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## West Texas Mass Choir Has Successful Recording Session



The West Texas Mass Choir

Under the direction of Luther Barnes, a national recording gospel singer, the West Texas Mass Choir had a very successful recording session at the Church of The Blessed, 1809–34th Street, o Saturday afternoon, March 21, 2009. This recording session was sponsored by the Each One Reach One which has been sponsoring national known gospel singers for more than four years. Ms. Fay Brown is president Mayor Pro Tem Van Ashley of Littlefield served as a liaison person for this year's event. The public will have an opportunity to purchase one of these CD's during this summer. Proceeds from these sales will go to the T.J. & Bobbie Gene Patterson Scholarship. Fund at Texas Tech

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A \$10,000.00 scholarship was awarded to Zaquia Mackey during this year's presentation. She is presently enrolled at Texas Tech University, and is majoring in biology with a 2.877 GPA. The members of the West Texas Mass Choir are the following persons who represent 22 churches in West Texas. Betty Martinez, Margaret Wilson, Se Brina Barnett, Sammartha Ford, Estella Benavides, Karen Peoples, June Campbell, Barbara McCoy, Stact McGruder, LaResta M. Johnson, Mary Hendricks, Stephanie Graves, Evonne Harris, Glenn Bridges, Luke Bridges, Harold McGruder, Alvera Johnson, Sherry Griggs and Ivory Nell Weaver.

Also, Elitabeth Jefferson, Debite Flowers, Jackie Flowers, Ester Ellis, Pam Lewis -Autry, Madelene Lewis Griggs, Frankie Hooper, Della Dade Showers, Catherine Bridges, Roy Lee Roberts, Ellwood E. Ellis, Winnie Paul, Pamela Best, Arkashia Williams, Azia Johnson, Jerome Ellis, Lucinda Griffin, Brandon Scales, Sidney E. Hall, Jamal Vaughn, Essence McGruder, Valisa Garrett, and Donnell Hooper.

Hooper, Mayor Pro-Tem Van Ashley served as Master of Ceremonies

## Delia Rainwater Newman: A Blessed Woman



Delia Newman & Bobby

Delia Newman, a Blessed Woman, celebrated her 99th birthday on February 24, 2009. She had the pleasure to be



Grand Daughter

was and is very blessed.

She went out to dinner, not once,but 3 times with family



& George W. E., H. V. Rainwater Mary Tucker

daughters, Bobby Loggins (Raymond), Edna Holmes (Richard) of Dallas, and Della Showers; special niece, In her presence were her McCutchen of I



## Michelle Obama Charms Oueen Away from Protocol

It was the first time Mrs. Obama - who is nearly a foot tailer - had met the queen. The first lady also wrapped her arm

A Buckingham Palace spokesman who asked not to be identified because of palace policy said he could not remember the last time the queen had displayed such public affection with a first lady or dignitary.

"It was a mutual and spontaneous display of affection," he said. "We don't issue instructions on not touching the queen." Buckingham

queen."

When the former Australian
Prime Minister Paul Keating put Prime Minister Paul Keating put his arm around the queen in 1992, the tabloids dubbed him the "Lizard of Oz." When his successor, John Howard, was accused of doing the same, a spokesman msisted: "We firmly deny that there was any contact whatsoever." In 2007, President

Michigan; and sister, Mary Tucker; and brothers; W. E. Rainwater of Killeen, H. V. Rainwater of Slaton, and George Rainwater, and many, many granddaughter and other family members.

LONDON (AP) — Michelle
Obama's meeting with Queen
Elizabeth II began with a handshake and ended in a hug.
The first lady arrived
Wednesday with President
Barack Obama. After separate
meetings on the eve of the G-20
summit, the couple attended an
evening reception for world
leaders hosted by the queen.
Mrs. Obama clearly made an
impression with the 82-year-old
monarch – so much that the
smilling queen strayed slightly
from protocol and briefly
wrapped her arm around the first
lady in a rare public show of
affection.

It was the first time Mrs.
Obama – who is nearly a foot
other.

George W. Bush gave the queen
a sly wink during a visit she paid
to the United States.

The Daily Mail said the "two
women clearly took to each
other."

Wednesday's reception was
bowning Street home, where
the leaders' spouses were joined
by notable British women,
including "Harry Potter" author
I.K. Rowling and Olympic gold
medal runner Kelly Holmes
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ter's wife.

Mrs. Obama also seemed to win over the often feral Bruish

press.

The last time a first lady made such a hit in Britain was last year with French President Nicolas Sarkozy's wife, the former fashion model and song-writer Carla Bruni.

But on Thursday, London's Times newspaper had moved.

Times newspaper had moved on, writing "Carla wbo?" Continue on Page 8

### New Hope Will Celebrate 83 Years

New Hope Baptist Church will celebrate its 83rd Annual Church Anniversary on Sunday, April 19, 2009, at 3:30 p. m. The theme for the occasion wil be "God can Be Trusted," "God can Be Numbers 23:19.

Baptist Church.

Baptist Church.

New Hope is located at 2002

Birch Avenue in Lubbock.

Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

The public is invited to attend this celebration.

## Ella R. Iles Piano Students Attend NFMC Pastorale Festival At TTU



Not pictured are Mairah Thomas and Alex Howard.

## A Hard Working Man In East Lubbock: John P. Cervantes



HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN - John P. Cervantes stands on Lubbock's East 16th Street in front of Saint Patrick Church: A fre-quent contributor of photographs for the South Plains Catholic, Cervantes successfully lobbted the Lubbock City Council to fund construction of an expanded and improved 32-foot wide asphalt street at the site, allowing for easter access to the church and hall facilities.

He is a memoer of the Solina Faillis Association of Courseling Service and Parenting Cottage. Inc., and Board member of the Home Land Security Committee He is also accepted a recent appointment to the City of Lubbock Citizens' Advisory Committee

(This photo is Courtesy of John P. Cervantes)



A former Lubbock resident, Bobby Baldwin, died in Dallas on Monday, April 6, 2009. He was a graduate of Dunbar High School, Class of 1972. All gradates have been made aware of

It is believed that the former pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. S. C. Nash will

celebrate their Annual Day on Saturday evening, April 11,

2009, at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church at

5:00 p. m. Guest speaker will be Brother Victor Roberson. He is a Steward and teaches the Men's Class at Bethel Sister Sarah

Sister Sarah Bunton is presi-dent. Rev. Sonia J. Scott is pas-

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning. April 5, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church, where the proud

pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

the Praise Team singing "Lord, You're Worthy" and "Thank You, Lord."

After the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir

sung several selections.
Pastor Moton delivered Pastor Moton delivered a very informative message. His subject was "There Is Power In Your Faith In God." His scripture text was Mark 11:20-26. He said, "Faith in God will make man love his enemies." He went on say, "The lack of faith will never allow man to do what God says." What is your faith? says." What is your faith?

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of the community. Don't forget Brother & Sister Clarence & Joan Y. Ervin.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor Maudy Thursday, April 9, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Sister Elurd Devenport is chairperson For more information, call 744-7552. Rev. Sonia Scott, pastor

anything except to love one another for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments do not commit adultery, do not murder do not steal do not covet, and i e is any other command-nt all are summed up to LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF Love does AS YOURSELF Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Love therefore is the fullfulment of

Romans 13:10

Why not come and visit with the New Light Baptist Church on Easter Sunday Morning and be Blessed!!!

On Sunday morning, April 5, 2009 service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev Kenneth O. Jackson is the pas-

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Brother David Chiles teaching the morning lesson entitled: "Facing Death", Luke 23: 32-36,

Luke 23: 32-36

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched to the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith", and surely have come this far by faith. The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson, and it came from 1st Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson, with the choir singing
"He Is Lord."
Sis. Rochelette Hood read all

the morning announcements, and acknowledged all the upcoming events. She told of all the birthdays. There was the pastoral period which was held and, then the offering was taken

New Light Baptist Church News

The Senior Choir The Senior Choir sung "The Lord Is Blessing Me" which was, led by Sis. Sudell Cavanaugh and "Standing In

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Remember Me" His scripture text was Luke 23-28 & 32-43.

Afterwards, Brother A. W. Brown sung the song "Blessed

The invitation to discipleship was extended, and several came up for prayer The Lord contin-ue to add to the church as he see

Pray for the sick and shut in and also those who are in hospi-tals, jails, nursing homes and

Pray for the leadership con-ference which will be held at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, on April 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th, under the leadership of Rev. H. K. Thomas, Sr. of Littlefield, and Thomas, Sr of Little... Pey Ralph Jackson

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: Do not owe any



by Shirley Robers

#### CATCH THAT SUM-MER VIBE

Relaxed, cool confide rics, colors and designs of the season. It's no secret that new clothes can help you to radi-ate inner beauty! Feeling great brings about a positive attitude and in openness to the good things life has to offer. Bright colorful you is what this season is all about, just a few mings to remember. In a and match to create your perfect out-fit, long flowing cotton sun dresses are a plus, colorful stretch capri pants, huge jazzy hand bags with matching shoes, bracelets and earrings, embel-lished skirts,tank tops and large helts.

Ladies you have to remem-ber! color and power flower



SUMMER IS ABOUT

Fashion tip...always wear

Fashion...just for the fun

## Self-Defense Comes To East Lubbock!

Karl L. Lusk

Most people in East Lubbock have no idea that there is a school of self-defense War Angel SOSD (School of Self-Defense) was started about a year ago. It is located at 1815 Parkway Drive. Its goal is to help empower individuals through self0defense training through selfodefense training Training can help to build self-esteem, overcome both physical and psychological challenges as well as confidence. The truth of the matter is that a physical response should always be the last resort, but when there is no other way to avoid and attack the response must be swift and the response must be swift and the response must be swift and effective. War Angel School of Self-Defense offers realistic, easy to learn, and tactics to address a wide range of situations. My name is Karl L. Lusk, owner of War Angel SOSD. I thought you should know something about my Martial arts background. background.

I began my Martial Arts training in the late 1970's at Texas Karate Institute, with Head Instructor Andy White, who was a middle weight cham pion. Tom Downs, at that time, became the Owner and Head Instructor of the school. I trained under Master Downs for a number of years. This culmi-nated in a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do February 24, 2001. I then ventured into realistic Self-Defense. This type of training interested me, because it focuses on simple and effective techniques adapted for the streets I was introduced to Krav Maga and Attack Safe Defense through Tiger Martial Arts. I received a black belt August 26, 2004 During this August 26, 2004 During uns-period, I was honored to train with the he founder of the Haganah F.I.G.H.T. system Mike Lee Kanare, former Isreali Special Operation's Group Commando, I was certified in the Haganah F.I.G.H.T. system June 1, 2003.

My most recent training in the world of realistic selfdefense has come in the system of Commando Krav Maga. This system also focuses on street effective self-defense both Hand to Hand and weapons. The Founder and Chief Instructor of this system is Moni Aizik, E. Israeli Special Forces Commando, world renowned Commando, world renowned combat expert, Counter Terrorism expert. I was the first in Texas to be certified in Commando Krav Maga The Certification was achieved in New York City on November 11, 2006. The most recent certification in Commando Krav Maga was April 13, 2008 in St. Louis, Mo. This is a piece of my history as it relates to my martial arts training, which continues to this date.

Many individuals in East Lubbock are far more talented and brilliant than people ever realize. I hope that this venture can bring people together. Increase their awareness of the vorld around them and improve heir humanity towards each

### City Offices Will Close For Easter

City of Lubbock offices will be closed Friday, April 10, 2009 in observance of Good Friday Regular business hours will resume on Monday, April 13. Emergency services will con-tinue without interruption.

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#### Rev. Alvin L. Butler Will Speak At A Crown of Eternal Life Church

Rev. Alvin L. Butler will be singing and ministering at A Crown of Eternal Life Church. 1301—50th Street, Suite B, on Monday night from 7:00 p. m. until 10:00 p. m.

The Church is sponsoring his Muser. Minister, each Monday

Music Ministry each Monday night Praise God. Amen.

There will be music, music & Music. Also, there will be anointing, anointing & anoint-

we are inviting all of you to come and h ear one of the Original Way Side Travelers and his friends in the Lord. There will be Blazing Bolding Blessing Also encour-agement testimonies, BBB, The

agement testimonies, BBB, The Best of Monday Night and the Best on Thursday

Best of Monday Night and the Best on Thursday nights as well. The pastor and founder, Rev. Gladys Mae Smith, encourages as many as can to be in atten-dance. If you have any ques-

tions, please call Rev. Smith at either (806) 747-0289 or (806) 283-5935.

www.AcrownofEternalLifeChu

rch.Com. Her email address is: gladysmaesmith@yahoo.com. If you have any questions about booking at the church, ten call between 11:00 a.m. and

3:00 p. m. Remember on Monday nights, Rev. Alvin L. Butler and

nights, Rev. Alvin L. Butler and on Thursday nights will be Rev. Gladys Mae Smith.

If there are anyone of you want to come and participate, please come by You are invited to attend. It's just good to come and worship with us at A Crown of Eternal Life Church.

"We are opening doors for anyone to come & worship with us. Oh, yes, you will be glad you chose attending our church services," says Rev. Smith.



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# Church News





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

"Post Racial America: Yet To Come"

office I spoke gentlemanly to a man that was entering at the be thou clean Andimmediately the ing, Sir!" He looked at me with a savage look and didn't part his

thin lips.

This gentleman who was dressed down while I was dressed up, looked at me as if I had a barnyard smell while I noticed a pair of boots that lacked professional care and was not the leather of an upper-classman. I become fearful that if he opened his month size. if he opened his mouth igno-rance would not be forgiving and swallow the whole interior and swallow the whole interior of the elevator. As the elevator stopped on my floor, I exited and entered the world of intellectual superiority. And like a similar saying about antacids: "O what a relief it was!"

There is great truth in the saying: "A leopard cannot change its spots." Black Americans need not be remind-Americans need not be remind-ed for it is commonplace knowl-edge that 'post-racial' America is alive and well. The election of Barack Obama by young white Americans possessing intelli-gence above the norm only exasperated or excited the anger against African Americans who have been struggling to endure

Leonard Pitts Jr., a columnist for the Miami Herald painted

mentary entitled: 'Post-Racial'
America isn't here yet.
Leonard noted the National
Urban League's recently
released 2009 State of Black America report quantifying racial inequities in employment, housing, education, criminal justice, health and other arenas

justice, health and other arenas will be about as welcome as graffit on the Lincoln Memorial among those Americans who convinced themselves in November the country had entered a "post-racial" era.

Those Americans will be overwhelmingly white and will resist with mighty determination the report's implicit argument that we have not yet overcome, not yet reached the Promised Land, not yet come to a point where race is irrelevant, Barack Obama notwithstanding.

Leonard noted years spent engaging Americans on the

Leonard noted years spent engaging Americans on the knotty conundrums of race leave him confident in that prediction. Also does a 2008 Gallup poll in which 46 percent of non-Hispanic whites said there is no racism

Yale University study whites feel that way. Leonard noted that blacks and white tend to use different yardstick in judging racial progress. Whites use the yardsticks of how far we have come from the nation we

used to be while blacks use the

Leonard conclusion was the most complete picture requires both measures. The black yardstick which leaves black people no obligation other than to demand justice and equality from white people. Plus, the white yardstick which requires of white people only that they exhort black people to become more self-reliant and take more responsibility for their own problems.

Leonard concluded that

Leonard concluded African Americans have not yet reached the Promised Land and African Americans have a moral responsibility toward that goal responsibility toward that goal However, before African Americans can fulfill that responsibility, they must learn to speak the same language where race is concerned, and to mean the same things when we do.

African Americans in Lubbock, Texas are encouraged to reach for the top of the mountain. Allow no one to look down on you because of the color of

un. Aflow no one to look down on you because of the color of your skin! You MUST! Not you are trying too. You MUST stand on TOP of the mountain! You must not succumb to negative racism!

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# Ve Thank God for Jesus

Luke 11:9-10 — Jesus said, I say unto you, and ask and it shall be given you Seek and you find,, Knock and it shall be

you find, Knock and it shall be open unto you. For everyone that asks receives, and he that seeks finds, and to him that knock it shall be opened.

A man came to Jesus with Leprosy. He ask that he may be made clean. His skin was diseased, and people treated him so mean.

Luke 5:12-13 - It came to Luke 5:12-13 — It came to past when He (Jesus) was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if you will make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him saying, I will be the release A od a seeing less than the control of will be thou clean And imp diately the leprosy departed from him.

\*\*\*\* LORD, THANKS FOR TAKING THE LOAD OFF ME!!! \*\*\*\*

Then there was this man who lived in the grave yard, his bed was on tombs. They put locks and chains on him, but he would break t hem, and make himself

Mark 5:6-9 - But when he Mark 5:6-9 – But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran ad worshiped him, and cried with a loud voice and said, What have I to do with you, Jesus, you're The Son Of The Most High God? I adjure you be Bod, that you torment me not. For He (Jesus) said unto him, Come out of the man, you unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is your name? And he answered saying My name is Legion, for we are

many.
\*\*\*\*\*LORD, THANKS
FOR TAKING THE LOAD

There was this woman who's menstrual cycle wouldn't stop. She lives like a Hermit. She was since lives like a Hermit. She was tired of being treated like a outcast. So she went and touched Jesus' Garment!!!

Leviticus 15:25 — If a

Leviticus 15:25 — If a woman had an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or it ran beyond the time of her separation, all the days of the issue of her uncleanliness shall be as the days of her separation. She shall be a separation.

Matthew 9:20-22 - And behold, a woman which was dis-eased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him (Jesus) and touched the hem of (Jesus) and touched the hem of his garment for she said within herself. if I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort, your faith has made you whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

\*\*\*\*\* LORD. THANKS.

THANKS \*\*\*\* LORD, THANKS FOR TAKING THE LOAD OFF ME!!! \*\*\*\*

The man had a son with a dumb spirit, and would throw him into the Fire. The father told Jesus his troubles. He didn't want his son to Die!!

Mark 9:20-21 & 23 - They Mark 9:20-21 & 23 — They brought him unto Him (Jesus), and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him, And he said of a child Jesus said unto him, if you believe, all things are possible to him who believes.

believes.
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FOR TAKING THE LOAD

OFF ME!!!

Then there was Mary and Martha who's brother was dead four days. Jesus came and spoke unto Death, and told Death to

John 11:41-43 - Then they John 11:41-43 — Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank you have heard me. And I know that you hear me always, but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that you have sent me. And when he had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. voice, Lazar

\*\*\*\* LORD, THANKS FOR TAKING THE LOAD Continue on Page 5

#### Matthew's Baptist C News hurch still in need of a Musician. If

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, April 6, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway at 10:10 a, m. with Superintendent

The subject of the morning lesson was entitled "Facing Death." The scripture text was Luke 23:3-46. The morning lesson was taught and reviewed by Pastor Canady.

23:46: "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I com-mend my spirit: and having said t thus, he gave up the ghost."

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with Deacon Edward Williams and Bother Gerald Jackson were in charge. Continue action in prayer by Sister Annie Stanley and Sister Nina Davis. The St. Matthew Baptist

Church Choir sung out of their

morning.

Rev. Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "Choose Which God You're was Choose which God You're Going To Serve." The scripture text was I King 18:21-24. A song of inspiration, "If A Robin Can Say Thank You," and was led by Sister Shirley Davis. What a time we had singing God's praises.

The weekly meetings are as

For God so loved the world

that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to con-

demn it, but to save it" 3:16-17).

00 p. m. Bible Study begins at

Friday evenings is Choir rehearsal, beginning at 5:00 p.

The Ushers meet at 11:00 a m.each Saturday morning.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members of the churches and community. Among them include Sister Lola Byrd who is a patient at Covenant Medical Center.

The St. Matthew Baptist is

you are interesting, please cal Rev. Canady at (806) 744-2445

His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour, The bad may have a bitter

But sweet will be the flower.

Thought for the Week: "God is the master of turning burdens into the blessings."

Last Saturday morning, April 4, 2009, Pastor Edward & First

Lady Shirley Canady gave the members of the St. Matthew Baptist Church and friends a 'Fish Fry'. Everyone in atten-dance had a wonderful time.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit us at the St Matthew Baptist Church. You will be glad if you would come by Shall we see you on Sunday morning.

morning.

Let us not forget the reason for Easter as it is the Resurrection of Lord.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

last Saturday morning, April 4, 2009, in the home of Sister Elnora Jones. Devotion was led by Sister Lula Spence and Sister Dorothy Hood.

Patrick Hunter Minister Patrick Hunter brought the morning scripture lesson. The morning lesson came from the following scrip-tures: Proverbs 3:5-6, I Peter 4:12-19 and Romans 8:19

Proverbs: Trust in the Lord th all your heart and lean not

on your own understanding.

1 Peter 4:12-19: Beloved, do T Peter 4:12-19: Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you. As though some strange thing happened to you, but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's suffering, that when his glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

I Peter 4:17: For the time I Peter 4:17: For the time has come for judgement to began at the house of God. And if it began with us first. What will be the end of those who do not obey the Gospel of God.

(If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?) You will say to me, why does he still find fault for who has resisted His will.

Rev. Hunter truly brought words from heaven. I sure wish you could have been there!

Sister Spence, president of the third organized Prayer Breakfast, is doing a terrific job as leader of that group. They met with us last Saturday day

morning The spirit ran high!

The morning breakfast was cooked by Sister Jones and served it with lots of love!

Spiritually and physically, want to thank al01 the Ladies

The Last Supper (Mark chapof you were not there, we prayed for you anyway! And, most of all, thanks for reading. Saints!

So the two disciples went on So the two disciples went on ahead into the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover supper there.

In the evening Jesus arrived with the twelve disciples. As they were sitting around the table eating, Jesus said,

"The truth is one of you will."

"The truth is, one of you will

t the one, am I? He replied,

He replied,

"It is one of you twelve, one who is eating with Me now. For I, the Son of Man, must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for My betrayer. Far better for him if he had never been born!"

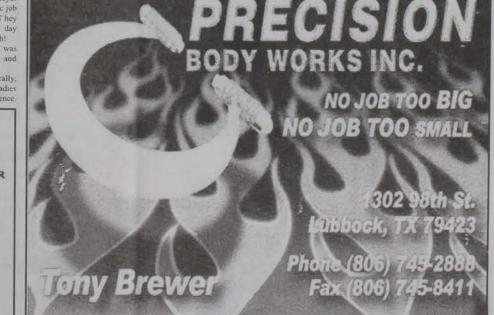
As they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and asked God's blessing on it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying,

"Take it, for this is My body."
And He took a cup of wine
and gave thanks to God for it.
He gave it to them, and they all
drank from it. And He said to

Here is a portion of the Easter story. Hope you enjoyed

Easter story. Hope you enjoyed reading it.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher and Sister Carrie Wheeler, acting secretary.





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## **Obsequies**

John O. Thornton, Sr.

Graveside services held Wednesday morning, April 1, 2009, at Lorenzo Cemetery, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of

Sr. Lubbock, passed away Friday, March 27, 2009, at Covenant Medical Center.

Medical Center.

He was born on April 1, 1941, to Charlie Mae Mann and John Henry in Longview; he was reared in Dallas.

John is preceded in death by his father, John Henry. John is survived by his moth-er, Charlie Mae Mann, his comon, Lou Ross; three sons, rin, Santik, and John

one daughter Rochelle Thornton, nine sisters, eight brothers, eight grandchilnephews, other family members

Stone Mountain, Ga., one daughter, Debra Draughn of Ft. Worth: one son, Travis T. Walker of Lubbock; and a host

#### Travis Leroy Walker



for Travis Walker was held Friday ortuary Chapel Burial will follow at Peaceful

Garden Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary &

Funeral Home of Lubbock.
Walker, 61, of Lubbock
passed away Tuesday, March
31, 2009 at Lakeridge Nursing

Travis was born February 19, 1948 in Grandview to the parentage of William and Marion Walker. He joined the army in 1970 and served honorably until 1972.

He is preceded in death by

ably until 1972.

He is preceded in death by his father, William, two brothers, James and Charles

He is survived by his mother, Marion Walker of Stone Mountain, Ga.; one brother, Shakir Mahyee (Seidah) of Longview, two Patsy Walker of Odessa; Wonda Hurt (Otis) of

### Otha Lee Whaley



Services or Otha Lee Whaley were held Saturday morning, April 4, 2009, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

Mortuary Chapel.

Burial followed at
Englewood Cemetery in Slaton
under the direction of Griffin
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Whaley, 70, of Plainview, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at Plainviev Covenant Hospital.
He was born Sept. 3, 1938, to the parentage of Mr. Otha Whaley and Mrs. Bertha Mae Whaley in Madisonville, Texas, and later moved to Slaton.
He leaves to cherish is memory his three sons. Otha J. Whaley (Jackie), Jo Wayne Whaley (Shirley) and Roy Lee Whaley; one daughter, Doris Thomas-Fountain (AC); one brother, Leroy Sanchell (Janice); two sisters, Ira McCoy and Minnie Jordan, nine grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; twelve great-grand-children; and very dear friends. Alyssa and Walter Roberts and children.

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Temple, Texas - Funeral services were held for Mrs. Constance Josephine McQueen were held Monday, March 16, were held Monday, March 16, 2009. at Saint James United Methodist Church with Pastor Quinton Gibson officiating She was born to Clarence and Myrtle Trum on August 12, 1929 in Lovelady, Texas. The family moved to Fort Worth where Connie grew up

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School. In 940, Connie graduated from Prairie View University, Prairie View, Texas.

On November 18, 1950, she married Clyde McQueen, whom she met while a student at Prairie View A&M University. To this union two sons were born, Clyde Renard and Bruce Elliott McQueen.

In 1965, the family moved to College Station, Texas. During that period, she completed her Master's Degree at Texas A&M University, where she taught educational courses. The past 37 years have been spent in Temple, where she worked for Temple Independent School District and retired in 1987 he previously taught school in Nigton, Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Bryan, College Station, Trinity, and Austin. Connie was past president of the Temple Retired Teachers Association, past president of AARP, Temple Chapter; a member of Gamma Psi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phil. past president of AARP, Temple Chapter, a member of Gamma Psi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., secretary of the ChurchWomen of Temple, and a member of the Texas Democratic Women's group. She is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Billie Caviel of Lubbock. She Jeaves to cherish her pre-

Billie Caviel of Lubbock.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: a loving husband of 58 years, Clyde McQueen of Temple, two sons, Clyde R McQueen (Gerri) of Kansas City, Mo. and Bruce McQueen of austin, two brothers. John Henry Trim (Ernestine) of Grand Prairie and Lonnie Maurice Trim (Elaine) of Fort Worth, two sisters, Edith Ealy of Los Angeles, Calif. and Bernice Collins of Fort Worth, four grandchildren, six greatfour grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

#### Ellen Ann Davis Brannon



Local arrangements for Ellen Davis Brannon were under the direction of Griffdin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock Services were held Monday morning, April 6, 2009, at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church, Texarkana, with Rev. Jordan officiating burial will follow at Nash Cemetery in

Brannon, Ellen Brannon, 99, of Lubbock, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2009. She was born on June 21, 1909, in Texarkana.

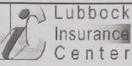
She attended public school in Texarkana and was a faithful member of Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church. She married James Brannon on Feb. 18, 1939. She was preceded in death by her parents, Laura and Nathan Davis; her husband; two sons, Howard and Melvin, Sr.; two sisters, Rosie Willis and Beatrice Walker; three brothers, Continue on Page 5

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# THINK ABOUT

We Must Help Our Selves!!! Edsdie Richardson

thing happens to our young peo-ple. Do you get this drift??

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This may Sound like a bro-ken record however it is oh so true for to long we have set around and waited for some one be doing for our selves com-

or our community my question to you what are you doing about the situation? If you are not a part of the solution you are a part of the problem, there are allways ways you can help improve the situation in your community by reporting strange or unsual actions in your com-munity, checking out strange people or strange vehicles cas-ing the neighborhood, illegial activities in the

activities in the neighborhoods, abuse of any kind, be a part of the village with the children, be agood neighbor and work with and support other

#### members that is working to have Session II Softball League Registration

asafe and friendly community.

We sgould all take as our personal creed "If It is to be it is up to me"and live by it make ourselves acommittee of one to ourselves acommittee of one to be a positive force in our com-munities Back to the soap box for our long denied communi-ties to become the competive force at the market place the market place that it should be the leadership and ineative must come from within the communi-ty by us for us working with us and for us by using their vast resources including money, con-sultation, and working with us but not leading us

Thank God For Jesus

OFF ME!!! \*\*\*\*

And then there are people you know, and those who are around you. With the Depression on: LOST JOBS, AND DON'T KNOW WHO TO TURN TO!!!

\*\*\*\*YOU NEED TO SAY, LORD, PLEASE TAKE THE LOAD OFF ME!!! \*\*\*\*

Matthew 11:28-30 - Jesus said, come unto me, all of you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light,

## Parks and Recreation will be

Parks and Recreation will be registering teams for Session II softball league play beginning April 13-17. Late registration will occur April 20-24 (an additional \$30 late fee will apply), and play begins May 18. The ten-game season lasts approximately 8-10 weeks, and the cost is \$325 per team. League play is available for men's, women's, and co-rec teams. Players must be 16 years old or older to participate. This is the second of three adult softball leagues offered annually by Parks and Recreation.

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meeting showed great courage and genuine concern about the present and future conditions of the community we live in. The courage I witnessed is the kind of courage that many courageous men and women who's shoulders and graves we are standing on, have smiled down on us from the heavens with great pride, because it takes TRUTH SHALL MAKE

intoxicated by these imposter who are the male and female children of the Father of Lies!

Chapter 8, the scripture tells us in John, Chapter 8:39-47 - that m John, Chapter 8:39-47 — that some people are the children of the father of lies! Some people sale Lies, teach Lies, and the most devesting of them all, some people are hving Lies! I mean 'WELL VERSED & WELL DRESSED LIES!'
These Living Lies, Push, Pimp, Play, Politic & Preach! Oh people sale is all the tree to WOVE. ple, isn't it better to be "WOKE UP WITH AN UGLY TRUTH THAN TO BE KEPT SLEEP WITH A PRETTY

Many years ago and still today, people just like you are being told that Heaven is a bet-ter place than Earth and that you

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J.D. (Bud), Albert, and Neal.

J.D. (Bud), Albert, and Neal.

Mrs. Brannon is survived by her son, James R. Brannon and his wife, Dorothy of Lexington, Mass., daughters, Christine Nelson of Los Angeles, Calif. Helen Malone of Richmond. Calif., Gloria Washington and her husband, George P of Blue Springs, Mo., Jeannie City of Dallas, Margaret Randle and her husband, Eddie of Lubbock, Veronica Woodson of Dallas, one brother, Otis Davis and his

won't live the good life until you get to heaven God says: "The kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." This kingdom on earth must be financed and the imposters telling you that your money is the root to all evil know this and ain't stop financing their kingdom with your money. WAKE UP PEOPLE!!!

None of you are in a rush to get Our community looks so depressing, because we have been regressing more than pro-gressing. Our state of being has been like day and nightmares. because far too long we have fair to handle our community
affairs. But even though ou
community is a Great Mess, we
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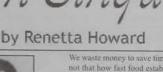
hood. This surely will mean getting lost a few times in an attempt to find your way back home. It is highly recommend-ed that if you plan to move to a different city or state, get cinque' and explore the neigh-borhood before making your move, and label your cartons in such a way that there is no doubt in your mind where each will go precisely

wife Lillie of Texarkana; 18
grandchildren; and many nieces,
nephews, and other relatives.
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deep appreciation to Dr.
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ary department.

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long to get settled, but settling is long to get settled, but settling is worst than packing. After carefully packing one room at a time, the unknown variable of how difficult unpacking will be is what the movers do with your belongings when they put them on a truck. Your vision of where you will put executions and

what will go where becomes a nightmare once it is deposited. The nightmare begins when you attempt to find something that you know belongs in one place and it turns up somewhere else. When you cannot find what you are looking for, it depletes your allowable time and if it is something you really and if it is something you really need, you find it more efficient to just purchase another one of the item you needed. That is one way how the elderly end up with so many duplicate items

ments got their starts? We know that it costs twice as much to eat out as it does to eat a meal you

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## **Minority Population Growth Equals Cancer Health Disparity**

M. D. Anderson Observes National Minority Cancer Awareness Week, April 19 - 25

HOUSTON – Does race and ethnicity affect cancer risk? This is the question frequently asked throughout the year and especially during National Minority Cancer Awareness Week, April 19 to 25. Each year, cancer statistics show that minority groups are more likely than the general population to develop general population to develop and/or die from certain types of

"As U.S. minority popul tions continue to grow, this question becomes even more important," said David Wetter, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Health Department of Health Disparities Research at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. According to recent Census Bureau figures, minorities make

up about one-third of the U.S. population and are expected to become the majority in 2042. Hispanic, black, Asian and other Hispanic, black, Asian and other nonwhite men and women already make up half the population of the country's largest cities. Many small towns also are seeing similar changes in their communities.

Minorities and Cancer Risk Below are current cancer.

Minorities and Cancer Risk Below are current cancer trends among some of the larger minority groups in the U.S., according to the Office of Minority Health in the U.S. Department of Health & Human

African Americans are more likely than any racial and ethnic group to die from all cancers combined and for most major

cancers.

American Indians/Alaska
Natives are more likely than
non-Hispanic whites to develop

Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders are twice as likely than non-Hispanic whites to die from

Hispanics are more likely to develop cancers related to viral infection. For example, Hispanic women have the second highest number of cervical cancer cases. Cervical cancer is related to the human papillomavirus (HPV).

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More information is needed to fully understand the factors that affect cancer rates among minority populations. Factors that may contribute to health disparities include:

Lack of or inadequate insurance coverage.

Lack of coverage from insur-ance providers to pay for related study costs Barriers to early detection

and screening, such as lack of knowledge of screening tests Language and cultural barri-

Unequal access to improved

cancer treatments
"Before additional informa-tion can be obtained, it is critical that members of minority poputhat members of minority popu-lations participate in research studies to help scientists learn more about the health needs of these populations as well as how to better address these needs," Wetter said. "Without minority participation in research studies, it becomes difficult to determine whether or not study results are

whether or not study results are applicable to all populations." Unfortunately, minority groups are less likely than the white population to participate in research studies. Factors con-tributing to low participation rates may include:

discussions Insufficient Insufficient discussions between physicians and their minority patients on the availability of studies

Lack of information in the

community about the potential benefits of participating in

Insufficient studies in com-munities where people affected by disparities often live

Exclusion of patients with multiple health problems, many of whom are minorities, from research studies based on exten-sive eligibility criteria

Fortunately, minorities can take an active role in their health management to reduce their risks for cancer, in addition to risks for cancer, in addition to participating in a research study. Up to two-thirds of all cancer cases could be prevented if peo-ple adopted healthier lifestyle habits, such as healthy eating, increased exercise, sun protec-tion and tobacco cessation, according to the American

Cancer Society.

Observing National Minority
Cancer Awareness Week
National Minority Cancer
Awareness Week is the perfect
opportunity to draw attention to
issues unique to minority communities. "It gives physicians,
nurses, health care professionals
and researchers an opportunity
to develop creative approaches
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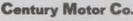


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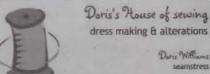
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can rise to Greatness.

Again I want to thank the people who attended the Town Hall meeting at T. J. & Bobbie Patterson's Library for akin to their great courage they al showed genuine concern about the present and figure condient and future condi-his community we live

There was none of the com-mon vocal sensation that most often happens in some of these so-called meetings or groups that claim to have an interest and solution for the ills of our community. For years, all who have witnessed is oral mastur-bating, while our community is

condemn the multi-group frag-mentation that has and is still contributing to this communi-

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## Michelle Obama Took London By Storm Last Week Continue from Page 1

The BBC described Mrs Obama as her husband's co-star rather than supporting act-appropriate for a Harvard-edu-cated lawyer.

cated lawyer.

Mrs. Obama visited an allgurls school in north London on
Thursday afternoon. She told
the 240 girls about growing up
on Chicago's south side, and
urged them to think of education
as "cool."

"I never cut class. I liked
being smart I liked getting A's,"
she said. "You have everything
you need. Everything you need
to succeed you already have
right here."

right here."

At the end of the visit, Mrs.
Obama doled out hugs to the
students, and was swarmed by
them - to the extent that some
Secret Service agents stepped
nervously forward.

Earlier Thursday, Mrs.
Obama attended a performance
at the Royal Opera House with
the other spouses and guests.
The program included music by
Handel and a dance performance by Ballet Black, a troupe
set up to give performing oppor-

riancel and a dance performance by Ballet Black, a troupe set up to give performing opportunities to black and Asian classical dancers.

Wearing a bright teal blue dress by Jason Wu - who designed her inauguration gown - and a sweater by Junya Watanabe, Mrs. Obama posed for photographs with Sarah Brown, Therese Rein, wife of Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso's wife Chikako Aso, and Laureen Harper, who is married to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, on the stage of the opera house.

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### Receives Degree From University of Phoenix

Lashonda Kincaid of Temple Texas hazs received Bachelor of Bus

She is the daughter of Earlene Williams of Dallas.nd the granddaughter of Lottie Harper of Lubbook.

Lubbock Students Need More Publicity When They Deserve It Nicole Sexton



Many Lubbock Independent School District students will School District students will soon be competing in various UIL areas at the State level from Lubbock High School Many of these teams include the Academic Decathlon, Math, Science, Journalism, Spelling Numbersense, and the Swimming and Diving Team.

Also, the Lubbock High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit has qualified for their State

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past unrecognized.

Many other high schools in the surrounding area have also competed at the state level in various areas. These include: Automotive Technology. Automotive Collisi Cosmetology, Computer Science, as well as many other areas. These students have not

areas. These students have not been recognized for their efforts and hard work. Why? These students have prepared and studied for these rigorous competitions for countless hours inside and outside of school with complete dedication. The instructors have put in just as

ments within their home town.

These students deserve recognition for their achievements within their home town. Although some schools have internal newspapers, what about the local news? These competitions are designed to build char tions are designed to build character, prepare students for the working world, and to build character, prepare students for the working world, and to build confidence. By publically recognizing these students you will enable them to build scrap books and pride. Also, local organizations and businesses can look upon these individuals for employees at later dates. As a student, it makes sense



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