. Anything the mind can conceive, man can achieve. As the Black college saying goes, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste", which is so true. Just remember how powerful this statement really is. Just remember everything, no matter how small or how large, it all begins with an idea or though which goes to show a negative idea can cause unlimited destruction. On the other hand, a positive idea can cause unbridled positive re-

sults and growth no matter how large or how small the results it all begin with an idea.

As we head into 2011 remember, if it is to be it is up to me and live by it do not sit around and wait on someone else to do what you can do your self.

As we approach 2011, we must face the new year head on with vim and vigor to make 2011 the best year yet. Remember a person can do or be anything they want to do or be if willing to work at it and pay the price that is the problem working at it and paying the price many of us are not willing to work at it and pay the price and work at it every one must re-

member and this is very important you can not get something for nothing you pay for every thing you get one way or another nothing is free even if it is presented as free you pay for it one way or another.

Lets vow to be better in the up coming year lets up lift each other and always give a hand up the only time we should look down on a brother is when we are looking down on him is to give him a hand up. We must learn to love, trust, respect, help, support, each other to make life better for all of us.

## "BROTHER ASKARI IS BACK!!!!" WITH:

### A MESSAGE TO ALL BLACK WOMEN

by BROTHER ASKARI

Thank God the East Lubbock Community has a Hair store that is owned and operated by Black people. Mr. Elroy Parks has open up the Best Place for Black Women to buy their Hair. This store is located right in the heart of East Lubbock at 1532 east 19th Street in the same building complex as Paul's Barber Shop and King's store. SOPHISTICATED WIGS is Laid Out! The atmosphere is SOPHISTICATEDLY RIGHT FOR ALL THE BLACK QUEENS THAT PUTS BLACK BEAUTY ALL OVER THIS LUBBOCK, TEXAS SCENE!!!! You black women have a very strong SISTERHOOD when it comes to getting your hair done and I love that fact that all of you have somebody that is a part of that BLACK SISTERHOOD doing your hair. All of you are examples of SUPPORT FOR BLACK WOMEN IN THE BUSINESS OF HAIR. I love the fact you sisters are keeping that money passing through the hands of black people when it comes to getting your hair done. Now I am asking all of you to



buy your WIGS AND EXTENSIONS FROM THIS BLACK HAIR STORE SO THAT THE MONEY CAN CONTINUE TO BE PASSED THROUGH THE HANDS OF BLACK BUSINESSES THAT SELL HAIR AND ALL OTHER BLACK PRODUCTS DESIGNED FOR BLACK PEOPLE!!!! I am asking all you black men to buy the hair extensions and wigs you want to see your queens in from SOPHISTICATED WIGS. Elroy Parks the owner of this black business grew up in this HOOD and deserves all our support. All you Sophisticated Queens that are in the business of keeping your sisters looking Sophisticated and Fine as Wine, I am asking all of ya'll to send the sisters that do business with

you to SOPHISTICATED WIGS when they want you to hook them up with those 27 pieces and extensions. "YA"ll FEEL ME" Madam C.J. Walker started all this hair business for us to keep the money in the black community as well as keep the BLACK COMMUNITY INVESTING IN OURSELVES SO THAT BLACK PEOPLES' BUSINESS CLOUT WILL BE STRONG IN THE MARKET PLACE EVERYWHERE!!!! SO LET'S KEEP THE TRADITION ALIVE SO WE KNOW IT AIN'T JUST ABOUT HAIR. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, SHOW YOU CARE! I LOVE BLACK PEOPLE! I LOVE YOUNG BLACK PEOPLE CAUSE THEY GOT SO LONG TO BE BLACK AND I LOVE OLD BLACK PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY BEEN BLACK SON LONG! THAT'S WHY IT'S UP TO US TO LOOK OUT FOR AND SUPPORT OUR OWN! MAY GOS'S PEACE AND BLESSING BE WITH YOU ALL!

## Juneteenth Committee Announces New 2011 Officers

The Lubbock Juneteenth Celebration Committee held its monthly meeting this evening and during that meeting the committee elected its new officers for the upcoming year of 2011. New officers are as follows:

Latrice King-Godfrey ~ President; Darlene McCornic ~ Secretary, Sarenda Godfrey ~ Treasurer.

The newly elected officers will take office effective January 1, 2011. Past President of 5 years and committee member for a total of 9 years, Tonya Johnson


who now resides in San Antonio, TX participates with the local Juneteenth Committee there. Ms. Johnson has also been elected as a new board member on the National Juneteenth Board of Directors which is housed out of Mississippi under the direction of co-founder and Chair Dr. Ronald J Myers.

"I believe that Mrs. Godfrey will make a wonderful president and will continue the platform that we set for such an ominous and important event for our community. She has always been a big supporter and has

drive and passion for seeing a change in the community and bridging the gaps that exists within it with fresh ideas and experiences. I will be around to lend support and a helping hand wherever needed but I have true confidence in Mrs. Godfrey's ability."

It was a pleasure for me to serve on this committee for the many years that I did and I enjoyed it emensley. However, I was given the opportunity to move forward and upward and as they say..."All good things must come to an end."

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (806) 283-2990.



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## In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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Everyone is aware of the slump in the housing market by now. Existing homes and new construction have all taken a hit during these bad economic times. Times are hard because sellers want every penny that they can command from a sale and purchasers hope to save as much as they can; consequently, both are reaping what 'the traffic will bear.'

While some people are busy trying to secure a home, there are those who are working fervently to get rid of a home, frequently through fire, according to one home insurance agent with whom I spoke. They claim that house fires rise in numbers when the economy is at an ebb. We know that foreclosures rise as well as this is another way to abandon the mortgage bill. But there are some cases when walking away may not mean getting away with the bill.

There are some mortgages which would be better kept than abandoned. In my March 13, 2010 article, unpaid federal debts were discussed. This discussion was general but allured to various areas of indebtedness which could have an effect on one's income, causing a reduction in receipts, if not paid. Such a federal indebtedness has personally come to my attention. It involves an elderly lady who bought a house through Rural Development, a branch of the Federal Agriculture Department.

This lady was in her early eighties when she purchased the home and her grandson who was employed signed the Deed of Trust with her. Her daughter, grandson and his two adult children also shared the home. Around the age of ninety, this



elderly lady became very ill and had been paying the house note out of her Social Security check, which was her only income. Her illness left her incapacitated physically and mentally. Her grandson had her to put his name on her checking account in order to continue paying the house note on a regular basis. After a year of illness and incapacitation, it was leaned that her grandson had not paid the house note or anything else with his grandmother's Social Security check. Consequently, there was foreclosure; the family had to move and the house was sold to the highest bidder at auction. The \$62,000 house is believed to have been sold for \$10,000. Months later, a letter stating that \$50,541.16 is due to be paid to Rural Development as that is the amount that the elderly lady and her grandson still owe on the house which was sold at auction. It was explained that any time a house is sold at auction for less than the original loan; the balance must be paid by the original debtor. There are three options to settle the loan: 1) One-time Lump Sum offer, 2) Monthly Payments for up to 5 years (max) with an initial Lump Sum offer and 3) Monthly Payments for up to 5 years (max) without an initial Lump Sum offer. If no settlement offer is made, the debt is turned over to the

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## Graduation Rates Between Blacks, Whites Widening

**Orlando, FL** - The disparity between graduation rates for white and black players at schools headed to bowl games grew again this year even as overall academic progress increased for both, a study released Monday found.

The annual report by the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport found that the graduation success rate is increasing at a higher rate for white players than black players.

Richard Lapchick, the primary author of the study, said it's a "disturbing" gap that has continued to widen.

"The growing gap is and has been my biggest concern with graduation rates for some time," he said. "It's like in the economy if income for Latinos and African-American grows at 2 percent but increases 3 percent for whites. Yes, it's getting better. But it's still not great for everybody."

The graduation success rate for black players went from 58 percent to 60 percent this year among the 70 bowl teams. But for white players, the graduation rates increased from 77 percent last year to 80 percent this year.

The NCAA was encouraged that all graduation success rates - not just those for whites or blacks - increased, and hoped continued improvement for both groups in the future would close the gap.

"With such a large number of students, any increase is important, so this improvement is noteworthy. That improvement extends to African-American football student-athletes as well," NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson said in a statement.

Data was collected by the NCAA from member institutions for the study. The Institute reviewed the six-year graduation rates of each school's freshman class that enrolled in 2003-04, then calculated a four-class average.

Five schools had graduation success rates for black players that exceeded their rates for white players: Northwestern (one percent higher), Virginia

Tech (3 percent higher), Southern Mississippi (three percent higher), Notre Dame (four percent higher) and Troy (10 percent higher). That's up from four schools in last year's study.

Notre Dame and Northwestern were the only schools that graduated 95 percent of their players and at least 95 percent of their black players. Air Force and Northwestern had the highest academic progress rate with scores of 988 and 986, respectively.

Texas Tech was the lone school that had overall graduation success rates for football players that were better than the overall athletes. And Oklahoma was the only school that graduated less than 50 percent of its white players.

### Parson Smith

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The early criticism of the stimulus on religious grounds focused on boilerplate language that limited how religious universities and institutions could use some funds administered by the Department of Education. "You would think the ACLU drafted this bill," wrote Mike Huckabee (a white Baptist Preacher) in a e-mail to supporters in 2009, while Sen. Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) called it a direct attack on students of faith. But the language that drew complaints applied only to a small fraction of stimulus spending. Meanwhile, some elements of the program—notably, Energy Department grants that can be used to refurbish religious sanctuaries—have drawn criticism from groups concerned that it encourages spending that crosses the line between the religious and the secular.

"We believe that the heating and cooling of religious institutions is a job for the congregation, not the American taxpayer," Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State told POLITICO.

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## NAACP Host Summit

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economic balance in public schools. The NAACP and other groups have staged protests and marches and filed a federal civil rights complaint. Barber is among several who have been arrested in demonstrations against the end of the policy.

NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous addressed the conference on Friday night, comparing the century-old organization to a family that rallies together in the face of adversity.

"It is time for the family to go back out into the country and tell them what's going on in Wake County," he said. "Our schools today are more segregated than they have been at any time since the 1960s."

Jealous gave an overview of what he says will be the NAACP's first comprehensive policy on education since the civil rights era. He said the four pillars of the policy will be improved teacher quality, longer school years, mandatory pre-kindergarten education and more resources for underperforming students.

The NAACP's criticism of the Wake board is out of touch with both the reality of public education and recent Supreme Court rulings, according to Roger Clegg, president of the Falls Church, Va.-based Center for Equal Opportunity.

A 2007 decision by the court found that school districts can't pursue integration policies by using students' race as a basis, which Clegg argues is what bus-ing for diversity is about.

"Even if you think there's something desirable about having a politically correct racial and ethnic mix, it doesn't justify the enormous costs of engaging in racial discrimination," he said.

we have founded out the same sons of the underworld that criticize President Obama are using our tax dollars to get over like a fat rat by building super huge church programs on our tax dollars while giving the black president pure hell by saying that he is not an American and he is not a Christian etc. What a bunch of lying, thieving hypocrites! And you wonder why sinners want be a part of the church in America! We should be thankful to publication liken to Politico and its writers.

That decision coincidentally put Wake County in the national spotlight as a district trying to achieve integration without directly relying on race, according to UCLA professor and civil rights scholar Gary Orfield.

"Raleigh was the leader in substituting social class and test scores for race-conscious remedies, and some people had a lot of hope in that," he said.

Clegg also challenges the claim that schools are becoming more segregated, arguing that falling percentages of white students matches the declining number of whites in the population over

The term "segregation" doesn't refer to demographic change, but to legal policies explicitly designed to keep people of different races separated from each other, Clegg said.

"If you use that definition, not only is there no resegregation in the United States, there is not a single segregated school in the United States," he said.

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The City of Lubbock and Parks and Recreation have hosted Santa Land for the past 54 years, and admission for all ages is free. Santa Land will be open from December 10-23 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. nightly. More than 30,000 people visit Santa Land each year to see the festive holiday village with its huge lighted Christmas tree, animated displays, bonfires, traditional holiday scenes, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Each evening at 6:00 p.m. during this 14-night event, a sleigh with tiny reindeer bring Santa and Mrs. Claus to Santa Land to hear the Christmas wishes of area children. For visits with Santa, parents are encouraged to bring their children early in the

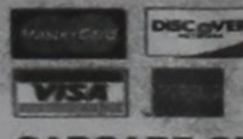
evening as the line is stopped on busy nights at approximately 9:00 p.m. or earlier depending on the crowd. Enjoy live entertainment most evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Hot chocolate and other refreshments are available for sale at the concession stand. Parents are welcome to bring cameras and video cameras to take photos of their children with Santa at no charge. For those who forget their cameras, keepsake digital photos may be purchased for \$5 each. The entrance to Santa Land is from the East Broadway entrance into Mackenzie Park just east of Avenue A and the South Plains Fairgrounds.

Parks and Recreation is grateful to its sponsors and the Lubbock community for their help in underwriting some of the costs for Santa Land and for bringing this annual event to the children of West Texas at no charge. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 775-2673 or 775-2687.

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### Superintendent Leroy Cleaver, Jr. Succumbs In Wichita Falls



Superintendent Leroy Cleaver, Jr.

**Wichita Falls, Texas -- (Special)** -- Texas Northwest State Memorial Service was honoring the life of Administrative Assistant of Superintendent Leroy Cleaver, Jr. of the Church of God in Christ, Incorporated at the Evangel Temple, Kyle and Patti Bateman, co-pastor, on Saturday morning, December 11, 2010, with Bishop William H. Watson, Jurisdictional Prelate, Texas Northwest Jurisdictional officiating.

He was the first of three sons born to the parentage of Leroy Cleaver, Sr. and Annie Mae Barton Cleaver in Waxahachie, Texas on February 1, 1920.

He served as YPPW president under the late Elder Andrew Jackson, founder of Jackson Memorial COGIC. He was also appointed as the Sunday School superintendent of the Wichita Falls District.

Elder Cleaver began his pastoral ministry at Second Street in Wichita Falls. He served as pastor of Miracle COGIC which was formerly located at Neff Street in Wichita Falls. The late Bishop J. E. Alexander assigned him to Jackson Memorial COGIC in 1972, where he served until his emeritus status in 2007. Bishop W. H. Watson appointed Elder Cleaver as Superintendent of the Wichita Falls District in March of 1985, and appointed him as Administrative Assistant in May of 1989. He has served as the Texas Northwest Jurisdictional Chaplain, as well as Ordination Board member, secretary, and chairman.

He attended Oak Lawn Elementary and Junior High Schools in Waxahachie, and graduated from Paul Lawrence High School in Lubbock. He attended Texas College for two years. He graduated from Prairie View A&M College in May of 1948 with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and minor in Education. He taught chemistry and Math Prairie View while earning Master of Science Degree in Chemistry and Physical Education. He received Honorary Doctorates of Theology and Divinity from the Shreveport Bible College in Tyler, Texas on September 24, 2004.

### Mr. & Mrs. John T. Rainwater Celebrates 50th Wedding Anniversary December 4, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. John T. and Bertha Rainwater celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, December 4, 2010, with a dinner at the Holiday Inn Hotel Tower. Their children hosted the celebration.

They are the proud parents of Selwyn Rainwater and wife, Bennie, of Slaton, Malcolm Rainwater and wife, Janie, of Brownfield, Sherry Adams and husband, Melvin, of San Antonio, Texas, and John Rainwater and wife, Kerry, of Lubbock.

John T. Rainwater and Bertha Jones married December 3, 1960 in Lubbock.

They have eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

One hundred guest were in attendance at the celebration.

Special guest was Mr. John Rainwater's mother, Ms. Mary Ella Tucker, who is a proud 91 years young.

Other special guest was Mrs.



Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Rainwater

Wanda William-Green, from Phoenix, Arizona, who was the Bridemaid in their wedding.

It was a very wonderful evening for John T. & Bertha Rainwater, who was just full of happiness to have family and friends to be with them during their 50th Wedding Anniversary. God is Good all the time!

### Azaria Davis Recognized As An Exemplary Student



Azaria Davis

On Friday morning, December 10, 2010, Azaria Davis, a 7 year old and a second grader, was recognized for being an Exemplary Student.

Azaria was selected as a member of the Iles Elementary Crusader-Raider Club for fulfilling high academics, citizenship and attendance standards. Azaria has received straight "A's" since the beginning of school, has perfect attendance, and her citizenship has been highly satisfactory. When asked what she wants to be when she grows up, she replied, "I want to be an Olympic track star and a doctor."

Azaria's mother, Secilia Davis; grandmother, Elaine Davis; and Grandfather, Cecil Davis are all very proud of her and will continue to encourage her in her achievements.

### Despite Censure, Rangel's Name Will Remain on CCNY Building

A City College of New York building that was part of the investigation leading to Rep. Charles Rangel's (D-NY) censure by the House of Representatives will continue to bear his name. The House Ethics Committee found that Rangel violated congressional rules in 2008 when he wrote letters on official congressional stationery seeking donations for the academic cen-

ter. Some of the donors Rangel solicited had business before the House Ways and Means Committee which he chaired at the time.

In a statement the college says, "The City College of New York continues to take pride in the mission and accomplishments of the Rangel Center for Public Service, which is committed to inspiring and preparing our students for the highest levels of public service, helping ensure that those who run our nation will better reflect our diverse and talented citizenry."

Cleaver, II of Missouri's Fifth District; City Proclamations -- Pastor Leroy Cleaver, Jr. Day - Mayor Michael A. Lam, Wichita Falls, Texas, August 18, 1991; Elder Leroy Cleaver Day - Mayor Joey Seeber, Tyler, Texas, September 24, 2004; Pastor Leroy Cleaver, Jr. Day - Mayor Lanham Lyne, Wichita Falls, Texas, August 15, 2008; Mayor's Proclamation, City of Wichita Falls, August 22, 2010, Mayor Glenn Barham; and numerous other citations, plaques, commendations, and editorial recognitions for his service to country and community.

He married Oma Love Bagley in 1945. Four children were born to this union: Donna Francine, Hubert Albert, Leauty Joan, and Juanita Marie. Oma Bagley Cleaver preceded him in death on August 13, 1967. In 1970, he married Gloria Jean Rollison. To this union, two children were born: David Jonathan and Gloria LeShan. His wife, Evangelist Missionary Gloria J. Cleaver, recently passed away November 29,

2010.

He is survived by his six children: Donna Cleaver Holloway of Dallas, Texas, Hubert Albert Cleaver (Shirley) of Cedar Hill, Texas, Leauty Cleaver Anderson (Eddie) of DeSoto, Texas, Dr. Juanita Cleaver Simmons (Alexander) of Boonville, MO., Minister David Jonathan Cleaver (Valita) of Garland, Texas, and Gloria LaShan Cleaver Lewis (Pastor Vincent Lewis) of Oak Leaf, Texas; 16 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; siblings: Lucky Cleaver of Wichita Falls, Texas and Emanuel Cleaver of Atwater, California; and the late Juanita Cleaver Moore; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family, friends, and saints in the Lord.

He is also a cousin of Roversa Mitchell of Wichita Falls, Texas, T. J. Patterson, Sr. of Lubbock, Texas and Doris Jean Patterson of Valcenica, California.

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