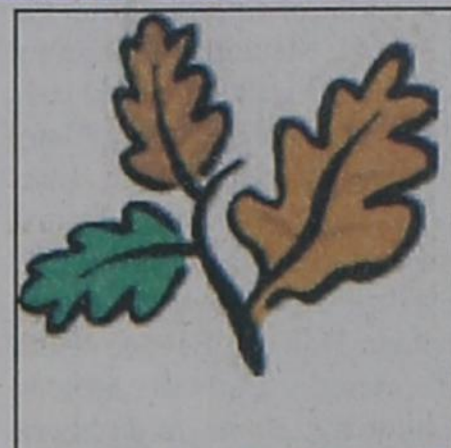
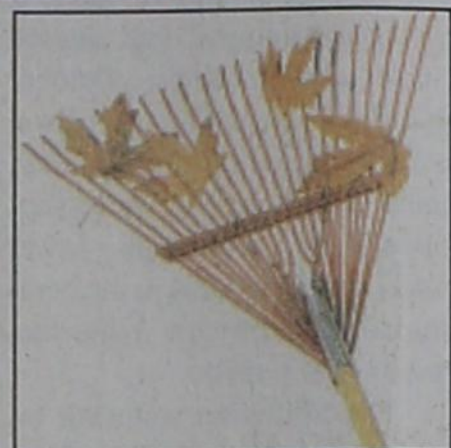
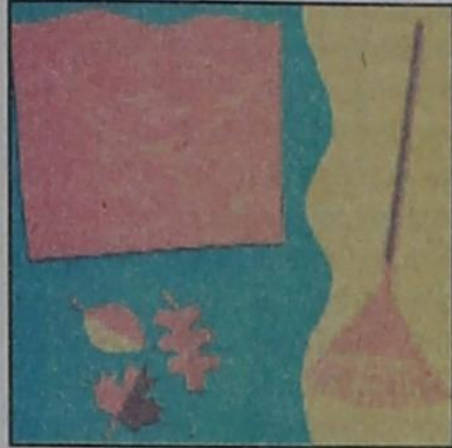




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Community Meetings

* 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. W 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, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* 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 every Monday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning 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.

ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 20th & Birch Church of Christ, 2001 Birch Avenue. All Invited.

* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail swdigest@sbcglobal.net.

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Thousands Visit Tim Cole Statue At 19th Street & University In Lubbock



(Photo Courtesy of B. J. Morrison)

AN HISTORIC EVENT: The unveiling of the Tim Cole Statue was an outstanding event in Lubbock, Texas on Wednesday afternoon, September 17, 2014. It brought people from throughout the state of Texas as it was the first time in U. S. History an exonerating has been awarded posthumously.

Young Cole, who was a student at Texas Tech University, was accused of raping a white woman, but after years of legalizing he was found to be innocent.

Pictured above is the magnificent statue developed by Eddie Dixon, a renown artist from Lubbock, with people get-

ting as close as can to take a close up photo.

Among those attending this event included: Governor Rick Perry; Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, State Senators Wendy Davis, Dan Patrick, Leticia Van de Putte, and Rodney Ellis. Todd Klein served as Master of Ceremonies.



Senator Ellis & Chancellor Duncan Visit Patterson In His Home

IT WAS A GOOD VISIT: If you would ask T. J. Patterson, Sr., center, he would tell you he had a very exciting visit with two gentlemen he has known over the years. The two gentlemen stopped by Patterson's residence on Tuesday afternoon, September 16, 2014.

Patterson met Senator Rodney Ellis of Houston, left, in 1986 when Ellis was a member of the Houston City Council. At right is Chancellor Robert Duncan of Texas Tech University. He was a Senator until July of 2014, and worked untiringly, along with Senator Ellis, to pass legislation concerning the Tim Cole historical event in Texas.

Both participated in the unveiling of the Tim Cole event held on Wednesday afternoon, September 17, 2014. This magnificent piece of art, by Eddie Dixon of Lubbock, is located on the corner of University Avenue and 19th Street.

After the 45 minute visit, the trio was pleased with the visit. As Patterson made known to his guest, "Let's do this again!"

(Photo Courtesy of Totsie Bass)

Black Girls Gone Blonde: Stories From A Newly Discovered Sisterhood



Washington, DC — Joani Ward, author of *You Don't Have To Be Broke: So Wake Up, Shake It Up, and Make A Change*, shifts from writing about numbers and entrepreneurship to writing about real

life experiences in *Black Girls Gone Blonde: Stories From A Newly Discovered Sisterhood*, to be launched on October 15, 2014.

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Celebrating 30 Years About Lubbock's Single Member District



DYNAMIC PAIR VISITING AGAIN: It has been more than 30 years since the election of the first Hispanic female and African-American male were elected to the Lubbock City Council. The election was held Saturday, April 6, 1984.

Maggie Trejo, left, was the first elected Hispanic female, District One; and T. J. Patterson, Sr., right, was elected the first African-American male elected, District Two.

The pair was invited to dinner at the Italian Gardens Restaurant on Friday evening, September 12, 2014. They were joined by their host and hostess, Judge Aurora Hernandez and City Councilman Victor Hernandez, standing. Also, Louis Trejo, standing left.

Former city councilpersons Trejo and Patterson were very elated over this special invite. "It is great to know there are those who appreciate what you have done," said Trejo. Patterson, on the other hand, said, "Thirty years have come and gone, but we hope Maggie and I left some positive footprints in the sands of Lubbock."

Both enjoyed the delicious meal and fellowship.

(Photo Courtesy of Victor Hernandez)

2014 Pumpkin Trail Event Information & Call for Pumpkins

Parks and Recreation will host the 6th Annual Pumpkin Trail from October 16-19, 2014 in the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum in Clapp Park. In addition to the carved jack-o-lanterns along the trail, there will be over 40 displays hosted by local businesses and civic groups that will lead participants around the trail. This is a free event, and the Arboretum walking trail is both stroller and wheelchair friendly. Trail entrances are located at the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum at 4111 University and the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center at 4215 University. Limited parking is available behind Hodges Community Center and at the Garden and Arts Center. Park and Ride will be available from Safety City located on the east side of Clapp Park at 46th Street and Avenue U.

Pumpkin lighting begins at 5:30 p.m. each night. Evening hours are 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday and 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Daylight hours are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday-Sunday, October 18-20.

The Pumpkin Trail is hosted by Parks and Recreation, the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum and the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center. Many thanks to our sponsors: Lubbock Family Medicine, United Supermarkets, Affordable Self-Storage of Lubbock, Betenbough Homes, Beyond Faith Homecare, Carlisle Motors, Children's Home of Lubbock Foster Care, Epic Health Services Lubbock, Latino Lubbock Magazine, Lubbock for Kids, Methodist Children's Home, Saving Grace Pit Bull Rescue, Valentine's Building Services, Bakers Office Products and Hart Heating and Air.

WE NEED YOUR PUMPKINS!

On October 16-19, 2014, the trails in the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum will be lined with hundreds of lighted jack-o-lanterns for Parks and Recreation's 6th Annual Pumpkin Trail. To make this happen, we need the people of Lubbock to donate their carved pumpkins to the Pumpkin Trail. The more

carved pumpkins we get from the community, the longer the trail. Last year, we set a record for the event with 1,773 pumpkins and had over 17,000 people visit the trail. Our goal this year is 2,000 pumpkins. To date, we have 485 pumpkins pledged for this year's Pumpkin Trail! Watch the pumpkin count grow at www.playlubbock.com or on our Facebook page at Lubbock Parks and Recreation.

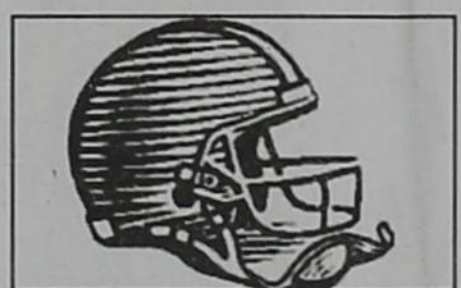
Groups bringing 10 or more pumpkins will have a sign posted on the trail with their name or logo on it. Pumpkin carvings must be family-friendly and appropriate for even the youngest child. We are asking all participants to carve their pumpkins no earlier than Monday, October 13, so that they stay fresh throughout the four-day event. Whether you plan to carve one pumpkin or a dozen, call Hodges Community Center at 767-3706, and let us know how many pumpkins you are bringing as we build towards our goal. In addition to pumpkins, we are also signing up volunteer groups to help each night as candle lighters, trail guides and counters.

Deliver carved pumpkins to the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum on Wednesday, October 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lubbock Memorial Arboretum is located at 4111 University and the delivery site is in the east corner of the parking lot. Look for the "DELIVER PUMPKINS HERE" signs.

Safety City Offers After School Program

Safety City will offer an after-school program for kids ages 6-12 from September 25 through December 19, 2014, Monday-Friday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. daily. This program will provide children with an afternoon snack, activities and fun in a safe learning environment. This is the first year that Safety City has been able to offer this exciting new program, made possible by a grant from the National Recreation and Park Association and Wal-Mart to teach nutrition education during after school hours. Limited spots are available, so register now by calling Katie Yandell or Ben Frietag at (806) 767-2712.

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City Entered Stage 1 Water Restrictions October 1st

The City ended Stage 2 water restrictions and entered Stage 1 on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. The combination of rain events throughout the summer, increases in surface water supplies, and seasonally lower water usage patterns in the coming fall months were major factors in the decision.

The following watering restrictions apply with Stage 1:

- Landscape irrigation is restricted to two (2) days per week. Irrigation schedules will be based on the last digit of the address:
 - o Monday & Thursday - 3, 4, 9, 0
 - o Tuesday & Friday - 1, 5, 6
 - o Wednesday & Saturday - 2, 7, 8

•Irrigation should provide a maximum of 1.5 inches per zone per week.

•Irrigation should occur without significant water runoff, which can be accomplished by correctly cycling the sprinkler system and allowing time for the water to soak into the landscape between irrigation events.

•All City of Lubbock operations will adhere to the water use restrictions.

•Hand watering, soaker hoses, and drip irrigation systems are allowed on a daily basis regardless of the time of the year.

Also from October 1st thru March 31st, restrictions regarding the time of day that watering can occur end. In addition, irrigation may only occur when temperatures are above 35°F, so as not to cause a freezing hazard.

46th Street and Avenue U, Safety City is a unique, miniature town where throughout the school year students learn hands-on the rules of pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety. With their buildings, streets and traffic lights, Safety City is the perfect location for this after-school learning program.

Rawlings to Host Fall Neighborhood Clean-Up

Help beautify the Harwell neighborhood! Rawlings Community Center will again be hosting a neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Arrangements have been made to have several roll-off dumpster placed in the center's parking lot. Residents of the Harwell neighborhood are encouraged to participate by cleaning their yards and alleys and then bringing their trash to the roll-offs. Residents can also dispose of large appliances, furniture, tires, tree limbs, and other unwanted items. This cleanup is co-spon-

sored by the City of Lubbock's Solid Waste Department.

Rawlings Community Center is located at 213 40th Street (40th Street and Avenue B) and offers classes and programs for youth, adults and seniors including Summer Camp, Tex-Mex Cooking, Sewing and Quilting, Kids Café, and much more. Their regular operating hours are Monday - Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, call 767-2704.

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LADIES TEA PARTY
Tuesday, October 14, 1:30 pm, Ages 50+
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WE NEED YOUR PUMPKINS!
Pumpkin Trail ~ October 16-19 ~ Clapp Park
Donate a carved pumpkin! Deliver Oct 15!
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



"No Child Left Behind" seemingly has seen many public school children 'left behind.' In an attempt to make it possible for all children to be on the same playing field when it comes to what they should and need to learn by certain grade levels, 'The Common Core' made its entrance. Man of us are still puzzled and really do not understand what the Common Core is.

Last year, "The Kaplan," the educational magazine which is published by the International Fraternity of Phi Delta Kappa, attempted to include sample lesson on teaching Mathematics, which according to the magazine, was a much simpler way to have students understand the mechanics of numbers. Talk shows have also attempted to 'explain' what the Common Core State Standards are. There is also an explanation about the standards on a website which can be accessed by anyone with a computer.

The Governor of Louisiana, Bobby Jindal filed a suit in the federal court in Baton Rouge in August, 2014 to sue the Obama administration over Common Core. He states that "The federal government has hijacked and destroyed the Common Core initiative..." Common Core is the latest effort by big government disciples to strip away state rights and put Washington, D. C. in control of everything.

In 2009, a group of state school chiefs and governors who collaborated among teachers, administrators and experts attempted to provide a consistent framework for educators in the Language Arts and Mathematics. The goal was to insure that students in all states who graduated from high school would have all the skills and knowledge to successfully go to col-

lege, a career or workforce training programs in order to live a useful life. The Standards are:

1. Research and evidence based
2. Clear, understandable, and consistent;
3. Aligned with college and career expectations
4. Based on rigorous content and application of knowledge through higher order thinking skills
5. Built upon the strengths and lessons of current state standards
6. Informed by other top performing countries in order to prepare all students for success in our global economy and society (<http://www.corestandards.org/about>)

The Language Arts Standards are broken down into five parts: Reading, Writing, Speaking and listening, Language and Media and technology. The Mathematics Standards are Mathematical practice and Mathematical content. Examples of content are included for elementary and high school. Domains for each grade level are included in the content.

Katie Couric has stated on her show that The Common Core Standards Initiative either gets a gold star or a big fat "F." Implementation of the Common Core is encouraged by the Obama Administration's Race to the Top grant program which allows funds to participating states from \$330 million to develop standardized testing material tied to the Common Core. Louisiana has already received \$17 million. Most states should get 'in cinque' and participate in the program in order to bring the education in America on par with other countries. Testing is slated for this academic year.

REMEMBER YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT!!

Letter to Editor; An Invitation

Dear Friends

His Free World Fellowship (HFWF) is a Non-profit faith based ministry formed to share Christ love and to help give a second chance to the formerly incarcerated and their families. HFWF grew out of our ministry experiences with prisoners and the need to be obedient to our scripture John 8:38 "So if the Son set you free, you shall be free indeed", HFWF is hosting the "8th Annual Excon-Vention" bringing together men and women who were formerly incarcerated and prison ministries that assist in and around Lubbock, Texas. The Excon-Vention is a networking of ministries, organizations, and the local community pooling together the necessary resources to help assist formerly incarcerated men and women. Our goal is to make their transition back into society more productive and lasting, thus reducing crime, recidivism, and restoring families.

The Excon-Vention promises to be a fun, entertaining, and free educational conference.

We invite those interested in learning more about prison ministries; especially those formerly incarcerated and their families, current prison ministry participants, and those interested in participating in prison-related ministries. We will have worship music, testimonies, refreshments, door prizes, speeches by local officials and others. There will be ministry booths set up to allow participants to gather information. We encourage prison-related ministries to come, distribute and gather information. For further information to reserve a booth please feel free to contact Bro. Buck Rodgers (806-632-5398).

We invite you to join us and partner with us in reaching this group of God's people. A flier is enclosed for your use. Please share this invitation with others you feel may be interested.

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THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS, ONE STILL WONDERS!! THIS N THAT like many in the **BLACK COMMUNITY** is happy over the creation of the **SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT** In 1984 after more than 25 years of legal battles in the court system but after a while people forget how we got to this point and forget you still have to fight for things to happen for you in your community. After 30 years of the **SINGLE MEMBER**

DISTRICT one would have thought **DISTRICT TWO** would have been a greater part of Lubbock and there would have been an equitable opportunity of East Lubbock. One is appreciative of the new **JOAN Y. ERVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** which is approximately \$19 million dollars of economic development plus the rehab of **DUNBAR, ALDERSON AND ESTACADO SCHOOLS** and the lack of business development in the East Lubbock area makes one wonder why this has happened. As **THIS N**

THAT has often commented on why is there not a **5 STAR BANK** in this East Lubbock area. Each of the six districts has more than **45,000 LUBBOCK RESIDENTS** and let's one know there is an opportunity for a **5 STAR BANK** in District Two. Of course it will take some hard work but it can be done. Just sitting down and developing an **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT** by using local citizens and others in the economic development arena who are concerned about the future of Lubbock!!

Let's Talk About Medicare

by

Ray Vigil -

Social Security PublicAffairs Specialist El Paso, Texas

October is "Talk About Prescriptions Month" and marks the beginning of this year's Medicare open enrollment period. It's the perfect time to talk about Medicare prescriptions and the Extra Help available from Social Security. Newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries and current beneficiaries who are considering changes to their Medicare Part D (prescription drug coverage) plan, should act now. The Medicare open enrollment period runs from October 15 to December 7.

The Medicare Part D prescription drug plan is available to all Medicare beneficiaries to help with the costs of medications. Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan is voluntary, and participants pay an additional monthly premium for the prescription drug coverage.

While all Medicare beneficiaries can participate in the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, some people with limited income and resources may be eligible for Extra Help to

pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The Extra Help is estimated to be worth about \$4,000 per year. Many Medicare beneficiaries qualify for these big savings and don't even know it.

To figure out whether you are eligible for the Extra Help, Social Security needs to know your income and the value of any savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home you live in). To qualify, you must be receiving Medicare and have:

- Income limited to \$17,235 for an individual or \$23,265 for a married couple living together. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples where your income may be higher include if you or your spouse:
 - Support other family members who live with you;
 - Have earnings from work, or

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-Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and

Resources limited to \$13,440 for an individual or \$26,860 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count your house or car as resources.

You can complete an easy-to-use online application or get more information by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare. To apply for the Extra Help by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020).

And if you would like more information about the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

While we're on the subject of open seasons, the open enrollment period for qualified health plans under the Affordable Care Act is November 15 to February 15. Learn more about it at www.healthcare.gov.




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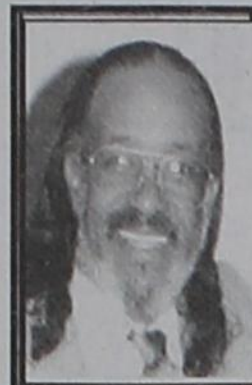
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"Oh, America, Who Have Bewitched You?"

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Joshua 24:15 -- If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day who you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Even from the beginning of time when **LUCIFER LIED TO ADAM AND EVE**. America, there is nothing new under the sun. **WE'VE BEEN DECEIVED!!!**

Revelation 20:10 -- The devil that deceived them were casted into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophets are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

AMERICA tells her **PEOPLE THEY'RE FREE AT LAST, AND HAVE RIGHTS. THEY DO ALL KINDS OF SINS TO GET THEM DAY AND NIGHT!!!**

Ephesians 6:12 -- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, and against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

AMERICAN CHILDREN HAVE RIGHTS TO PLAY VIDEOS KILLING GAMES, THEN ACT THEM OUT -- KILLING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. THEY'VE GONE INSANE!!!

Deuteronomy 18:10 -- There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son of his daughter to pass through the fire, of that use divination, or an observer of time, of an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits of wizard, or a necromancer.

AMERICA TEACHES HER CHILDREN MANY EVIL THINGS OF THE DEVIL, EVEN GIVING THEM HELL-O-WEEEN, CONDEMNING THEIR SOULS TO HELL!

Deuteronomy 7:26 -- Neither shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be a cursed thing like it, but you shall utterly abhor it, for it is a cursed thing.

AMERICAN CHURCHES WILL PLAY HELL-O-WEEEN INSIDE THEIR CHURCH. THEY'RE PLAYING LUCIFER'S GAME, AND THE CAUSE OF JESUS CHRIST IS HURT!!!

Romans 1:18 -- For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men (THE CHRISTIANS) who hold the truth in unrighteousness.

***** THE CHRISTIANS ARE ROBBING GOD!!! *** AMERICAN CHRISTIANS marching in rioting with**

the **UN-GOD MAN, JESUS** said for us to **GO INTO THE HEDGES AND HIGHWAYS PREACHING HIS COMMANDS.**

James 4:7 -- Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

AMERICA'S RAP: much of it **DEGRADES OUR SISTERS AND MOTHERS. IT TEACHES HOW TO TREAT OR TRICK. THEN BE RAPED BY THE BROTHERS!!!**

Jermiah 23:25-28 -- The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that has my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? Said the Lord.

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St. Matthew Baptist Church News

Church services again were well attended at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, September 28, 2014, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:00 a. m. with Sunday School. Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis was in charge. Praise God for all the knowledge received during Sunday School.

Our teacher for our Sunday School is Sister Susie Davis. What a wonderful job she does!

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deacon Edward Williams and Rev. Phenix.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir singing: "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by our Pastor, Rev. Edward Canady. His subject was "Will You Be Ready." His scripture was St. Matthew 9:9-14.

What an informative sermon it was for all in attendance to hear.

The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady.

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come and learn with those who are in attendance. Much information is discussed.

The Ushers meet on Friday

evenings at 5:00 p.m. If you want to be a Door Keeper, then come and work with us. You will be glad you made that decision.

Choir Rehearsal is held on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

Your attendance and participation will make a great contribution.

Let us continue to pray for those who are sick and shut-in, who reside in Lubbock, Texas, and the United States of America. Remember, God is the Great Physician.

Thought For The Week: "We need not fear the troubles around us as long as the eye of the Lord is on us!"

May God continue to bless you and your family over the next week.

89th Church Anniversary of Mt. Vernon UM Church

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church is celebrating its 89th church anniversary in October.

Pastor Darrell Willie, pastor of Bethel AME Church, will be the guest preacher. The theme is Standing on the Promises of Christ Our Savior.

The members of Mt. Vernon are asking for your attendance during this special occasion.

The service will be on Sunday afternoon, October 12, 2014 at 3:00 pm.

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Closer Than My Cell Phone

Dr. James L. Snyder

Traveling, especially by air, is not my favorite pastime. I know some people who just delight in flying from one point to another point. If you would count all of those people who do, I would be nowhere on that list.

Recently I had to travel involving changing planes, which involved spending a night at the Orlando airport. I could have come home, which is about two hours away, or I could spend the night and catch the plane the next day. It would cost me about the same to stay overnight at the airport as it would to travel back home and then return to the airport the next day. So, after all of my meticulous calculations, I decided to spend the night at the airport.

I determined while there to get the most of my night's stay at the airport. The hotel at the airport was one of those big international hotels. It had more

stories than a politician on the campaign trail. As is usually the case, my room was on one of the top stories of the hotel.

Checking in at the front desk, I then went to my room and settled down for the evening. I was not going to waste my time huddled in my hotel room, rather, I was going to look around and experience the "nightlife" at this international Airport.

Have you ever made a decision, then looking back on it you thought to yourself, "Self, we are never going to do that again." Such was my case.

I decided to get some supper around 8 o'clock in the evening. This, I found out, was the time high society folk eat. Why they eat so late, I will never know. But, since I was with high society, I decided to act and eat like high society.

The restaurant in this international hotel was one of those highfalutin restaurants where

you really do not know what is on the menu. The menu was in every language except English. Fortunately, they had some pictures and fortunately, my index finger was still in good working order. I ordered my supper, set back and observed the high society all around me.

One thought that stumbled through my brain at the time was, "I wonder if these people in this restaurant know that I am not part of high society?"

About this time the wine steward, I guess that is what he is called, came by to take my wine order. The only wine I know is spelled with an H. When I declined the wine, people began to suspicion I was not part of high society. I guess you cannot be part of high society

unless you wine a little.

I finished my supper and decided to wander around in the huge lounge area on this floor. Everybody there was talking and so I got an order of coffee, went to a couch, sat down and just observed what was going on around me. One thing I noticed was that most people seemed to be on their cell phone. What would happen in our society if cell phones suddenly stopped working for three minutes? There would be such a panic across our country that nobody would actually survive.

I decided I should call someone on my cell phone. After all, I am trying to fit in with this high society. My dilemma came when I tried to figure out who in the world I should call at 10 o'clock in the evening.

Then it dawned on me. I will call the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I do not know why I did not think of this before. So, I pressed the speed dial and the phone started ringing.

As soon as the phone started ringing, a thought danced in my mind. What in the world am I calling her for? What in the world would I talk about?

Before finishing all of the questions floating around my cranium my wife answered the phone.

The first words out of her mouth were, "What did you forget now?"

It seems that whenever I go on a trip, before I get too far down the road I remember something I forgot. When I assured her that I had not forgotten anything, I sensed a slight pause on the other end and then she said, "Did you miss your plane?"

Within the next few minutes I was bombarded with question after question, all I did was call,

and at this point, I could not remember why I had called her. It just seemed like the thing to do at the time.

After she settled down a little bit and her panic seizure ceased, I told her I just called to call.

"Oh," she said, not knowing how to answer that.

I was shocked. It had never happened before. I am going to cherish this memory for as long as I live. I actually caught her when she had nothing to say. Needless to say, I relished that moment because it will probably never happen again.

After I hung up, I sat sipping some more coffee when one of my favorite verses came to mind. "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24).

My comfort rests in the fact that God is closer to me than my cell phone.

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Obsequies

Robert E. Coppage, Sr.

Crosbyton, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Robert E. Coppage, Sr. on Saturday morning, September 20, 2014, at the First Baptist Church.

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

Coppage, age 77, who was a resident of Lubbock, passed away Monday, September 15, 2014.

Robert was born to the parentage of the late Jessie and Annie Coppage-Wiley in Wortham, Texas, on June 20, 1937.

He attended public schools and later became a farm laborer and electrician's helper. He worked a few years for Ryan's Industrial Design, Posey Gin, and Lubbock Electric. He also worked for High Plains Electric for more than 20 years, an employment he took great pride in doing.

He was a member of Triumph Baptist Church of Slaton, Texas, under the leadership of Rev. Edward Jennings, the late Rev. H.



L. Brawley, and Rev. Ron Peguese until the Lord guided him to move his membership to the Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church in Crosbyton, under the leadership of Rev. Ruby N. Price. He served on the Deacon Board at the Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church and was active in Sunday School until his death.

Robert, also known as "Bones", was a very loving person with a voice which boomed when he laughed or talked. He was a true friend to anyone who needed his help or advice; he

Lorenzo, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Linda Ann Miller on Saturday afternoon, September 20, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church in Lorenzo.

Interment was held in the Lorenzo Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Miller, age 80, passed away Sunday, September 14, 2014.

Linda was born October 14, 1933 in Houston, Texas to the parentage of Mae Etta Oats and Charles Hughes.

Linda married James Miller on February 14, 1955, and resided in Lorenzo. Five girls and six boys were born to this

union. Linda was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, cleaning, and spending time with her close friends and family. She had a warm, loving heart, and welcomed everyone to her home with open arms.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mae Oats and Charles Hughes; a brother, Melvin Williams; a sister, Vertia Mae Tyrone; two sons, Robert Johnson and Billy Miller; and one granddaughter, Rhonda Miller.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, James Miller; daughters: Annie Lawson (Billy), Vela Turner (James), Jimmie Lawson (Derrall), Mickey Walls (Tyrone), and Diane Miller (Ray); sons: Dale Miller (Shasuna), Wayne Miller (Lashonda), Raymond Miller (Norma), and Ricky Miller; brothers: Junior Wilkerson, Ben Franklin, John Henry Hughes, and Marshall Hughes; a special niece, Annie Williams; special friend, Frances Mitchell; 34 grandchildren; 70 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is survived by two sons, Robert E. Coppage, Jr. and Lavance Coppage (Melinda); two daughters, Mollie M. Thomas and Minister Deborah M. Hutchinson (Hillary, Jr.); two special daughters, Willie Faye (Baby) Jackson and Shelia Harris; four sisters: Mabel Willis, Odessa Lewis, Verdine Cornelius, and Willie L. Lewis; three brothers: Edward Coppage, Sr. (Emma), Wilbert Wiley (Sarah), and Rev. Billy Wiley (Elizabeth); seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.



never let his issues interfere with his life. Brother Robert took great pride in his family and loved them very much. He was married to the late Essie Mae Caldwell of Lubbock in 1984. No children were born to this union.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Annie Coppage, a brother, Mitchell Coppage, Jr.; sisters: Texanna Townsel, Neil Bradley, Arta Kennedy, and Catherine Robinson; and his wife, Essie Mae Caldwell.

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Demodrick Jacobie Williams

Funeral services for Demodrick Jacobie Williams were held at the Hope Deliverance Baptist Church were held Thursday afternoon, September 18, 2014.

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

The young 22 year old man passed away Saturday, September 6, 2014.

Young Demodrick was born December 12, 1991 to the parentage of L. D. Colbert and Teresa Williams. He was reared in a Christian home where he was loved dearly.

Demodrick attended Coronado High School from 2006 to 2010. He was employed on various jobs throughout high school and was a very outgoing young man. He loved people and his smile followed him everywhere he traveled.

Demodrick was preceded in death by his grandmother, Clarise Taylor Sheffield; his great-grandmother, Loraine Sheffield; cousins, Rodney Lewis and Marcus Lewis; his aunt, Mame Colbert; and aunt,



Opal Williams.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his father, L. D. Colbert (Lawana); his mother, Teresa Williams; grandparents, Rosie Barbara Rucker and Robert Taylor; daughter, Kamille Re'nee Williams; sisters, Shakoria Williams and LaSonia Cage; step-sisters: Diayna Jackson, Deidra Jackson, and Chelsi Jackson; brothers, Jazzmond Williams and Darrell Harrison; niece, Jariah Murray; nephews, Ke'Zadrick Murray and Jaquan Williams; and a host of aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

Terrie Deneice Williams

Lamesa, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Terrie Deneice Williams on Tuesday afternoon, September 23, 2014, at the Lamesa Lighthouse Community Center.

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

Williams, 49, of Lamesa, Texas passed away on Thursday, September 18, 2014.

Terrie was born on December 5, 1964, to the parentage of Joe and Erma Williams.

She graduated from Lamesa High School and attended Mt. Olive Baptist Church. She was a loving caregiver to many children in the Lamesa area.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe Williams.

She leaves to cherish her mem-



ories: her mother, Erma Williams; her daughter, Trelice Williams (Laurence Smith); her son, Byrun Jackson; one sister, Vickie Williams; and one nephew, O'Sean Williams all of Lamesa, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, sisters, brothers, church family, and friends.

Ruthie Collins

Slaton, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Ruthie Collins on Wednesday morning, September 24, 2014, at Ivory Street Church of Christ in Slaton.

Interment followed in the En-

Trena Johnson, Phyllis Ephriam, Teresa Lawson, Porsha Vester, Angie Perkins, and Patty Perkins; very special granddaughters: Paulensea Lewis Shepard, Euraletta Shahila, Jordan, Akara, Kadeshia, Yza, Nique, and Arbie; very special sons: Tyzavier, Shaquille, Kevon, Jacob, Jaylon, and La Werns; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and neices and nephews.



glewood Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Collins, 78, of Slaton, Texas passed away on Friday, September 19, 2014.

Ruthie was born on October 25, 1935, in Palestine, Texas, to the parentage of Junies and

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The Excon-Vention will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at Lakeridge Methodist Family Ministry Center, 4701 82nd, Lubbock, TX. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference in someone life, and make our community a better place.

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Mattie Caraway

Funeral services were held for Mattie Caraway on Saturday morning, September 13, 2014, at the Hope Deliverance Temple with Minister M. Wynne as the officiate and eulogist.

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

Mattie passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

She was born September 21, 1942 to Lee Roy and Margreather Perkins in Hillsboro, Texas.

She attended Dunbar High School in Lubbock. Mattie married Vester Caraway.

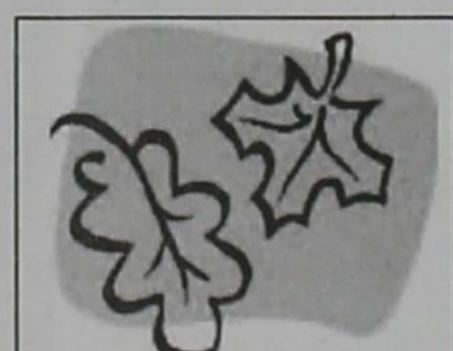
She was employed by Texas Instruments, (TI), for 40 years.

Mattie was preceded in death by her parents, Lee Roy and Margreather; two brothers, Roy Perkins and O'Donneel "Curly" Perkins.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three sons: Cleveand "Joe Joe" Caraway (Tuala), Winston Caraway, and Jeff Manahan; two daughters, Deborah



Manahan and Louise Manahan; four sisters: Susan Pollard, Tammie Adams, Reka Moore, and Jane Arnold; four brothers: Ceffie (Ax) Perkins, Greg, Willie Ray, and Robert Moore; a very special sister-in-law, Nellie Perkins; very special nieces: Regina Clark, Cassandra Duvall,



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Whites (Not Blacks) Represent The Largest Group of People Moving to Low Income Areas -- and Other Little Known Facts



One in four Americans now live in poverty areas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The number of people who have been forced to move to poverty areas has greatly increased in the past 14 years. Why?

What's behind the increase in poverty?

The housing crash, loss of jobs and the country's financial crises has left many with no alternative but to move into poverty areas. Many people have lost their homes and now find themselves in a situation where they need to live where they can afford. This often means either moving where housing prices are low, or turning to subsidized housing

and low-rent apartments, which often places them in poverty areas.

Who is being affected?

White Americans make up the largest increase of people moving to poverty areas. The number of whites moving into poverty areas increased from 11.3 percent in 2000 to 20.3 percent in 2012, almost doubling in 12 years. Overall, the number of people moving to poverty areas increased from 49.5 million in 2000 to 77.4 million in 2008-2012. Some areas of the country are worse than others. The percentage of people living in poverty in the state of Mississippi is 48.5 percent, while in

New Hampshire it is 6.8 percent.

The downward spiral

The real concern is that many people who have moved into poverty areas will find it tough to get out. Poverty areas offer fewer job opportunities, higher crime, fewer decent schools and fewer health care programs. These will be challenges to those who want to turn things around to get out of poverty.

Although poverty has actually decreased in some areas such as Louisiana, West Virginia, Alaska and Hawaii, it has increased overall and particularly in states such as Arkansas, North Carolina, Oregon, and Tennessee.

Black Girls Gone Blond

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The question: Is it true that blondes have more fun? African American women are coming out of the woodwork with blonde hair. They are beautiful, bold, blonde, and would probably answer yes to this question. Black Girls Gone Blonde captures real life experiences of 8 women who live in the DC metropolitan area. The stories captured include challenges and

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Happenings At Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center

Not only do Senior Citizens attending the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center receive a nutritious meal, but are afforded an opportunity to receive valuable information which will help them in their daily lives.

Two days recently, Senior Citizens received valuable infor-

mation. On Monday afternoon, September 22nd, they received information made available by the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) about the Medicare Open Enrollment, which provided key points about the Medicare program. A representative from the South Plains Area Agency On Aging was present to answer questions.

On Thursday afternoon, September 24th, a representative from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Center to present valuable information

about Nutrition.

The specific topic was the "Importance of Digestion." It was made known that food contains nutrients, which the body can use for energy, growth and cell repair. But the point made was: How do our bodies get the nutrients efficiently. Yes, through our digestion system.

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“Teach Me How To... STUDY” Not “DOUGIE” — Urban Elementary School Teacher Gets Creative With Her Music Students

—Inspiring YouTube video shows Washington, DC-area elementary school children singing “Teach Me How To Study” based on the popular Cali Swag District song, “Teach Me How to Dougie.” —



Music teacher Odori Pendleton teaching her students the “Teach Me How To Study” rap song at Occoquan Elementary School in Prince William County, Virginia.

Washington, DC — One music teacher at Occoquan Elementary School in Prince Williams County, Virginia is motivating her students to be hard-working in a very creative, melodic way. Her name is Odori Pendleton (or Mrs. Pendleton to her students) and she is using a unique tune that her students just absolutely love singing. It's called “Teach Me How to Study” based on the melody of the hit rap song “Teach Me How To Dougie” by Cali Swag District.

In what seems like a heart warming scene from the 1990's films Mr. Holland's Opus and Sister Act 2 or maybe even the 1980's film Lean on Me, Pendleton's students can be seen on YouTube performing the motivational song and loving every minute of it! (Watch the YouTube video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F4m7wSFuCo)

We recently did an interview with Mrs. Pendleton and here's what she had to say:

BlackNews.com: Hi, Mrs. Pendleton! Wow! We were really amazed at what we saw on YouTube. Congratulations for all of your success!

Odori Pendleton: Thank you so much!

BlackNews.com: Can you tell us what is your background? And how did you become an elementary school music teacher?

OP: Both of my parents were educators, and my mom especially taught me that being a teacher surpassed the classroom and went into the community. I went on to earn a degree in Music Education and Performance at Virginia Tech University, and as a college student, I had the opportunity to travel to England, Ireland, South Africa, Jamaica and the Bahamas for different music projects. After graduation, becoming a music teacher was a no-brainer for me.

BlackNews.com: So how did you come up with the idea to create the song “Teach Me How To Study” based on the song “Teach Me How to Dougie”?

OP: It was a team effort. A colleague of mine, Nitasha Clark, who is a student specialist, was using a state program initiative called “I'm Determined” with some of the 5th grade students. The template for that initiative was brought to the school by our principal, Mr. Harish Brewer, and it consisted of implemented lessons on study skills, goal setting and the integration of a motivational song.

Nitasha and the classroom teacher she was working with felt that there needed to be something to help solidify the program for the students. She came across different versions of “Teach Me How To Study” on YouTube, and after getting approval from our school's administration, she mentioned this to me. I shared with her my research, and told her that I would love to participate. Then, my husband (who is a music hobbyist) and I started putting an original version of the “Teach Me How To Study” song together

for the students at our school.

BlackNews.com: How did you get your students to become so motivated about the song? They seem to really love it!

OP: I had a small window of time to teach the school the song. The first year, I focused on teaching 3rd – 5th grade the entire song, and only teaching Kindergarten – 2nd grade the hook/ chorus. With the help of the students, I choreographed the movements to assist in learning the words.

In addition, the other teachers in the school would play the reference track that my husband and I made and the administration would take time to play it over the intercom at random points of the day. In addition, I joined with Library, Art, & PE to teach the upper grade students the words.

Today, all of the students in Kindergarten through 5th grade know and love the rap, and they can perform it on demand.

BlackNews.com: How did the parents feel when they heard/saw their children singing the song?

OP: I think the parents were excited to see the school do something so different and relevant. Parents were videotaping our performance with their phones, and smiling from ear to ear. The parents tell me that their children come home rapping “Teach Me How To Study” all the time.

BlackNews.com: What other creative music projects have you done with your students?

OP: Well, myself and other teachers at Occoquan Elementary School often take creative approaches that others are using to a whole new level of creativity. Our goal is always to have the students reap the benefits.

In addition to the rap song for the students, I teamed up with the SOL pep rally team to write another song (but this time for the teachers) that answers to the students' “Teach Me How To Study” song.

So, my husband and I, with the help of two of his friends, wrote “Taught You How to Study” to the tune of “Started From the Bottom” by Drake. We also made a music video that features our principal and all the teachers at my school rapping the song. That video can also be viewed on YouTube (www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RMXg1qs8LI).

BlackNews.com: Well, keep up the good work! You and your

colleagues are making a huge impact and obviously motivating your students in a very unique way. Surely what you all are doing will encourage other educators around the country to start doing the same!

OP: I hope so! And thank you very much again for the interview. Myself, my school, and the school district really appreciate it!

For more details about Odori Pendleton and her music projects with her students and outside of the classroom, visit www.InTuneMusicLab.com Odori Pendleton odoripendleton@gmail.com 540-357-2378

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Did NFL Fine Colin Kaepernick for Using N-Word?



It appears that San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick may be the first player fined by the NFL for using the N-word on the field.

Kaepernick was fined \$11,025 by the NFL last week for “direct[ing] abuse language toward” an opponent in the fourth quarter of the 49ers Week 2 matchup against the Chicago Bears, but the league did not provide any additional details. FOX Sports NFL Insider Jay Glazer reported that referees have said that Kaepernick directed the N-word at Bears defensive lineman Lamarr Houston.

Kaepernick, without going into any detail about what he was accused of saying, told reporters he planned to appeal the fine and that he had not done or said anything to warrant it.

“I didn't say anything,” Kaepernick told reporters after the game, adding he was shocked when it was announced over the stadium PA that he was

being penalized for “inappropriate language.”

The incident happened after Kaepernick threw the first of two late interceptions that helped spark the Bears' 28-20 come-from-behind victory. As he celebrated Kyle Fuller's interception, Houston jawed with Kaepernick, who shoved the 6'3", 300-pound lineman and appeared to send a response his way.

Houston initially said publicly that he did not hear anything from Kaepernick, focusing instead on his own comment to the quarterback. “I said, ‘Nice pass,’” Houston told the Chicago Tribune.

“It will be appealed,” Kaepernick said after the fine was announced. “I didn't say anything. Lamarr Houston said I didn't say anything. We're going to leave it at that.”

Kaepernick is biracial, but was adopted by a white couple when he was just a few weeks old.

Houston admitted after


Glazer's report went public, however, that Kaepernick did indeed use the N-word and curse at him.

“He was just saying inappropriate language,” Houston told the Chicago Tribune after the Bears beat the Jets in Week 3 on Monday Night Football—a game in which Houston himself was flagged for using inappropriate language toward an official. Asked if he was insulted, Houston said it was “a cultural thing.”

“I don't know,” Houston said when asked about Monday night's penalty. “[Umpire Tony Michalek] thought I cussed at him, but all I said was ‘Back up’ because he was all up on Willie [Young] and I just told him to back up some. I guess he was intimidated by it or whatever.”

The quick, decisive action by NFL brass to fine Kaepernick counters the league's abysmal handling of the domestic-abuse allegations levied against several

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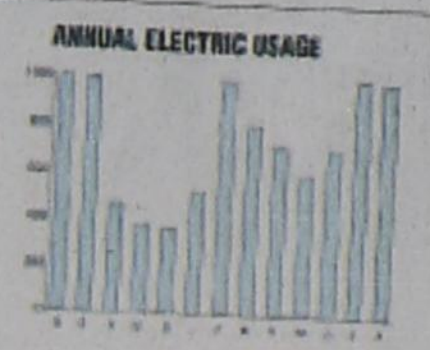
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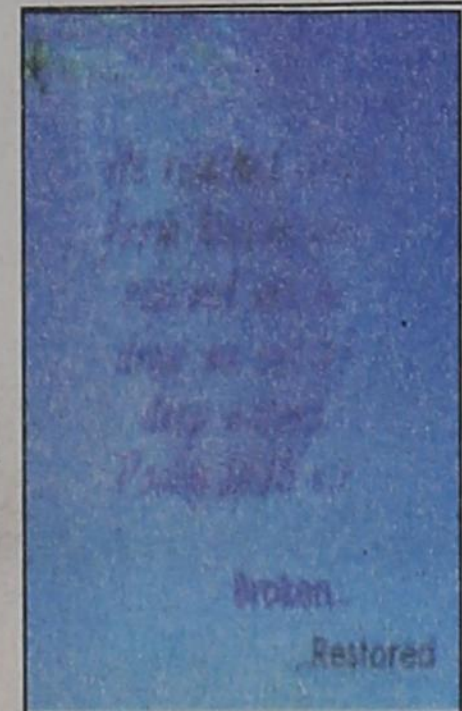
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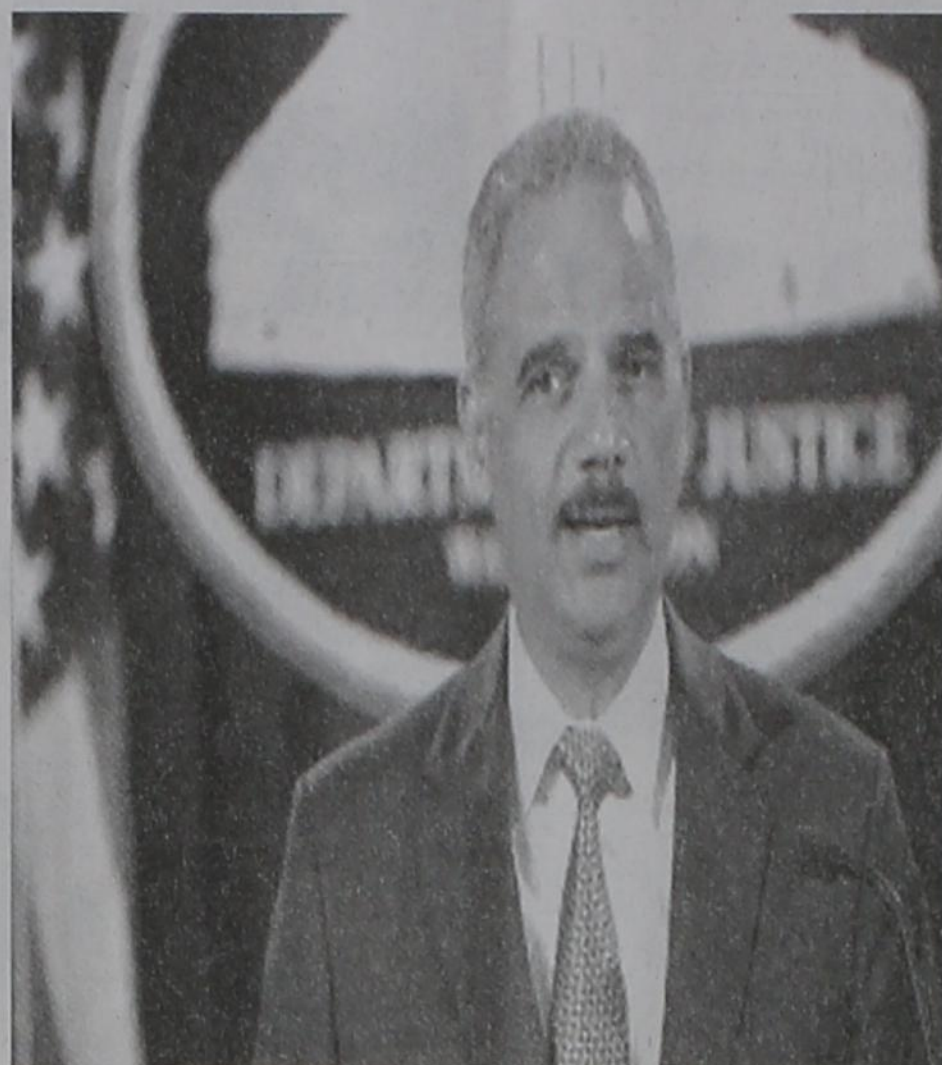


The Concerned Citizens gave a \$100.00 donation to Alderson Elementary. The donation was for school supplies for those students in need of assistance.

Principal Kevin Word received the donation and stated, "The donation will be used to assist in purchasing items needed at the school."

Pictured from left to right is Principal Kevin Word, of Alderson receiving the donation from Dwight Pierce, president of The Concerned Citizens.

Attorney General Eric Holder announces resignation



Eric Holder Retires as Attorney General

Washington (CNN) -- Attorney General Eric Holder announced Thursday that he will resign after six years at the helm of the Justice Department.

Holder has agreed to remain in his post until the confirmation of his successor.

"In the months ahead I will leave the Department of Justice," Holder said at the White House, thanking President Barack Obama for the "greatest honor of my professional life."

Obama announces Eric Holder's resignation

Who might replace Eric Holder? Though he's stepping down, Holder said that "he will never leave the work."

"I will continue to serve and try to find ways to make our nation even more true to its founding ideals," he said, without offering any specifics.

Holder's exit strategy Obama stood next to Holder in the White House State Dining Room, praising the first African-American to serve as attorney general and who made civil rights and equal rights central components to his tenure at Justice.

The President noted that his

department prosecuted hundreds of terror cases, "rooted out corruption and fought violent crime," tackled financial fraud and "attacks on the Voting Rights Act." Obama said Holder also helped to bring down the crime rate and incarceration rate by 10% over the last six years.

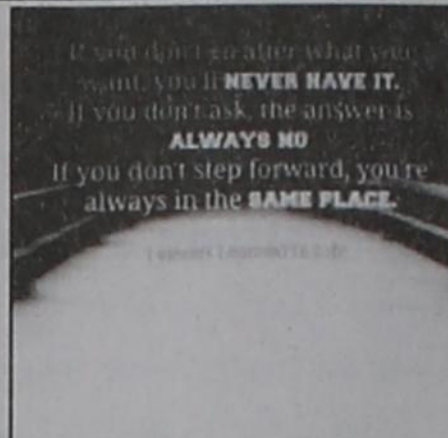
"Eric has done a superb job," Obama said. "I just want to say thank you."

In a telephone interview with CNN's Evan Perez before the official announcement, Holder said he never intended to stay for the duration of Obama's second term. He said now was the appropriate time to step down -- a time when things are going smoothly at the department.

"I'm confident we're in a good place," Holder said. "Now was a good time to go [with] those accomplishments in the last few years in place."

He points to Justice's role in the aftermath of the police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. He has also stated that protecting voters' rights and gay rights, easing federal drug sentencing rules that he argues disproportionately bur-

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A Word of Enlightenment

Going to church doesn't make you any more a Christian than going to the garage makes you a car. Your beliefs don't make you a better person, your behavior does. Your words mean nothing if your actions are the complete opposite.

Having true faith in whatever it is you believe must be shown through actions, believing is only half the battle. Let your dreams be bigger than your fears, your actions louder than your words, and your faith stronger than your feelings.



Kaepernick Fined For N-Word Incident

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players in the past several months.

During the offseason, NFL owners weighed whether to implement an automatic 15-yard penalty for using the N-word—and other racial, ethnic and homophobic slurs—on the field.

Last July, a tape emerged that showed Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Riley Cooper using the N-word at a Kenny Chesney concert. His tirade allegedly began after a security guard, who was Black, did not allow him backstage.

The team fined Cooper an undisclosed amount (though the NFL's Collective Bargaining Agreement reportedly limits the fine to just over \$37,000), but the league took no additional action.

Black Girls Gone Blond

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obstacles that have been overcome. Stories such as the challenges of living in Potomac Gardens (the projects) and hating it, a career that almost ended due to a terrible accident, parental abuse, drug addiction, and molestation.

Every story has a positive outcome. Black Girls Gone Blonde: Stories From A Newly Discovered Sisterhood shows that anything is possible, there is light at the end of the tunnel, it's never too late to pursue your dreams, and that dreams do come true. Readers might see themselves in the women interviewed for the book, but they will also see how exactly each of them were able to overcome the challenges in their lives.

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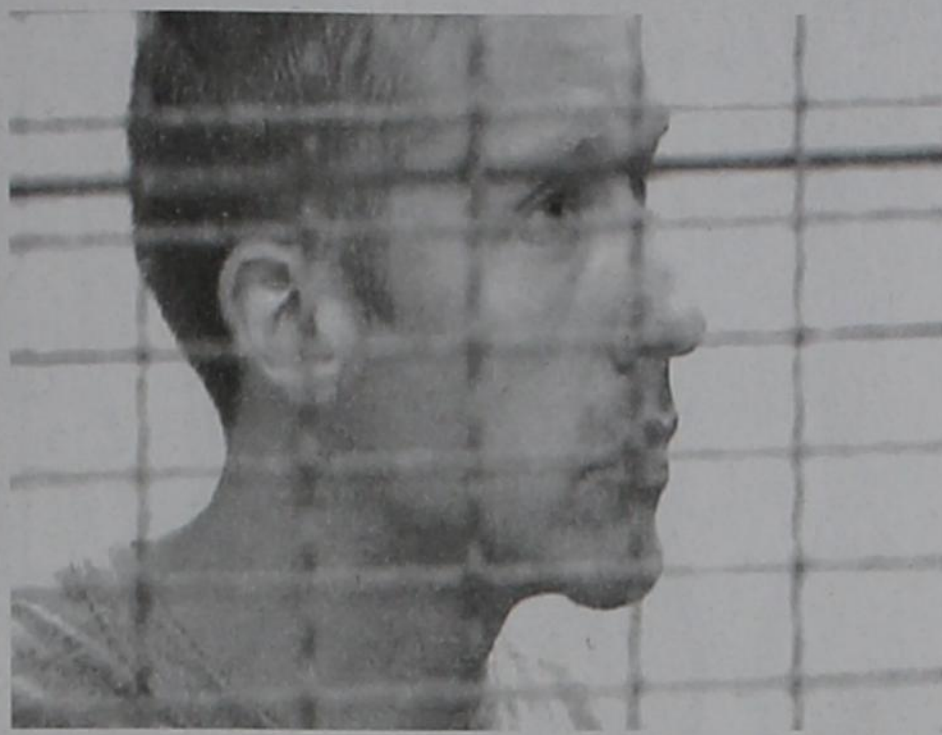
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South Carolina Cop Fired and Arrested After Shooting Unarmed Black Man — Unbelievable Video Released!



Columbia, SC — A video has been released showing a former South Carolina state trooper shooting an unarmed man after he was pulled over for a traffic stop. In the video, which was recorded from the police vehicle dash camera, 31-year old Officer Sean Groubert (who is white) asks 35-year old Levar Jones (who is Black) for his driver's license, and starts shooting at him when Jones goes to retrieve it. While shooting, the officer can be heard yelling, "Get out of the car, get out of the car. Get on the ground." And Jones can be seen putting his hands up, dropping to the ground, and pleading, "I just got my license, you said get my

license." After the situation calms down, the officer can be heard asking Jones if he was hit by a bullet. Then, Jones asks, "What did I do?" and the officer replies, "Bro, you dove head first back into your car." The incident took place at a Circle K gas station in Colum-

bia, SC, and fortunately Jones was hit by only one bullet in the hip. He is reportedly recovering at home after being released from the hospital.

Meanwhile, Officer Groubert has been fired, and officially charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature in connection with the incident. The judge set his bond at \$75,000, and he faces up to 20 years in prison. Leroy Smith, the director of the South Carolina Dept of Public Safety, said he saw the video and found it "disturbing."

What do you think?

Eric Holder Retires

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den minorities and defending the use of criminal courts to try terrorist suspects are critical issues.

"I think I go out having accomplished a great deal in the areas that are of importance to me. I'm satisfied with the work we have done," he said.

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69th Church Anniversary Set At Greater St. James Baptist Church

The 69th Church Anniversary of the Greater St. James Baptist Church will be held October 15, 16, 17 & 19, 2014.

The proud pastor is Pastor Johnny L. Barnes. Greater St. James is located at 117 N. Mulberry Avenue.

The theme is: "And he is the

body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." **Colossians 1:18.**

Pastor Ivin Mills, Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church, will deliver the opening sermon on **Continue on Page 10**

Let's Talk Medicare

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Ruthie Collins

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Bessie Legrand. M.G. & Charlene Davis employed Ruthie for 35 years.

She was a member of Ivory Street Church of Christ, and was loved by all lives she impacted. She was an amazing mother, sister, and friend who had a contagious smile and the ability to offer encouraging words to anyone in need.

Ruthie was preceded in death by two brothers, James Legrand and Junies Legrand Jr.; and one sister, Susie Mae Reynolds

She leaves to cherish her memories: her parents, Junies and Bessie Legrand; daughters, Diane Clinton (Curtis) and Brenda Cox (C.V.); sons, Clarence Hammons (Belva), Mark Davis and Gaylon Davis (Alice); sisters, Geraldine Williams, Lillie Powell, Margaret Ward, Lorine Cobbs, Corine Legrand and Wanda Thomas; brothers, Roy Legrand, Douglas Legrand, Troy Legrand, and Lafayette Legrand; six grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Lubbock and at the office of Cameron Alread, Architect Inc., 209 W. 8th Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, (817) 332-6231 and may be at plan rooms in various cities of the state.

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Former Estacado High School Student, Pastor Kenneth Rene Wright, "Elder" Succumbs In Kingsville, Texas

Kingsville, Texas — Funeral services were held for Pastor Kenneth Rene Wright were held Wednesday afternoon, June 18, 2014, at Kingsville Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Don Leavell officiating.

Wright was born March 21, 1956 in Lubbock, Texas to Alvin and Onetta Wright. After graduating from Estacado High School in 1975, he went on to play college football at Texas A&I University in Kingsville. On August 4, 1978, he married his college sweetheart, Evelyn

LaVerne Maxie, and to this union, three children were born: Tiffany, Stephanie, and Kenneth, Jr.

In 1983, he was called into the ministry full-time and soon honored with the title of Pastor Kenneth Wright of Peaceful Holiness Church in Kingsville.

Over the next 31 years, he worked tirelessly to share the gospel to many. Known as "Elder", he touched thousands of lives through his kindness, generosity and compassion. He passed away Friday, June



Pastor Kenneth Rene Wright

13, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Evelyn Wright; his three children: Tiffany Renee
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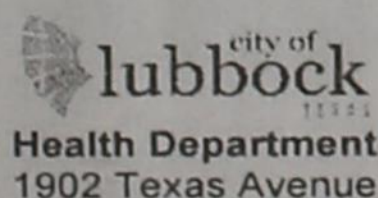


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ABC Reporter John Quiñones to Speak at Diversity Awards Banquet

The Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement hosts the fourth annual Celebrate Diversity Awards Banquet. ABC reporter John Quiñones will be the keynote speaker.

The banquet takes place at 7 p.m. October 14 at the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center.

"Texas Tech University is committed to promoting diversity on campus as well as in the community," President M. Duane Nellis said. "The Celebrate Diversity Awards Banquet and the Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement support the inclusivity for which we strive."

Quiñones has been with ABC for almost 30 years and is the sole anchor on "What Would You Do?" He is a seven-time Emmy Award winner and ABC's first Latino correspondent. Quiñones graduated from St. Mary's University in San Antonio with a bachelor's degree in speech communications before receiving a master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Past speakers at the banquet include Edward James Olmos, Soledad O'Brien and Terrence Howard.

"The distinguished speakers and celebrities who have participated in the annual Celebrate Diversity Awards Banquet have not only raised the profile of this event but increased the awareness and conversations about the



John Quiñones
Speaker October 14 at the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center

importance of diversity on our campus and in our broader community," said Lawrence Schovanec, provost and senior vice president.

General tickets are \$75 and VIP tickets cost \$100. Sponsorship opportunities also are available. All proceeds will benefit

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Roberson (Jevon), Stephanie LaVerne Wright, and Kenneth Joseph Wright, Jr. (Kristine). Three adoptive children: Michael Coleman, Brenda Dotson, and Marlon Dotson, and one grandson, Bryce Williams.

His immediate surviving family include: his father, Alvin Wright; siblings: Mickey

Wright, Michael Wright (Glenda), Gayle Eason (Jeremy), Stephen Wright (Susan), Helena Wright, and a host of nieces and nephews.

The Fellowship of Christian Families Congregation will always remember Pastor Kenneth Wright as a great and honorable man of God proving time and time again that many are called, but few are chosen.

(Matthew 22:14)

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Wednesday, October 15th; Thursday, October 16th, Rev. C. Peoples; Friday, October 17th, Pastor Deshun Avery; and Sunday afternoon, October 19th, beginning at 3:00 p. m., Rev. J. H. Ford.

Pastor Barnes says, "The community of Lubbock is invited to attend this 69th Church Anniversary, and bring someone with you. You'll be glad you did!"



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