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## Each One Reach One Aims to Raise Scholarships for Local Youth

Each One Reach One, a local organization, will honor Lubbock's first black city councilman, T.J. Patterson, and his wife, Bobbie Gene, at a banquet on Friday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. The media is welcome for photo opportunities and interviews.

The banquet is being held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Towers located at 801 Avenue Q. Ralph McCloud of Washington, D.C. will be the featured guest speaker. Money raised from the banquet will be used to set up a scholarship at Texas Tech University in honor of T.J. and Bobbie Gene. T.J. served on the council for 20 years making him the longest person to serve in that capacity in Lubbock's history. Bobbie Gene served as an educator in the Lubbock Public School System for 35 years before retiring.

On Saturday, March 21, Each One Reach One is sponsoring a live gospel recording under the direction of well-known gospel recording artist, Luther Barnes. Barnes will direct a 100-voice West Texas Mass Choir, that will begin the live recording at 3:00 p.m. at the Church of the Blessed, 1809 34th St. The event is free to the public.

Barnes began performing professionally at the age of nine and has been in a number of groups. He's released more than



Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Patterson

20 albums, has had several of his songs featured in films and has even appeared in off-Broadway plays. He has received numerous awards including the 1992 Vision Award and the Stellar and GMWA Excellence Award.

CDs of the live performance will be available for purchase around Lubbock for \$20 by mid-June. The money raised will also provide college scholarships to area students.

For more information about the West Texas Mass Choir live recording or the banquet honoring T.J. and Bobbie Gene Patterson, contact Faye Brown at (806) 831-9986 or (806) 744-6123.

The public is invited to attend this important event. Those in attendance to the scholarship banquet will be helping a young person attend Texas Tech University. It is an opportunity for a young person.



Ralph McCloud

## Ralph McCloud Speaker For Scholarship Banquet Honoring T. J. & Bobbie Patterson

Ralph McCloud, the National Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in Washington D.C., will be the speaker for the Scholarship Banquet in honor of T.J. & Bobbie Patterson on Friday evening, March 20, 2009, at the Holiday Inn.

CCHD is the Catholic Bishops Anti poverty initiative that offers communities a hand up and not just hand outs. This organization grants over 10 million dollars annually to community organizations and economic development initiatives in 41 states and Puerto Rico.

Previously, he served as the Division Director of Pastoral and Community Services for the Diocese of Fort Worth Texas. In his diocesan duties he was also the Diocesan Director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services.

He was the Director of Peace and Justice Ministry and directed the Office of African-American Ministry. He has been on the Board of Trustees for the National Black Catholic Congress and has done retreats and revivals across the country on the Gospel call to Social Justice.

Ralph also served as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Fort Worth Texas and served 4 terms on the City Council.

A member of the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators, a Board member of the Roundtable (a national social justice advocacy group), he also serves on many local and national boards and commissions.

He served as the first chair person on the Mayors Commission on homelessness in Fort Worth. On the City Council, he served as chair of the Homelessness Task Force in 2007.

But Kenny sided with Beatty and ordered Monday's release because of the work program and good-behavior credits.

Her early morning release was far different than that of Kilpatrick, who once outside the jail, was surrounded by a number of bodyguards and ushered into a waiting Chevy Suburban before driving away in a caravan of sport utility vehicles.

Council, he has served as Chair of the Safety and Community Development Committee and member of the Economic Development Committee of the Council and chaired the Census 2000 Complete Count Committee, the Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Committee and the committee for the Adaptive Reuse of the Modern Art Museum. He was the President of the Local Housing Finance Council, and a member of the Neighborhood Resources Council. His council committees included the Government and Neighborhood Relations, Public Safety Committee and the Housing and Workforce Development Committee.

He served as the City of Fort Worth's liaison to the Texas Attorney General in 1998 and 1999. He was appointed to the National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee from 1998 to 2003. He was a member of the National Association of Black Local Elected Officials.

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## Two indicted in 2007 shooting death



John Wilkerson, III

Two men now face murder charges for the 2007 shooting death of John Wilkerson.

A Lubbock County grand jury on Tuesday indicted Patrick Davis, 23, and Earl Washington, 26, nearly 18 months after Wilkerson was gunned down in a driveway in the 2700 block of Second Street.

"I believe that all of the involved parties were members of a gang, but I don't know if it was gang-related," said Neal Barron of the Lubbock Police.

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## Kwame Kilpatrick's Ex-Lover Out of Jail



Christine Beatty

**DETROIT (AP)** - Christine Beatty had been one of the most powerful women in Detroit city government.

Hard-nosed in contract negotiations with the city's unions and on other personnel matters, Beatty was zealous in carrying out the orders of her mayor and one-time lover Kwame Kilpatrick.

About 12:10 a.m. Monday, accompanied by her pastor, attorney and others, she joined him in freedom, serving 69 days of a jail sentence for obstruction of justice.

"I'm just anxious to go home and see my children," she said after walking out of the jail. "I'm very happy and I'm ready to go home."

Unlike the former Democratic mayor, Beatty's future is uncertain.

While Kilpatrick seemingly has landed on his feet with a six-figure sales job in the Dallas area with Compuware Corp. subsidiary Covisint, Beatty's attorney, Mayer Morganroth, said late Sunday outside the jail that the 38-year-old mother of two girls does not have a job lined up.

Beatty must serve the next five years on probation, cannot attend law school during that time and must pay the city

\$100,000 in restitution as part of her guilty plea in December.

If she continues to live in the Detroit area, Beatty likely will carry with her the shame of the affair with Kilpatrick made public in sexually explicit text messages the two shared in 2002 and 2003.

The Detroit Free Press published the first excerpts of the messages in January 2008 from Beatty's city-issued pager. The communications revealed a torrid extramarital affair, confessions of love, promises of betrothal and nights of passion and lust.

The texts also contradicted testimony Beatty and Kilpatrick gave during a 2007 whistle-blowers' trial when they denied having a relationship and lied about their roles in the firing of a police officer.

Following a short investigation, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged each in March 2008 with perjury, misconduct and obstruction of justice.

Beatty, a high school friend of Kilpatrick at Cass Tech in Detroit, had resigned that February. But the embarrassment for both continued to mount last spring and summer after the release of more text messages and details of backdoor negotiating that led to an

\$8.4 million settlement of the whistle-blowers' suit.

"In case you haven't noticed, I am madly in love with you too!" Beatty texted Kilpatrick on Oct. 3, 2002. "More and more everyday! I can't believe how much more it grows. Is there a limit? Kilpatrick responded "Not till death do us part."

"Wow! I'll buy that," Beatty wrote in her reply.

At the time, both were married. Beatty and husband, Lou Beatty, later divorced. Kilpatrick and his wife are still together.

Beatty -- except for court appearances -- slipped from the public eye last year.

Kilpatrick, attempting to hold onto his job as mayor, remained a public figure, promising to be vindicated until finally pleading guilty in September to two counts of obstruction of justice and no contest to assault. As part of his plea, Kilpatrick stepped down as mayor about two weeks later and lost his law license.

He was sentenced last October to four months in jail, but was released in early February after 99 days.

Kilpatrick has started making payments on \$1 million in restitution to the city. His wife and sons already have moved to Southlake, Texas, an affluent suburb outside Dallas. Texas officials have approved transferring his probation to that state.

Beatty was sentenced in January to four months in the county jail. To get out early, Beatty took part in a jail work program where she folded sheets, towels and other linen.

She testified Friday before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Kenny that she understood the work would chop off time from her sentence. Beatty later learned that despite doing the chores, her release date would be in mid-April

Community Meetings

This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, Community-Building work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00-1:00pm at the Chatham Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd St. (806) 533-8081

Lubbock Area Clean Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library.

Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1708 Avenue G.

Delta Alpha Association meets 2nd Saturday, 8:00 pm

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

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

East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mac Simmons Community Center

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTE Market-Alumni Center

Danbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Danbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.

West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational, professional and demonstration

Texas Interfaith Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday with meals at Green Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 p.m.

West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 2nd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.

The Parkway & Cherry Point Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hun Elementary

Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Hun 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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# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Annie's Chat And Chew, which is held in memory of Arnie Sanders, will be held Saturday, March 28, 2009, from 11:00 a. m. until 1:00 p. m. at the Mae Simmons Senior Center, 2004 Oak Avenue.

Monies raised will benefit Lubbock Meals on Wheels.

Mrs. Sanders was a dedicated lady of the community who was interested in citizens who were in need.

The public is asked to participate in this annual event. Tell

someone about it and bring someone with you to attend.

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Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in residents. Today, there are many who need our prayer and a visit or telephone call would be well received. Why not do so today!

Let us not forget Sister Joan Y. Ervin who has been shut in for sometime with her husband, Clarence Ervin. Both have been involved with the community for years.

Also, Brother Alfred Cavell who has been shut-in as well. At one time, he was the community treasurer as he worked untrudgingly for local organizations as their treasurer.

These are only a few who have worked for many over the years. Let's not forget them as well as many others. Remember, your prayers are very precious to them.

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Let us not forget those who have lost loved ones. Among them include Sister Gaye Tanner who lost her mother, Mrs. Margaret Smith, who was funeralized on Friday, March 13, 2009.

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Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 15, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services got underway with the regular devotion. Selections were sung by the New Hope Choir.

Pastor Moton's sermon was as entitled "A Living Testimony of the Prayer of God."

7:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, March 22nd, at 3:30 p.m. The services will be held at the New Light Baptist Church.

Pray for those who are not able to get up and move around. Today, it is them and tomorrow it could be you or I.

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**Scripture For The Week:** Now these three remain: **FAITH, HOPE and LOVE,** but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, March 15, 2009, church services got off with a lot of excitement at again at New Light Baptist Church 3013 Idalou Road where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: "Restoring Human Lives."

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Morning worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way. What a spirit filled time it was. Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion.

The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee, and it came from Psalm 112:1-10.

The altar prayer led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "What A Friend."

Sis. Rochelette Hood, announcement clerk, read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events, also acknowledged at the birth-

days for the week. There was the pastoral period which was held and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "Something Within Me" which was led by Sis. Angela Mosley and, "Walk With Me," which was led by Brother Carlton Hicks. "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "But Speak The Word" with the text scripture coming from Matthew 8:7-11.

After the sermon Brother Brown sang the song "Call My Name."

The invitation to discipleship was extended and several came up for prayer.

Sis. Mosley acknowledged all the visitors who were in attendance for the day.

Pray for the weekly services which will be held throughout the week.

Also pray for the Pastor and Wife for their upcoming anniversary which will be held Friday evening, March 20th, at

## Meet Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez Of The Church Of The Blessed



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. The number of baptisms is 40. The Church of The Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with it's Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 5:00 a. m. Monday through Friday. Saturday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p. m.

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### FLIRTING WITH RUFFLES

Ruffles are in style this spring and in a very big way. A feminine touch, that's exactly what it is.

Ladies add a few ruffles

items to your wardrobe and you will certainly be in the fashion know.

May I suggest... a ruffle front wrap skirt, a ruffle front cardigan or even ruffle sleeve tops. A little ruffle here and a little ruffle there is what's happening right now in the world of fashion.

How about ruffles on the brim of your hat? Ruffles on your shoes with matching ruffle hand bag, now that's a head turner for sure. Easy to find, they're everywhere.



On your next shopping trip... **THINK RUFFLES!**

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Fashion tip... always wear a smile

Fashion... just for the fun of it!

## Lubbock Public Library Events

### Teen Program at Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites teens to the library to play the video game Guitar Hero on Thursday, March 26 at 4 p.m. Call 767-3300 for more information.

### "Twilight Thursday" at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, invites teens to a meeting of our Twilight book group on Thursday, March 26 at

4:45 p.m. We will be discussing the third book in the Twilight series, "Eclipse" by Stephenie Meyer. For more information, call 767-3733.

### Special Guest Storytime at the Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will have a storytime with the mouse from the book "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" by Laura Numeroff at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 30. For additional information, call 767-3733.

### "Twilight Thursday" at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, invites teens to a meeting of our Twilight book group on Thursday, April 2 at 4:45 p.m. We will be discussing the third book in the Twilight series, "Eclipse" by Stephenie Meyer. For more information, call 767-3733.

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Support your local libraries as they enhance the growth of our community. Get your library card today any of our libraries. You will be glad you did so!

## 10TH YEAR OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN LUBBOCK

Religious advocacy and farm worker issues to be focus

The Cesar E. Chavez Commemoration Committee will pay tribute to American hero and civil rights leader, Cesar E. Chavez, during Lubbock's 10th Annual Cesar E. Chavez People's March and Celebration, which will be held Saturday, March 28, 2009.

The event is organized by a citizen driven committee, and the march attracts people from all backgrounds and helps build public awareness about Chavez's legacy. Last year about 500 marchers walked in honor of Chavez.

His year, grassroots efforts by religious groups/churches will be showcased and recognized for helping the a number of families that first flocked as migrant workers and Braceros in the early days of Lubbock. Banners of the Virgen de Guadalupe will be carried recognizing the faith of many. The Virgen was also the symbol carried at each march organized and led by Chavez and farm workers.

The march will conclude at the Buddy Holly Recreational

area, on N. University and Cesar E. Chavez Drive.

In addition, announcement of the 2009 Spirit of Cesar E. Chavez Award, as well as recognition of religious leaders will be presented. A short history presentation regarding Chavez and a look at farm and seasonal worker issues of the past will be included. Finally, refreshments will be served, and entertainment will be provided by Julian Escamilla who will feature traditional and festive music. The celebration will also offer voter registration by the League of Women Voters.

Chavez's significance and

impact goes beyond any one cause or struggle. The son of migrant laborers, Chavez led a nonviolent boycott against California grape growers, protesting poor working conditions and the use of pesticides harmful to farm workers. He is recognized for his non violent approach to handling adversity, and even fasted to call attention to the migrant workers' cause. Although his dramatic act did little to solve the immediate harms, it increased public awareness of the problem. The boycott was finally successful in winning new rights for workers.

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### Alderson Middle School Invites Public To Attend

George Love, Jr., principal of Alderson Middle School, and Michele Cook, director, cordially invite the public to join Alderson's first time ever musical, "Let The Good Times Roll." This musical comedy will feature a variety of students dents from the band and choir, and will also feature budding actors and talented dancers in this hilarious production. The musical is set in the era of the R Roaring 20's with flappers and gangsters.

All members of Lubbock Independent School District, parents, and the public are encouraged to attend. The production will be on Friday, March 27th, and Saturday, March 28th, with curtains rtains opening at 7:00 p. m. Admission is \$2.00 per person and tickets go on sale each evening at 6:15 p.m. The musical will take place in the Alderson Auditorium, located at Alderson Middle School, 219 Walnut Avenue.

The musical was written, produced, and directed by our very own, Mabele Cook.

**HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, LUBBOCK! YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY!**

**YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!**

Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the family at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for service this week

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# Church News

## FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

### "The OPEC Way!!"

By now most of you have read or heard that OPEC members met in Vienna, Austria on March 15, 2009 to discuss how they could increase their profit in the petroleum industry.

In his opening lines, the president of the conference: Jose Maria Botelho de Vasconcelos, Minister of Petroleum of Angola noted it had been almost three months since the Conference met last, in Oran, Algeria. During that meeting, the president noted "we took decisions aimed at checking the unprecedented downward pressure that was being exerted on oil prices. The pressure had seen prices fall by more than US \$90 per barrel since the middle of the year."

Mr. Vasconcelos noted the financial crisis, despite the stringent efforts of authorities from around the world to handle this major crisis, the situation is still very fluid and the final outcome unclear.

Because of the financial crisis, there is a great concern and crude oil prices are at a level that do not support sound investments strategies for the future he also noted.

For many of you the words of the president of OPEC may come as a small in the wind. However, those who take the time to read Parson Smith should note the decisions that made by OPEC on the production of crude oil affects all of

our lives.

Grant Smith and Maber Chmaytelli writers for Bloomberg.com wrote the following: "OPEC agreed to maintain current production quotas, concerned that a fourth cut since September risked increasing energy costs during the worst global economy in six decades."

The writers noted "The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, supplier of about 40 percent of the world's crude oil, will aim to complete existing production cutbacks agreed to late last year and meet again on May 28 to review the policy." Secretary-General Abdalla el-Badri said after meeting in Vienna.

The writers noted higher prices could further erode global oil demand, already forecast of fall by 1 million barrels a day in 2009. Oil futures fell after the OPEC meeting, dropping as much as \$2.40 a barrel, or 5.2 percent, to \$43.85 a barrel in New York. Prior to the decision, oil prices had gained 3.7 percent this year.

The following is worthy of note by the writers: "The crude oil production target for 11 OPEC members bound by quotas is 24.85 million barrels a day, while actual output from those countries averaged 25.715 million barrels a day in February, according to an OPEC report published on March 13

that cited data from secondary sources including analysts. That means the group had completed 79 percent of its promised reduction.

Worthy of note is Saudi Arabia, which pumps more than twice as much oil as Iran. OPEC's second-largest producer, is the only member to cut more output than agreed last year. Iran and Nigeria have made good on only about half of their promised reductions, according to figures OPEC released March 13. The groups agreed to three cutbacks late last year totaling 4.2 million barrels a day.

One must take note -the country that is the greatest threat to the free world (Iran) is the second highest producer of oil for the free world through OPEC and the reduction of petroleum products could increase hardship on all Americans. Iran cannot be bullied but has to be dealt with diplomatically.

It is imperative that we as Americans get our "house in order" so to speak. If we do not get our house in order, we will be bowing down or at the mercy of the oil gods of those who would control the destiny of America whether financially, politically or their form of god.

God Is Able!



## We Thank God for Jesus

"Here I Am Lord, Signed, Sealed And Delivered"

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

**Proverb 17:25** - A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him. Like a fool; I was sick and tired of living in my father's home.

My father is a good father, and a good outstanding Christian man. But I just want to enjoy some of the world while I can!!!

**1 John 2:15** - Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

If asked my father for my inheritance itence money, he might just give it to me. Then I would leave this place. In the world, I would be free!!!

**Luke 15:11-12** - Jesus said, a certain man had two sons, and the youngest son said, to his father, 'Father give me the portion of goods that falls to me. And he divided unto them his living.

My father being a good father gave me his money, saying it was mine. I left my father's house, setting out to have a good time!!!

**MONEY WILL ROD A FATHER!!!**

**Luke 15:13** - Jesus said, and not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into go far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

I went into a foreign country wanting to have a good time. I spent money the way I wanted to, because it was all mine.

I bought cars, gold rings, best of clubs, latest of the clothes in style. I spent it all as if it was a candy store as a little child!!!

**Proverbs 3:5-6** - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and then lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him (God), and he shall direct your path.

In the foreign country, I didn't want my father to know what I was doing. I can live my life the way I want to. I didn't know it would come to be ruined!!!

My father's money he gave it to me and I did spend. I used it as though I thought the world was coming to an end!!!

**Luke 5:14** - Jesus said, and when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land, and he began to want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

When the famine came on this country, and it had a big effect on me. The citizens of that country, sent me out to their swine's to feed!!!

My belly was growling, and I was very hun-garree! Of the hog's food, I wanted some to eat!!!

**Luke 15:16** - Jesus said, and he would faint (gladly) have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat, and no man gave to him.

It was then that I came to my right mind, and thought of my father's home. I said how many servants are at my father's home. I said how many servants are at my father's house, and I'm meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls.

**Matthew 11:28-29** - Jesus said, come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I'm meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls.

I came to myself, and said, I will return to my Father's House, and say, I have sinned against heaven and you. I'm sorry, please forgive me. I was wrong, now use me as you want too!!!

**Luke 15:21** - Jesus said, and the son (went to the Father) said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight, and am no more worthy to be called your son.

I said, I will return to my Father, and say, I have sinned against heaven, and you. I'm sorry, please forgive me. I was wrong, now use me as you want too!!!

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## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again church services were well attended last Sunday morning, March 15, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is the Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with Sunday School, beginning at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Restoring Human Lives." The scripture text was Ezekiel 36:22-32. The morning

lesson was taught by Sister Barbara Johnson, and was reviewed by Pastor Canady.

The key verse was Ezekiel 36:23: "And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and

Brother Gerald Jackson. Continuing in prayer was done by Sister Annie Stanley.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sang again out of their hearts and souls last Sunday morning.

Rev. Canady delivered another wonderful sermon. His subject was "When All Else Fails -- Call On The Lord, Song of Inspiration: I almost Let Go." His scripture text was Mark 9:20-29.

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The weekly meetings are as follows: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies meet at 5:00 p. m., Bible Study, 6:00 p. m., Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p. m. The Ushers meet each Saturday morning at 11:00 a. m.

Our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady, read the morning announcements and welcomed all visitors last Sunday morning.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of our church

and community. Sister Lola Byrd is home from the hospital. Let us continue to pray for Sister Byrd as well as others who are on the sick and shut-in list.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call Pastor Canady at (806) 744-2445.

"Hypocrisy is a common sin, that grieves the Lord above; He longs for those who'll worship

Him in faith and truth and love"

**Thought For The Week:** "The devil is content to let us profess Christianity, as long as we do not practice it."

As we mention from time to time, if you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with us on any given Sunday morning. We're a Church Family who loves the Lord and are looking for you to be with us.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood on Saturday morning, March 7, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

It was a blessed meeting. The scripture and prayers were offered.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Sister Elnora Jones, our teacher. Her subject was "In The Midst of a Crises."

In The Midst of a Crises, the question is: Where do you

turn? Do you look to the government, or our recent elected president.

Webster defines crises as a deciding point of which a change must come. The Church must take a stand for righteousness during this economic crises.

As believers, we stand on the promises of God, which is the word of God.

**John 8:32** - "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,

As it was forsaken, what is the role of the Church during ring this crises? Read II Chronicles 7:14. We must seek God's face and turn from our wicked ways. He shall forgive our sins and heal our land.

**Matthew 5:13** says: "Ye are the salt of the earth, which indicates that only the genuinely born."

Again the person is the salt of the world.

**Matthew 14:16** says: "Ye are the light of the world."

This gives us our mission. We are to be a light to the world. Our light is to clearly shine forth in darkness that others will see Christ in us. This is a great opportunity to witness to the unsaved during this economic crisis.

**Matthew 16:19** states: "And I will give unto you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and whatsoever thou shall find on

earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

God has given believers the authority to continue to preach the gospel (good news) and declare God's will to all mankind.

**Ephesians 6:10** tells Christians to be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to

stand against the wiles of the devil. We are in a spiritual battle and will be until the Lord's return. Therefore, Christians should let themselves constantly be strengthened by the mighty power of God.

In conclusion, **Matthew 6:33** says: "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. When our priority is spiritual, God will take care of the material

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# Obsequies

Lillie "PennyMae" Figures

Funeral service were held last Saturday morning, MARCH 14, 2009, for Lillie "Penny Mae" Figures at Christ Temple COGIC: B

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

Figures, 83, of Lubbock, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009, at UMC. She was born Dec. 7, 1925, to the parentage of Willie James Figures and Lillie Figures.

She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Pearl Mae Dean; six grandchildren; Robert Stern, Wayne Stern, Brenda Stern, Chester Williams, Sharon Dean and Michele



Williams; 27 great-grandchildren; 33 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends

# Ralph McCloud Scholarship Banquet Speaker

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He is a recipient of Awards from the State of Texas Black Legislature, and the Tarrant County Black Professionals in Higher Education. He has been named an African-American Hero by a local radio station and is a recipient of the Harold Washington Award for excellence in government from the Arlington Texas NAACP. In 1999, the Tarrant County Area Community of Churches awarded him their first Racial Justice and Reconciliation Award. The African Methodist Episcopal Church of North Texas named him Man of the Year for the year 2000. In 2001, he was selected Citizen of the Year by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. In 2001, he was awarded the Calvin Littlejohn Award for leadership by the local chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. In 2006, he was awarded recognition by the Fort Worth Human Relations Commission for work towards racial equality. He received the Courage Award in 2007 from the Texas Coalition to abolish the death penalty and the History Maker Award from the Archdiocese of Atlanta Georgia in 2008.



Barry Rand

# Former Avis Chairman Named AARP's First Black CEO

A. Barry Rand of Stamford, Conn., starts his new position April 6. He worked for 30 years at Xerox Corp., rising to vice president, before leaving in 1999 for Avis.

The 64-year-old Rand says his experience as his elderly father's caregiver during the last eight years of his life fueled his passion for issues important to AARP, which advocates for aging Americans.

AARP, the Washington-based organization formerly known as the American Association for Retired Persons, claims more than 35 million members ages 50 and older.

# Chris Brown's Star Falls; Rihanna's Could, Too



Chris Brown

NEW YORK (AP) — More than a month after the assault that left Rihanna bloodied and bruised, the situation gets more grim for the once-brilliant career of Chris Brown, her boyfriend and alleged attacker.

Despite reports that the couple has reconciled — including reports of an apparent duet recording session — public animosity toward Brown, Billboard's artist of the year for 2008, seems to be growing.

Radio stations are dropping his music, and on Wednesday he voluntarily removed his name from the ballot of Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards, for which he was twice nominated just before his Feb. 8 arrest for allegedly beating Rihanna.

"Unfortunately, the controversy surrounding the incident last month has shifted the focus from the music to whether he should be allowed to be among those nominated," a statement from his representatives read.

At 19, Brown is already a multiplatinum star who has not only dominated music, but made the leap to film in movies like "Stomp the Yard" and

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# Two Indicted For John Wilkerson's Death

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Department.

Barron confirmed Wilkerson was a gang member and said police believe the murder was the result of an ongoing disagreement between Wilkerson and his killers.

A year and a half of gathering evidence and talking to witnesses led to Tuesday's indictments, and Lubbock Police have the murder weapon, Barron said.

Wilkerson, 28, was shot multiple times in the upper torso, neck, back and arms around 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 22, 2007.

He was rushed to University Medical Center where he was

pronounced dead.

Davis and Washington are both already behind bars on unrelated charges and Barron said warrants will be served at their respective places of incarceration.

Davis is being held in the Lubbock County jail on an aggravated assault charge in lieu of a \$100,000 bond.

Washington is serving a 105-month sentence for a drug-related felony in a federal prison in South Texas.

This information appeared in the March 18, 2009 Avlanche Journal.

# NAACP: Bank Giants Steered Blacks to Bad Loans

The NAACP is accusing Wells Fargo and HSBC of forcing blacks into subprime mortgages while whites with identical qualifications got lower rates.

Class-action lawsuits will be filed against the banks Friday in federal court in Los Angeles, Austin Tighe, co-lead counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told The Associated Press.

Black homebuyers have been 3 1/2 times more likely to receive a subprime loan than white borrowers, and six times more likely to get a subprime rate when refinancing, Tighe said. Blacks still were disproportionately steered into subprime loans when their credit scores, income and down payment were equal to those of white homebuyers, he said.

Both Wells Fargo & Co. and HSBC are receiving federal bailout funds. Messages left after hours with the banks were not immediately returned.

Amara Weaver of Milwaukee bought her first home in 1984, receiving a 6.25 percent fixed-rate mortgage. She says she had a steady job as a human resources director for a social services agency, never missed a mortgage payment and maintained excellent credit.

In 2004, she wanted to buy the house next door to her son to live in. She said the bank promised her a low fixed rate for a \$40,000 loan, but at the closing, when reading the fine print, she noticed that the rate was actually 11 percent.

"I was blown away," said Weaver, an NAACP member. "I didn't have any choice (but to sign) — it made me feel violated."

Similar NAACP lawsuits are pending against a dozen other subprime lenders.

"This is systematic, institutionalized racism," Tighe said. "Once you take out factors relative to income and credit risk, the only difference between the borrowers is the color of their skin."

Tighe estimated that "tens of thousands" of blacks had been forced into bad loans, but said it was difficult to gauge the scope of the problem because banks keep much of their internal data private. The lawsuits could force banks to divulge closely guarded information, such as how banks can determine the race of a loan applicant and how federal bailout funds are being spent.

The NAACP is seeking reforms from the banks such as

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**HAPPY 55TH BIRTHDAY, FEDERATION OF CHOIRS!** THIS N THAT ... wants to wish the ... **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** ... a ... **HAPPY 55TH BIRTHDAY** ... for the ... **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** ... as they will be celebrating this week... This year ... the annual celebration ation will be held at the ... **ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM** ... beginning at 2:30 p. m. ... where a ... **MASS CHOIR** ... has been assembled consisting of choirs of the community... For several weeks ... the mass choir has been practicing ... for this annual event... It is just good to see ... this happen every year... This annual event ... **PROVES** ... that if you continue to stay with something ... if you really believe in it ... and work real for something ... then the results will be ... **SOMETHING SPECIAL** ... **WHY NOT INCREASE THE MEETING TIMES FOR THE FEDERATION OF**

**CHOIRS! THIS N THAT** ... had a very interesting and informative conversation with ... **SISTER BENNIE SIMS** ... about the possibility of increasing the ... **MEETING DATE** ... for the Federation of Choirs... Of course ... **THIS N THAT** ... realizes that t his matter must be taken up with the Board of Directors and voted upon by the entire membership ... which would include the ... **ELEVEN BLACK CHURCHES** ... who have been involved for the past 55 years... For example ... how would it make good sense for the number of churches to increase to ... **22 CHURCHES** ... with the meetings of the Federation of Choirs being held ... **TWICE A MONTH** ... for example second and fourth Sundays ... if looks to make good sense ... and it would involve many more citizens of the community... there's no doubt about it ... things have changed when the ... **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** ... begun in

1954 ... with prayer and love of singing... Hopefully ... this membership will ... at least ... take a look at what could happen to move in a larger posture ... Regardless of what happens ... **THIS N THAT** ... salutes the ... **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** ... and wish them well in this year's celebration ation... **PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER REMINDS ALL OF US: "ANYTHING** ... is possible ... that is ... if only ... **BELIEVE IN IT!"** ... **CONGRATS TO SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET SET FOR FRIDAY NIGHT! THIS N THAT** ... wants to say ... **CONGRATS** ... to the Scholarship Banquet ... sponsored by ... **EACH ONE REACH ONE** ... beginning at the Holiday Inn... A scholarship has been set up at Texas Tech University in honor of ... **T. J. & BOBBIE PATTERSON**... Hope as many as can will bein attendance... Should be a very positive evening...

## THINK ABOUT IT

### !Up With Hope, Down With Dope!

by Eddie Richardson

We have lost three generations to drugs, gangs and violence. Black on Black crime is up and has been on the rise and is still rising. Drugs is the basic of it all, young people use of drugs are at epidemic levels, but believe it or not, old people are also using large amounts of it. What an example to set for our young people? Believe it or not, most of them could care less what kind of example.

Drugs, drugs, drugs are everywhere and who really cares? Sagging pants, both boys and girls, show us their dirty boxer drawers, even sometimes with two pairs of dirty drawers as they show their nasty behinds. Now where is the shame, morality, decency and pride? What ever happened to decency, self pride and self-esteem? We are going backwards fast in the wrong direc-

tion, vulgar language and disrespect for self and kind and others.

The thing today is "I got over on you," with no regards to the circumstances. You are trying to help someone, because they need help, they take your kindness, goodness, concern, and caring for weakness or stupidity when you are trying to help them in the first place and they think they are getting over on you. So really, who's paying who? Come down to it, drugs are always at the bottom of the whole affair. Drugs are a disaster about to happen and continuing to get worse.

One only needs to take a look around at the world today and see the mess it has caused for all of us. There are more stupid drug deals, because many things have gone bad. The whole drug scene is just stupid and gone beyond

any sense of reality. So the only way back to reality is for the nation to come back to hope and down with all this dope in the community. To this writer, this is the only way out and we must bring into account the need for prayer and away with the dope which has caused many of the problems in our many neighborhoods in Lubbock and across this nation.

It will take all of us working collectively to do our part no matter how small it may appear to be. When we come together, things will happen and benefit all of us. Sure, there are many problems, but with God on our side, we can accomplish our goals we set many years ago.

It appears to be bleak at this time, but by coming together things will happen for all of us.

In this writer's opinion,  
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## In Cinque



Howard

It appears that the media and several talk show hosts and hostesses are 'all shook-up' about singer Chris Brown's alleged brutal attack on his singer girlfriend Rhianna, which apparently took place just prior to an award ceremony at which they were both supposed to make an appearance. Pictures of the face of a battered female, allegedly Rhianna appeared in newspapers following the incident and Chris Brown was arrested. The next news story told of Rhianna's forgiveness and reunion with Chris Brown and finally to his purchase of a \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollar) diamond ring for Rhianna. Blogs on her decision to reunite with Brown have again turned the media upside down. Oprah and Dr. Phil have addressed the issue of "Why Battered Women Remain With Their Abuser."

Some time ago, this topic was explored in this column,

and therefore feels 'safer with him. If they have children together, the fear is twofold. She does not feel that any other male will be as loving to her children as their father.

A third factor involved in why women stay with their batterers stems from our homes and heritage. Did Mom and Dad fight? Some young men believe it is their duty to 'beat their wives.' Some women believe that their husbands have a right to 'beat' them. They believe it is normal and endure until the end. We need to get 'in cinque' and teach our children that it is never alright to be hit by our mates. Parents raise you; not husbands and boyfriends.

The next part of this scenario deals with the low self esteem of the female which is fueled by the abuser. He will tell her on a regular basis that no one cares as much for her as he does and no one else will take care of her like he does, and because she is committed to him, she buys into his line of reasoning. She fears that he is 'all that there is' and after him there is no other! She stays with him out of fear of the future. She sees other males as a more dangerous version of him



and therefore feels 'safer with him. If they have children together, the fear is twofold. She does not feel that any other male will be as loving to her children as their father.

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### Chris Brown's Star Falls!

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Christmas." He was a favorite of his lithe voice, danceable beats and formidable dance skills; of young girls for his handsome looks; and of parents, because of his clean-cut image.

That winning combination helped him rack up album sales and awards: Billboard named him as its artist of the year for 2008. But figures show his overall audience, if not his fan base, has shrunk since his arrest. A leaked photo showing the battered face of Rhianna didn't help, and an affidavit released last week included details that highlighted the apparent brutality of the attack.

While Brown didn't have any new music out at the time of his arrest, his top hit "Forever" was still getting substantial radio play at the time. According to Billboard's Hot 100 Recurrent Airplay chart, the song was slowly drifting down, and was at No. 14 before the arrest, for a radio audience of about 16 million people.

According to Billboard, right after the arrest, the song plummeted from 14 to 58, or an audience of about 9 million. It is now off the chart.

Even having Brown featured on a song may be a bad move: Jive Records labelmate T-Pain, who did a duet with Brown called "Freeze," is offering an alternative version to radio stations that deletes Brown, according to people inside the radio industry who requested anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the situation.

Bill Werde, the editor in chief for Billboard, said it may be too early to say whether the severe damage done to his career in the short term will affect Brown permanently.

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# Lubbock celebrates 100 years

It's a year-long celebration and Lubbock's Centennial party continued Monday with a special city council meeting where past and present city leaders got together to celebrate the big day.

"It's very exciting. It's absolutely amazing to see how much progress Lubbock has made in 100 years," said former Lubbock Mayor Alan Henry.

It was a day to reminisce. In 1909, Lubbock became a city. "It's exciting to have all of the old council members and current council members and old mayors, it's quite a party," said current city councilman John Leonard.

"Now therefore we the mayor and city council of the great city of Lubbock, Texas do hereby proclaim Monday March 16 as the city of Lubbock's Centennial and encourage all citizens to commemorate Lubbock's remarkable history," announced Mayor Tom Martin.

On Monday, Lubbock celebrated 100 years with past and present city leaders. "To be able to talk to some of the older leaders that have served before us a lot of the issues have changed and a lot of them haven't," said current city councilman Todd Klein.

Former councilman T.J. Patterson served the city of Lubbock for 20 years. "I look around I can't believe what I see," said Patterson.

Like most, he says he is in awe of the growth of the city throughout the years, and could

n't imagine living anywhere else. "You never forget where you come from there's some roots there that you can't replace so it's crucial that I remain where I am," said Patterson.

"I never thought I would be a part of a city being 100 years old and this is excellent for me and Happy Birthday Lubbock," said

## Up With Hope

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our parents and guardians need to do their part in rearing our children like they should.

If we would only come together, many of the problems facing our community would be handled in a way in which we could overcome this evil. Sure, many of us may ask the question, how did we get into this mess? It could be attributed to the fact that we went home and began to watch television and said it was

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wrong, now use me as you want too!

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current councilman Floyd Price. "Happy Birthday, Lubbock. It's been a wonderful 100 years. Let's start another one," said Henry.

The big celebration is in two weeks at the United Spirit Arena. The closing ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 28. Guests will include Mac Davis, Kenny Maines, and Joe Ely.

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## Sister Shelia Harris Delivers A Dynamic Message For Ma Jones Missionary Society Last Sunday

Mrs. Shelia Harris, a long-time resident of Lubbock and graduate of Dunbar-Struggs High School, was the speaker for the Annual Mission Day program at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2009, where Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pastor.

Sister Harris, a former member of Bethel and presently a member of Full Armor Ministries, Bishop Leonard Chatham, pastor, spoke on the theme "Mission On The Move."

In her speech, Sister Harris

spoke of many experiences in her life and related it to the theme. She gave a very impressive description of her mother, Mrs. Bobbie Patterson, who enlightened her about life. She has been my inspiration," she said.

Sister Harris was introduced by Sister Elisa Rollison.

The Annual program was sponsored by the Ma Jones Missionary Society. A candle was lighted in her memory during the program.

Sister Pat Paige is president of Ma Jones Missionary Society.



Mrs. Shelia Harris

## Gospel Singer BeBe Winans Accused of Assaulting Ex

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Gospel singer BeBe Winans has been charged with misdemeanor domestic assault after a dispute with his ex-wife in Nashville.

An arrest warrant filed Wednesday says 46-year-old Benjamin "BeBe" Winans (WHY-nans) got into argument with his ex-wife about their children at her home on Feb. 13.

The warrant says Debra Winans told authorities Benjamin Winans pushed her to the ground.

He was released from the Davidson County jail Thursday after posting \$1,000 bond.

Winans says in a statement that "the allegations are inconsistent with my character."

Winans is a judge on BET's



BeBe Winans

television show "Sunday Best." The four-time Grammy award-winner has recorded gospel albums with his sister CeCe Winans.



Sister Shelia Harris Meditating Before Speech



Mrs. Shelia Harris is shown with two of her nieces, while getting ready for her speech last Sunday afternoon, March 15, 2009, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Behind her is Sister Marie Long, a longtime Lubbock resident.

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## Commentary: Obama a leader who actually leads



Jack Cafferty says Obama is getting things done even though he's made some mistakes.

NEW YORK (CNN) — What a welcome change to feel like someone is running the country instead of running it into the ground.

President Obama has done more in eight weeks than George W. Bush did in eight years — unless you include starting a couple of wars.

While the armchair quarterbacks second guess the new president, he gets up every day and does things, lots of things.

Whether it's creating commissions for women and girls, ordering the investigation of President Bush's use of signing statements, or jamming a huge stimulus package through Congress, the man is working his tail off. And he seems to be loving every minute of it. It's almost as though our president was born to do exactly what he's doing. He's leading, and boy, is that refreshing.

I remember many times when Bush was in office wondering who the hell was running the country. Then he would appear somewhere in front of a handpicked audience to utter some banalities or say something utterly stupid and I would be reminded, I don't miss him.

That's not to say President Obama hasn't stubbed his toe here and there. Signing that omnibus spending bill with all those earmarks in it after campaigning so hard against pork was probably a mistake. The opportunity was right there to send that bill back to Congress with a note that read, "I told you I am against earmarks and I meant it. Now do it over and send me something clean." Nancy Pelosi's head would have probably exploded, but the American people would have been ready to crown him king.

There are serious questions about whether Tim Geithner has what it takes to solve the banking crisis. Either nationalize the big ones in trouble or let them fail. It doesn't seem that just continuing to hand them money is working.

Better background checks on

some of his appointees would have saved him some embarrassment. There's no excuse for asking someone like Tom Daschle with his problems to do anything.

But the point, I guess, is this: President Obama is attacking our country's problems on several fronts. He's got ambitious ideas on how to solve them, and he communicates a sense of calm and confidence to the rest of us as he goes about his business. Will all his ideas work? Of

## Sh'Kendra Hightower Needs Your Assistance For Track Event



Sh'Kendra LaCherri Hightower has been invited to participate in Texas' state track and field team in the Down Under International Games which will be held in Australia June 27, 2009.

She is excited about being an ambassador of not only her community and state, but also our country. According to Hightower, it will be like an international tournament while in Australia.

In order to participate, she will need your help through contributions in order to help in her cost for the trip. She is in need of sponsors from \$25.00 to \$200.00 and above. You may send your contributions to PlainsCapital Bank in c/o of Shirley Williams for Sh'Kendra LaCherri Hightower.

She is shown above with her mother, left, and brother, center. All are excited about this opportunity for Hightower.

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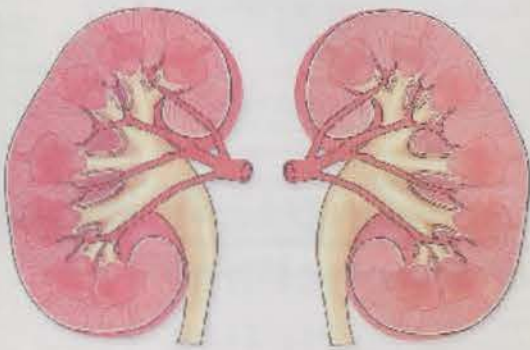
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n't our business. But it was. If we didn't have any kids in school or no kids at home, it still is our business to do what we can to cleanup the neighborhood so it can be a much better place for all of us to live. +

Closing Thought: "If you do your part, things will happen!" Just think about what these words really say!



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