

# Southwest Digest

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### Community Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### MLK Honorees Named Last Week; MLK Choir Sung During Celebration



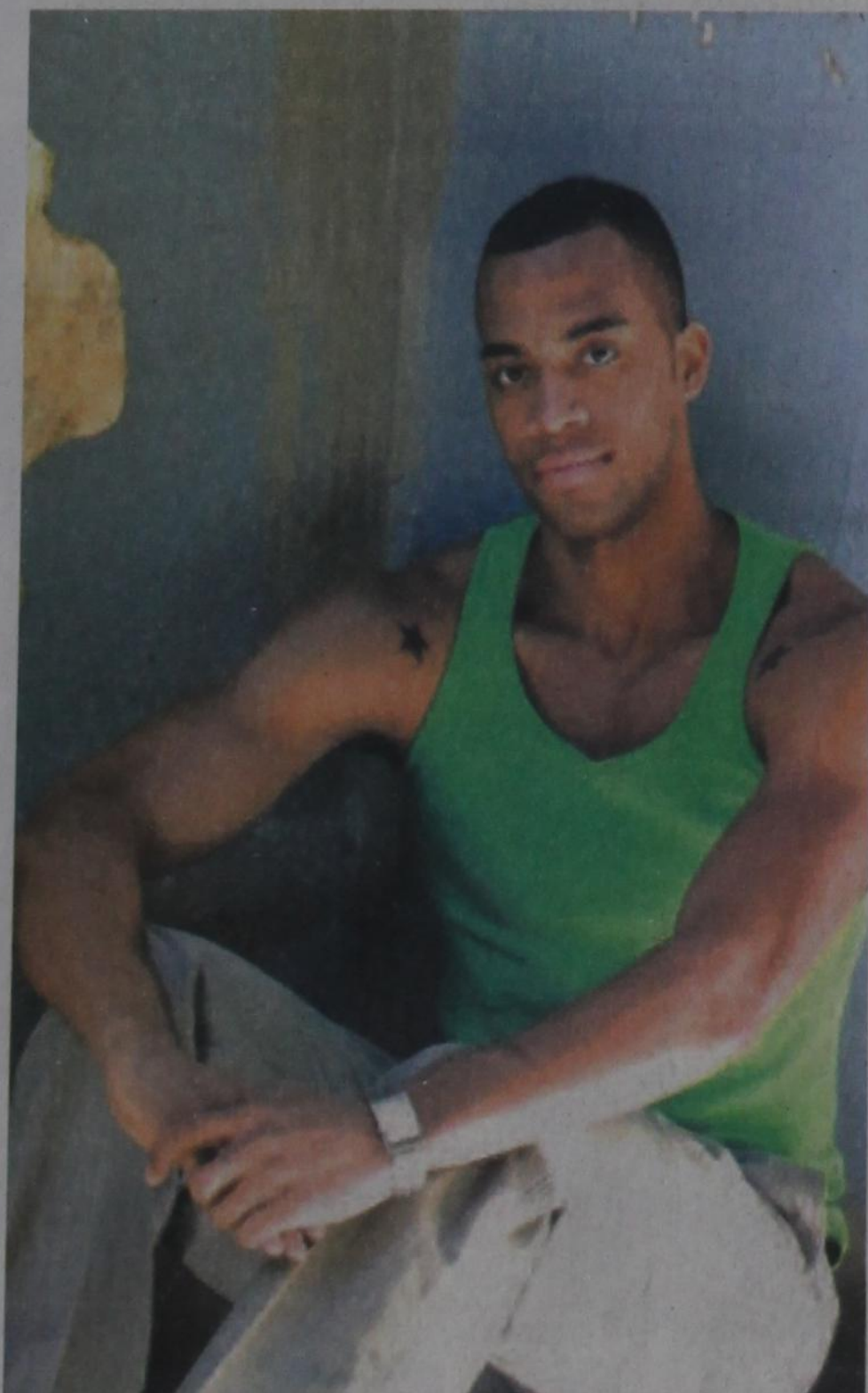
Pictured are those citizens who were honored at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church on Monday evening, January 16, 2011, as honorees during the Annual Awards program. Those honorees are, from left to right: James "Buster" Tucker, "Outstanding Law Enforcement"; Mrs. Bobbie Gean Patterson, "Professional In Education"; Rev. Edward Canady, "Outstanding Minister"; Larry Isaac, "Outstanding Athlete," who was an outstanding running back in 1976 Red Raider Football team; Ms. Gwen Titus, "MLK Member; and Minister Larry Jones of the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, who has fed many children each week. Congrats to each of these award honorees.



Pictured also are members of the MLK Choir who sang out of their hearts during the 40th Celebration of the MLK Celebration during the week of January 14 thru 16, 2011. They are shown singing at the Annual Awards program at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, where the pastor is Rev. J. H. Ford. The MLK Choir was under the direction of Minister Equilla Morgan. The 40th Anniversary of the MLK Celebration was under the direction of the MLK Commemorative Celebration Committee, L. V. Andrews, president. (Photos Courtesy of Avis Patterson, Photographer)

### Former Lubbockite On American Idol; Needs Your Vote!

Jerome Bell, son of Thelma and Clarence Davis of Lubbock, was born and reared in Lubbock. He will be appearing on American Idol on Wednesday and Thursday evening at 7:00 p. m.



Jerome Bell

He is asking for your vote. Jerome is the brother of Cedric Menton of Lubbock, and is a grandson of Dorothy Menton Donovan. He graduated from Frenship High School in 2003 where he won UIL contests all four years.

After graduation, he attended Texas Tech University where he majored in Music and Theater. He also has attended the University of Edmond in Oklahoma where he majored in Music-Opry Theater. While attending college there, his big break to audition to perform on the Royal Caribbean Cruiseline for about six and one-half years.

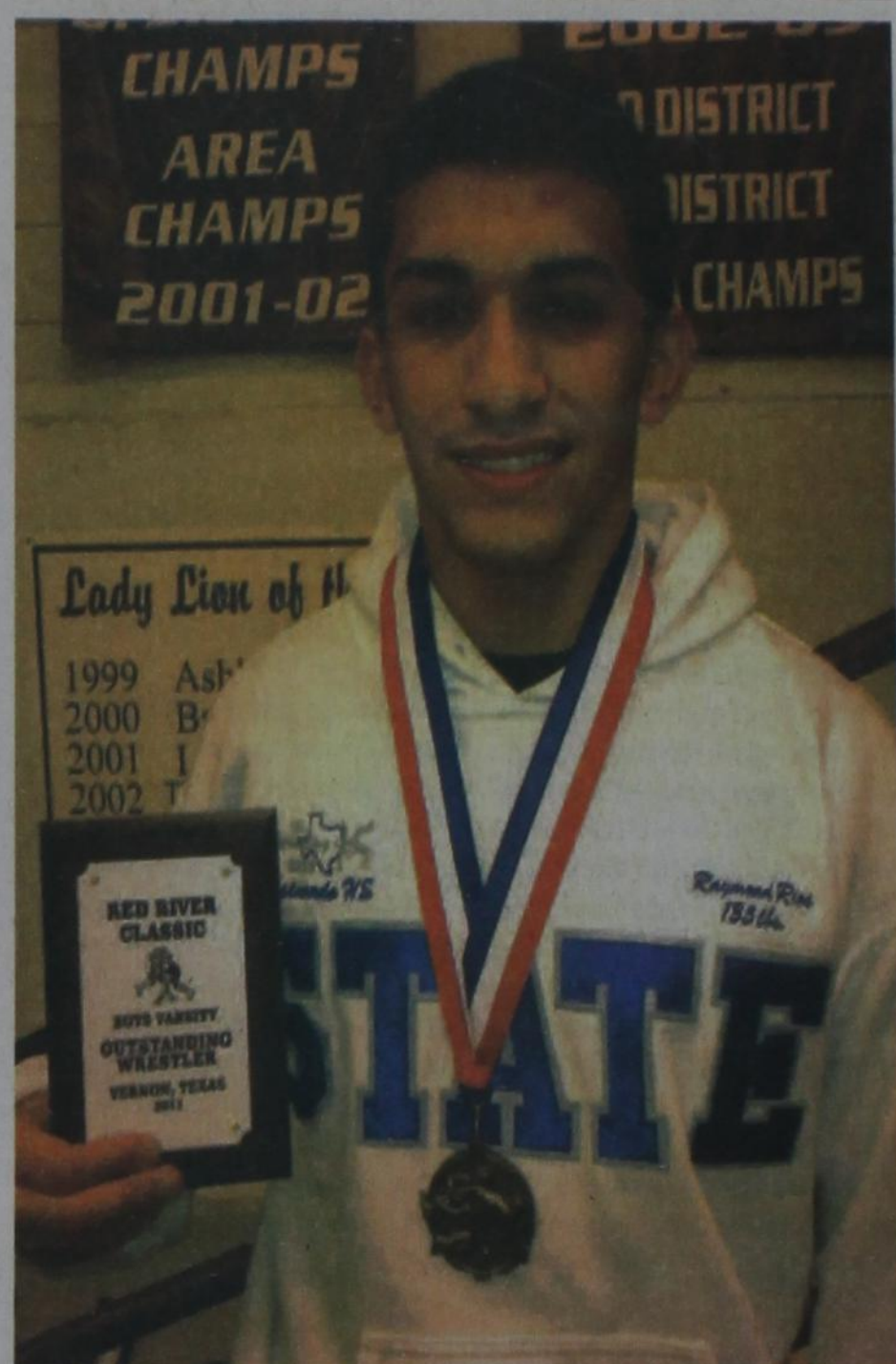
At present time, Jerome resides in Manhattan, New York. He sings and performs with two bands, namely; Naked Soul Productions and Hank Lane Productions.

With his unique experiences as a professional, Jerome is finally in a position to reach a goal he set years ago. He will have an opportunity to perform on American Idol, that is, if you will vote for him.

His family wanted the citizens of Lubbock to know that he is doing well. They encourage as many as possible to watch American Idol. When you have an opportunity, vote for Jerome Bell.

His family members are wishing him the very best, and that God will be with him in all that he does.

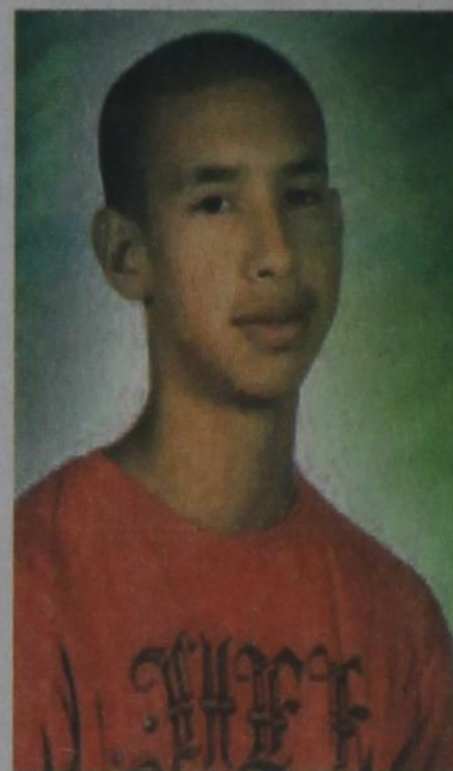
Regardless of the outcome, let us wish Jerome Bell the very best!



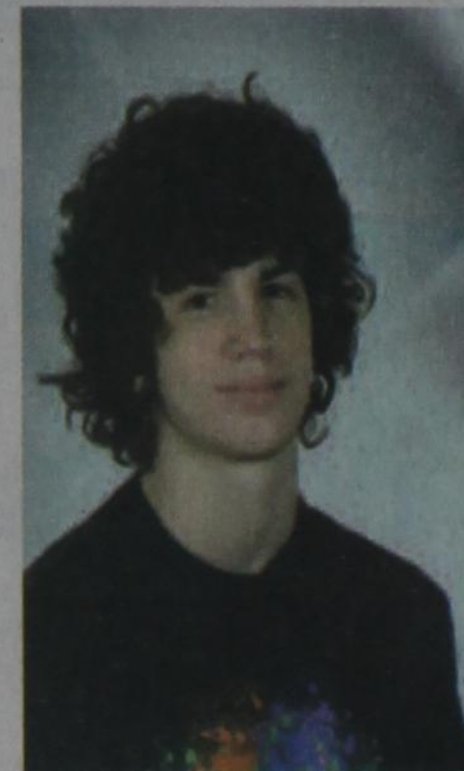
### Raymond Rios Voted Most Valuable Wrestler

Estacado High School student-athlete Raymond Rios placed first and went undefeated at the recent wrestling tournament in Vernon, Texas. The wrestling coaches voted Raymond Rios as the Most Valuable Wrestler at the Red River Classic Tournament in Vernon.

### Jackson & Rodriguez District Champs



Chris Rodriguez



Ben Jackson

Chris Rodriguez emerged as the district champion in the 100 butterfly and the 200 freestyle.

Ben Jackson won his third consecutive district championship in 1 meter diving.

Together, they earned enough points to place the Estacado swim team as 3rd in district.

This is the highest finish for an Estacado High School swim team in the history of the school. Rodriguez and Jackson will represent Estacado High School at the regional championship in Andrews on February 4 and 5, 2011.

### Black History Month Activities Scheduled At TTU

Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Black Faculty and Staff Association hold the 10th Annual Black History Month Opening Ceremony and Scholarship Event.

This ceremony will take place at the Texas Tech School of Law Forum, Banquet, 1802 Hartford, on Friday evening, February 4, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p. m.7

The event will kick-off the annual Black History activities. It will be a banquet honoring Orlin and Terry Norris, Lubbock native World Champion boxers.

Special guest will be Carl "Ironfist" Davis, United States Cruiserweight Champion, who

will be the keynote speaker. Tickets for the banquet are \$10 per person and \$5 for students with a valid Texas Tech or high school ID. Seating is limited and reservations are required in advance by contacting Aretha Marbley at aretha.marbley@ttu.edu or 742-1997 for additional information.

The concert following the banquet will host Laticia Crawford, Sunday Best Artist, and local performers The King Sisters and Pervis Evans. Monalisa Brown, TV personality from Flavor of Love, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 per person and \$10 for students. Continue on Page 2



# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Join Lubbock Parks and Recreation Adult Kick Ball League and re-live your childhood days on the playground! Three sessions of Kick Ball Leagues will be offered during 2011. Registration for Session I will be held thru - February 4, 2011 and the cost per team is \$200. Late registration will occur February 7-11 (an additional \$30 late fee will apply), and play begins March 7. League play is available for mixed teams. Players must be 18 years old or older to participate, and team rosters must have a minimum of eight players with a maximum of twenty players. The ten-game season lasts approximately 8-10 weeks. Individuals without a team can register as a free agent and their information will be passed along to teams needing players. Leagues will be guided by Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's rules.

To register your team, come by the Parks and Recreation Office at 1010 9th Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 775-2672 or 775-2691.

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The Lincoln Douglass Schol-

arship Annual Event is scheduled for February 13, 2011 from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Guest performers will be Abraham Lincoln Presenter and Historian, John Voehl from Littleton, CO and Frederick Douglass Presenter, Michael Crutcher, Sr. from Nicholasville, KY. Tickets, which include dinner and entertainment, are \$20/ea or, Table Sponsorships for \$200.

For ticket information or questions, please contact Emma Jackson at (806) 762-3350.

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The City of Lubbock Health Department has seen a significant increase in reported Influenza and Influenza-Like Illness cases in January 2011.

These cases are reported voluntarily from selected sentinel sites in the County. A significant increase in sentinel cases indicates a significant increase in cases in Lubbock County even though all cases are not represented.

Lubbock County typically sees a significant increase in cases in January every year.

From October 1 through December 31 of 2010 total reports were:

1814 Influenza-Like Illness

cases  
143 Influenza A cases  
2 Influenza B cases

By January 15, 2011 those totals had risen to:

2518 cases if Influenza-Like Illness

258 cases of Influenza A  
14 cases of Influenza B.

It is not too late for Flu Vaccine because flu season in Lubbock usually runs through the end of March each year. Young children, elderly persons, persons with certain chronic health conditions, and persons with weak immune systems are especially vulnerable to severe flu illness.

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Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens of the Lubbock community.

Among them include Rev. Edwin Scott, Sr., who is home from the University Medical Center for several weeks. The family appreciates your prayers and concerns. As one family member said, "God is able! Just keep on trusting Him!"

## Black History At TTU

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students with a Texas Tech or high school ID, plus a service charge. Purchase tickets through Select-A-Seat locations or call (806)-770-200. A portion of the proceeds will be used for the Black Faculty and Staff Scholarship.

Find Texas Tech news, experts and story ideas at [www.media.ttu.edu](http://www.media.ttu.edu).

For more information, contact: Wendy Ross, associate professor, School of Law, Texas Tech University, (806) 742-3787 ext. 243 or [wendy.ross@ttu.edu](mailto:wendy.ross@ttu.edu).

## FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson SPRING SHOE EVENT

Are you thinking about spring fashions? You should be, because it's arriving with a bang. Spring for color, spring for style, spring for sav-

ings! Anything is possible when a new season begins! Focusing on your foot wear is a must, remember to think bright beautiful colors, experience the excitement of wild exotic patterns, you're only half dressed if your shoes aren't complimenting the entire outfit. Dress your best in the Spring Time of 2011. Just keep on looking your best!

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Fashion Tip - Always a smile! \*\*\*\*\*

Fashion - just for the fun of it!

## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, January 30, 2011, church services got underway 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 Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "Suffering For Others" and its printed scripture text came from Isaiah 53: 4-6, 10-12. Breakfast was served afterward to those in attendance.

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

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The song "O, I Want To See Him" was sung. The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee and its text came from Psalm 103: 1-12. The altar call prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the congregation singing "O, How I Love Jesus."

Sister Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. All birthdays was acknowledged also. There was the pastoral period that was held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

Brother Joshua Harris did a praise dance to the song "It's All God." The Senior Choir sang "He Brought Me Out" and "The Holy Ghost." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "What Will You Give?" His scripture text came from Isaiah 53:5, John 3:16 & John 20:31. The song "Bye and Bye" was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship that extended and several went up for prayer. All visitors was acknowledged by Sister. Gloria Lee.

want to be. Mold us and make us after thy will.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK: "Let not your heart be troubled ye that believe in God believe also in me." JOHN 14:1

## Mae Simmons Community and Senior Centers

What's Happening This Month!

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Friday, February 11 from 7-9pm  
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### VALENTINE TEA PARTY

Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00 pm  
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# Church News



**From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith**  
**Does the Constitution Allow Discrimination Against Women? Part 2**

The diabolicalness of our present day leaders in America is sickened to the heart. When we look at the games that are continuing to be played in the U. S. Congress even after the promises they made to have a more civil tone—one wonder if we did not elect high bred relatives to those akin to the “planet of the apes.”

Even more disturbing is the attitude of some of those chosen to be the legal authority of this great country of ours for life. One would never think that a person chosen to such a high position (A Supreme Court Judge) of honor and authority would stoop to the level of an uniform lawyer and a twisted minded immoral jack-leg, back-wood-to-bacco chewing and racial hating preacher who just might believe in incest.

Let us then continue with more on Supreme Court Justice Sacalia's bizarre like: “What kind of a bizarre mind could read the unqualified assertions in the Amendment, and somehow read into the qualifications based on his speculation as to what the

writers were thinking at the time? I guess, by logic, that we should accept that “all men are created equal” really does refer only to white, propertied males.”

Marcia Greenberger, founder and co-president of the National Women's Law center noted that Scalia's position is worse than terrible.

Without the enforcement provisions of the 14th Amendment it's unclear that Congress would have any legal basis upon which to make discrimination against women, whether it be public or private, illegal. Moreover taking Sacalia's position to its logical end, one would have to conclude that the 14th Amendment also doesn't apply to discrimination on the basis of national origin or original, and that it doesn't necessarily protect whites against “reverse discrimination” since it was drafted and ratified in the wake of the Civil War in an effort to ensure that newly freed slaves would be treated equally. The problem is that Scalia's narrow view of the 14th Amendment doesn't seem to be supported by its language:

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without the process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Ms. Greenberger made it known that there was nothing in the language of this provision of the 14th Amendment that limits its application to just matters of race, or just to men. If the drafters had wished to limit the applicability of the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses in such a manner, they could have easily done so, as their specific reference only to the 15th Amendment makes clear. The whole point of the 14th Amendment was to make it clear that

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**We Thank God for Jesus**

**“The Double-Cross Of Christ”**

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

**Isaiah 55:8-9** -- For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, said the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

The Holy Bible says there is nothing new: **UNDER THE SUN. DOUBLE-CROSS** has been here before the **WORLD BEGAN.**

**Isaiah 14:13** -- The Devil said, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the throne above the stars of god: I will set also upon the mount of the congregation, in the side of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Even in the Garden of Eve, Adam **DOUBLE-CROSSED GOD.** He obeyed the **VOICE OF EVE: THE LOVE OF HIS HEART!!!**

**James 4:4** -- You adulterers and adulteresses, know you not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

When **JESUS** came to the Religious, Pharisees and Scribes. They were doing what was **RIGHT: IN THEIR OWN EYES!!!**

Many Churches will open their **DOORS; AND TE ACH BLACK HISTORY. GOD'S Churches** are about **JESUS AND HIM DY ING ON A TREE!!!**

**Mark 8:33** -- Jesus said, Get behind me, Satan, for you savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

**Galatians 1:6-8** -- I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. Which is not another, but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though wise, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Jesus called it like **HE SAW IT, AND SAID IT LIKE IT WAS. MANY CHURCHES HAVE ONE THING IN MIND, THE MONEY THE**

**LOVE!!!**

**Isaiah 56:10-11** -- The Lord said, his watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark -- sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter (**4 QUARTERS = ANNIVERSARY**).

The **PREACHERS** let worldly things into the **CHURCH TO GET MONEY. GOD'S HOUSE IS TO BE SPIRITUAL, AND WORLDLY IT SHOULD NOT BE!!!**

**Mark 11:17** -- Jesus said, it is written, My house shall be called of all nations the House of Prayer? But you have made it a den of thieves.

Many Preachers say, the **STOREHOUSE** in their own **BANK ACCOUNT.** But the **WORD OF GOD DOES NOT GIVE THAT ACCOUNT!!!**

**Acts 6:3-4** -- Look out among **Continue on Page 7**

## St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, January 30, 2011, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School begun at 10:00 a. m. with Pastor Canady as teacher. He also reviewed the morning lesson, “Suffering For Others.” The scripture text was Isaiah 53:4-6; 10-12. The Unifying Topic was “Healed By His Bruises.” The Background Passage was found in Isaiah 53..

The morning lesson included the Suffering Servant,

Isaiah 53:4-6; The Ministry of Suffering, Isaiah 53:10-12.

The Devotional Period was led by Sister George Ann Hereford and Sister Annie Stanley. As Pastor Canady entered, “Because Of Who You Are” was sung.

The St. Matthew Choir sung several selections. They were “Because Of Who You Are”, “Wade In The Water,” and “While I'm On My Mission.” We thank God for our St. Matthew Choir.

Pastore delivered a powerful sermon. His subject was “Open

Thine Eyes That They May See.” His scripture text was II Kings 6:13-16..

The Song of Inspiration was “Lord, I Remember.” What a time in the Lord we all had.

Brother Dennis Saunders and Brother Ronnie Hereford were back in church services last Sunday morning. Both have been sick and were released from the hospital. Isn't God good?

Last Sunday morning program had the theme of “Mission The Mandate.” The

scripture text was Matthew 28:19-20. The Mission message was brought by Sister Barbara Johnson. She was the speaker as Sister Shirley Davis was absent. It was another job well done! Praise the Lord!

The nephew of Rev. Alvin Butler, Brother John Wilkerson, and Brother Roy Perry were absent for church services last Sunday morning.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among those on the sick list include Sister Bernice Hemeed

and Brother Gerald Jackson.

Among those who are in the hospital this week include Superintendent Shirley Davis and Sister Betty Titus. Your prayers are welcomed for them as well as for others who are patients in the hospital.

The weekly meetings held at the St. Matthew Baptist Church include the following:

Mission meetings on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

Brotherhood meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Saturday is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m.

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

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

If you are looking for Church Home, please consider the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Shall we look for you on this coming Sunday morning? May God continue to bless each of you is our prayer!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

Here is one of our wonderful sermons which we need to never forget. The scripture is Matthew 5:1-6. The message was about the “Sermon On The Mount.”

“Blessed are the peace makers; for they shall be called the children of God.”

Yea are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

(16) *Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.*

The speaker said we need to let people in the world know that we serve a God that has they power to save their souls, and He loves them just like they are. We are to tell them. Jesus loves them.

Come and get the full message!

**Thought of the Week:** “When born again, Ministers fill our pulpits, born again, people fill our choir stands; when born again, people are placed on the Deacon Boards, then and only then will II CHRONICLES 7:14 becomes a reality. Ask yourself, is it I?”

Think about it! Remember, you can make it!!

“Let's Pray”  
 God of mercy, we thank and praise your holy name today for the wonderful things you are doing in the lives of your people today. Thank you for a peaceful night, for a peaceful night for your children. Also a plain free day. Help them today to keep faith everyday, and believe your Holy written word and apply

Mark 11:22-26, especially the 25th verse. Help these get it worked out in their lives and you will do the rest. In the name of Jesus, we pray AMEN!”

Please feel free to call the Outreach Prayer Breakfast at (806) 762-3347. You are always invited to give us a call. Thank you for your prayers.

We shall continue to walk by faith and not by sight!

Can any good come out of Nazareth???

Come and see!! The prayer sculpture is II Chronicles 7:14.

Let us not forget those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Today it may not be you but others. But tomorrow it could be you or this writer. Remember God knows what's best for each of us!

The members of the Out-

reach Prayer Breakfast will be meeting on Saturday morning, February 5, 2011, in the home of Sister Christene Burleson, vice president, beginning at 9:00 a. m.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.

May God continue to bless each of you our prayers until we meet again!

### Bible Believers

The Bible Believers Class meets every Thursday from 1:00 p. m. until 2:00 p. m. at Mae Simmons Community.

The teacher of the class is Rev. Jimmie Brown.

The classes are taught strictly from the Holy Bible. Only the Word of God is taught. There is no social teachings -- only the True Word.

Sister Carrie Cox is the Assistant Instructor, Brother Jerrill Nathan is Deacon.

Rev. Brown also is the director of the Dateview Apartments, 2310 Date Avenue. Vacancies Are Open.



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# Obsequies

## Bobby Ray Bunton

Funeral services were held for Babby Ray Bunton held Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

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

Bunton, 59, of Lubbock died Saturday, January 16, 2011, at Hospice South Plains, Lubbock.

He was born April 22, 1951 to the Solomon and Ada Bunton. He graduated from Dunbar High School. He united with the New Hope Baptist Church at an early age. Bobby was married to Mary Helen Green and to this union was born a son, Bryon Bunton. He was employed with Furr's Warehouse for several years before his retirement.

He leaves to cherish his



memory a son, Bryon; two step-children, Robert Green and Lashaunda Whitehead, both of Lubbock; two sisters, Mary Jo Thomas and Julie Cameron; two brothers, Solomon and Danny Bunton, all of Lubbock; two aunts, Mrs. Mable Bunton Mrs.

## Helen Faye Hood

Funeral services were held for Helen Faye Hood Services will be held Saturday morning, January 22, 2011, at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Hood, 75, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, January 15, 2011.

She was born June 3, 1935, in Dallas, Texas, to the parentage of Father Osborn and Bessie Green.

Helen leaves to cherish her



memory six daughters, Doris Lilly, Bobbie Hood, Linda Johnson, Brenda Hood, Helen Smith

## Donald Ray Austin

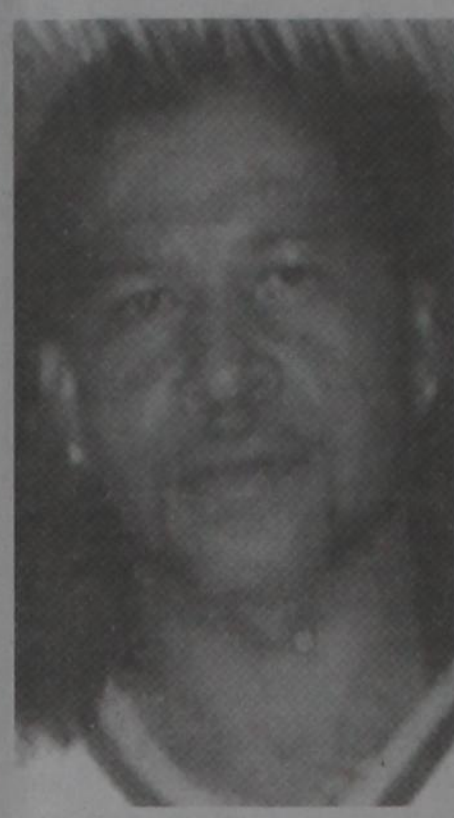
Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, January 15, 2011, held at the Martin Luther King Blvd Seventh Day Adventist Church.

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

Austin, 52, of Lubbock passed away Thursday, January 6, 2011, at Vista Care Center.

He was born December 18, 1958, in Lubbock. He attended and graduated from Estacado High School in Lubbock, Texas. He worked as a painter. He also worked at the Lubbock Country Club for many years as a chef. He was most recently employed by Excel in Plainview, Texas.

Those left to cherish his memory are four sons, Beverly Howard, Derahni Andre Raven, Donald Ray Austin Jr. and Christopher Ray Austin; three daughters, Dawnetia L'Shai Austin Bouknight (Thomas David), Shantavian L'Shai Austin Poll and Christine



Mariah Austin; four stepdaughters; father, Goree Toliver; three brothers, Charles Austin (Sandra), Hosea Austin and Ladell Toliver; four sisters, Shirley Dedrick (Odell), Sgt. Joyce Austin, Joann Toliver and Gina Toliver; 16 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Louis Walton, Jr. 1954 Dunbar Graduate, Succumbs

Houston, Texas -- Funeral services for Louis Walton, Jr. were held Friday morning, January 28, 2011, at the Sloan United Methodist Church, 3102 Nance Street, Houston, Texas.

Interment was held in the V. A. Cemetery under the direction of Ross Mortuary, Inc. of Houston.

Walton, who was a 1954 graduate of Dunbar High School of Lubbock, was a public relations professional for 93Q, KKBQ, in Houston.

He passed away Saturday, January 22, 2010 in Houston.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his loving wife, Bobbie; one daughter; two step-sons; two



granddaughters; two siblings; family and friends..

## Beulah Mae Elliott

Beulah Mae Elliott was born on January 7, 1929 in Elm Mott, Texas to Mary and David Hal-

iburton. She attended A. J. Moore High School in Waco, Texas and was a proud graduate of Lubbock High School. After working for a short time as a cosmetologist and secretary, she changed her focus to becoming a homemaker.

Beulah accepted Earl Lewis Elliott on December 24, 1951. Their union was blessed with one daughter, Trina. She was a devoted wife and mother.

Beulah accepted Trina at an early age. When she and Earl moved to Lubbock, Texas, she joined Greater St. Luke Baptist Church where she played the piano for the Gospel Chorus. After moving to Ft. Worth, Texas, she became a member of Bibleway Baptist Church. She was a volunteer for various charitable organizations including the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. She was an avid reader who loved to crochet.

Beulah was called home on January 27, 2011 and leaves fond memories in the hearts of her daughter, Trina; son-in-law, Robert; granddaughter, Brianne; grandson, Robert; siblings Lillie Walker (Howard), James Haliburton, Franklin Haliburton; special cousin, Mae Helen Adanadus; sisters-in-law, Alberta Cosby, Annie Ruth Bolden (Jim) and Jessie Mae Haliburton; brother-in-law, Gerald Elliott (Addy); special niece Pat Ivory (Fred), and many other

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## Anna Jean Ragsdale

Funeral services were held for Anna Jean Ragsdale Services Friday afternoon, January 28, 2011 at Church of the Nations with Rev. Roy Dav is, pastor, officiating.

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

Ragsdale, 71, of Lubbock passed away Friday, January 21, 2011 at University Medical Center. She was born on December 5, 1939 in Waskom, Texas to Sammy and Emily Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memories, James Johnson and Charles Ragsdale; two daughters, Belinda Ragsdale-Walker and Teresa Lambert; and one son, Jerry Ragsdale; eleven



grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Charlie Griffin, Michael Johnson, Tarius Johnson, Jerry Ragsdale, Mercedes Ragsdale, and Kevin Ragsdale.

Honorary pallbearers were Herman Wilson, Charles Ragsdale, James Johnson, Williew Robinson, Michael Anderson, Johnny Lambert, and Jaquah Brady.

She was a proud member of the Church of The Nations where she served over the Hospitality Committee.

Jean Rogers of Oklahoma; one special friend, Barbara Kyles; one uncle, Otis Jerry Phillips of Lubbock; and a host of other relatives and friends.

O'Brien Green, Randy Green, Lamar Green, William Stevens, Lede Roy Hardaway, and Gary Howard.

Honorary pallbearers were Robert Perry, Michael Phillips, Randy Cameron, James Dobbins, LeeKown Jones, and Darren Bunton.

and Dorothy Hood; six sons, Bobby Glenn Hood, Jessie Ray Hood, Dery Hood, Raymond Hood, Ernest Hood and DeWayne Young; one sister, Betty Ann Lewis; 18 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; and a host of other relatives and friends

## Thank You!

The Eddie P. Richardson family wishes to thank you for the love and kindness you showed to us during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for the cards, the beautiful and the donations, and maybe you stopped by and said a little prayer. Being such a difficult time for us, your acts of kindness help cease the pain as we make it through our trying days and nights. "Even though our hearts were not ready to let such a loving and caring person go, we know that God makes mistakes." Thank you and God Bless.

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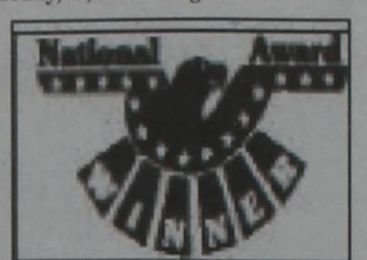
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# EDITORIALS-COMMENTS- OPINIONS



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**CONGRATS TO 100 BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS! THIS N THAT** wants to take this time and opportunity and say **CONGRATS** to the members of the **100 BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS** in their **16TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GALA** Last Saturday from the Lubbock community were evening January 29, 2011 at the Overton Hotel. During this event which was attended with approximately 500 in attendance three citizens were honored for their contributions to Lubbock. One of the honorees **JOHN WASHINGTON** who was a former Lubbock Independent School District Administrator and now an administrator in the Garland A Independent School District. **BARON BATCH** Who was an outstanding

Texas Tech University Red Raider **EDDIE PRICE RICHARDSON, JR.** who was awarded posthumously because of his death in December 19, 2010. Richardson was co-publisher of the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST**. And a **COMMUNITY ACTIVIST** Richardson's daughter **ANGELA RICHARDSON** accepted his award. This was an outstanding gala and something which will continue to enhance the entire city of Lubbock. **DWIGHT MCDONALD** President of the Lubbock Chapter expressed the appreciation to all the hard working men of this chapter for all their stellar efforts and especially for earning the deserved title of **NUMBER ONE CHAPTER IN THE NATION FOR MENTORING FOR 2010!**

ALSO CONGRATS TO

**100 BLACK MEN OF WEST TEXAS! THIS N THAT** wants to salute the **EXECUTIVE BOARD** **DWIGHT MCDONALD** President **CALVIN DAVIS** Vice President **CHAD GRANT** Treasurer and **CALVIN LEWIS** Secretary. Also to the members of the Board of Directors **HOMER NORVILLE, TOTTSEY BASS, CHARLES HENRY, CHARLES HANSON, EDDIE HARRIS & J. LEON WILLIAMS.** You did well!!

**LORENZO "BUBBA" SEDANO RETIRES FROM TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY!! THIS N THAT** wants to say **CONGRATS** to a longtime East Lubbock resident **LORENZO "BUBBA" SEDANO** for a job well done after working for more than 20 years at Texas Tech University. A reception was given for him last Friday afternoon January 28, 2011 in the Matador Room of Texas Tech University. After working for the former State Senator and Chancellor of Texas Tech University his primary task was seeing that **HISTORICAL UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS (HUB)** were given an opportunity to participate in the Free Enterprise System. He will surely be missed in this area.

**EAST LUBBOCK CITIZENS STILL ASKING WHEN WILL SHOPPING CENTER OPEN!! THIS N THAT** is still receiving telephone calls about when will the new shopping center open for their business. Since it has been several months since its completion. **EAST LUBBOCK CITIZENS** are asking when will it be completed. Surely there is someone who has the answer to this question. It sure would help the **1800 BLOCK OF PARKWAY DRIVE!!!!**

**EDDIE PRICE RICHARDSON'S FAVORITE QUOTE: "IF IT IS TO BE, IT'S UP TO ME!!"**  
**WHO WILL RUN FOR LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT TWO?? THIS N THAT** is asking who will run for **LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT TWO?** It won't be long before i

sometimes like funeral programs. The dead person could have been 101 years old and the family put a picture on the program of the deceased when they were 25 years old. That is deceptive.

If you plan to join the trend, you need to get 'in cinque,' be alert, cautious and very observant. There are some success stories out there and there are some horror stories. Only you can insure what kind you will have.

### Legal Notice

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## Black History Month Is Celebrated Every February

In 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Rev. Jesse E. Moorland co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). Their goal was to research and bring awareness to the largely ignored, yet crucial role black people played in American and world history. The following year, Woodson published and distributed his findings in The Journal of Negro History. He founded the publication with the hope that it would dispel popular mistruths. He also hoped to educate black people about their cultural background and instill them with a sense of pride in their race.

The son of former slaves and the second black person to receive a degree from Harvard University, Carter Woodson understood the value of education. He also felt the importance of preserving one's heritage and, upon his urgings, the fraternity Omega Psi Phi created Negro History and Literature Week in 1920. In 1926, Woodson changed the name to Negro History Week. He selected the month of February for the celebration as a way to honor of the birth of two men whose actions drastically altered the future of black Americans. Abraham Lincoln, the U.S. President who issued the Emancipation Proclamation was born on February 12th and Frederick Douglass, one of the nation's leading abolitionists was born on February 14th.

Woodson and the ANSLH provided learning materials to teachers, black history clubs and the community at large. They also published photographs that depicted important figures in

black culture, plays that dramatized black history, and reading materials.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson died in 1950, but his legacy continued on as the celebration of Negro History Week was adopted by cities and organizations across the country. This observance proved especially important during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s, a time when the inhumane and unequal treatment of black people in America was being challenged and over-

turned. The Black Power Movement of the 1970s emphasized racial pride and the significance of collective cultural values. This prompted the ASNLH, now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, to change Negro History Week to Black History Week. In 1976, they extended the week to a month-long observance.

Black History Month is now recognized and widely

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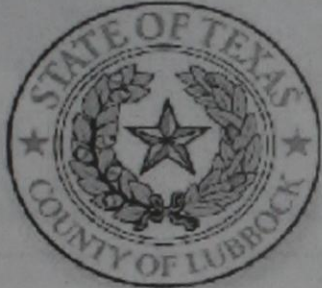
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## In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

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I cannot imagine what my grandmother would have thought of the Internet. She was a brilliantly keen lady when it came to visions of the future and the angles taken and observed in the actions of man. She longed to take a trip around the world, and I may add that she planned to take me with her. I kept that in my mind. Fortunately, I have seen a part of the world on the other side of the Atlanta and Pacific Oceans and I am certain that this would have made her smile. I can also imagine what she would feel if she could have accessed the Internet and was able to see some of the places that she had wished to visit in person. How would she have reacted to the many and varied experiences possible on the Internet?

Of all of the possibilities on the Internet, one which has been growing tremendously in the last few years is dating and meeting other people on the Internet, especially single people. Many people wonder why one would access the internet to meet a match or mate. There are plenty of reasons: 1) Many social organizations where people used to meet no longer have groups that support single activities, especially our churches 2) Wholesome meeting places for the over 60 age group are few and far in-between. 3) Finances often limit the ability to physically attend functions where a desirable mate could be found. 4) Employment hours and responsibilities may limit the ability to get out and meet people. 5) A larger number of contacts can be met on the Internet than through physical travel or wire contact, alone. 6) It is less expensive to browse the Web, even if you pay for it than

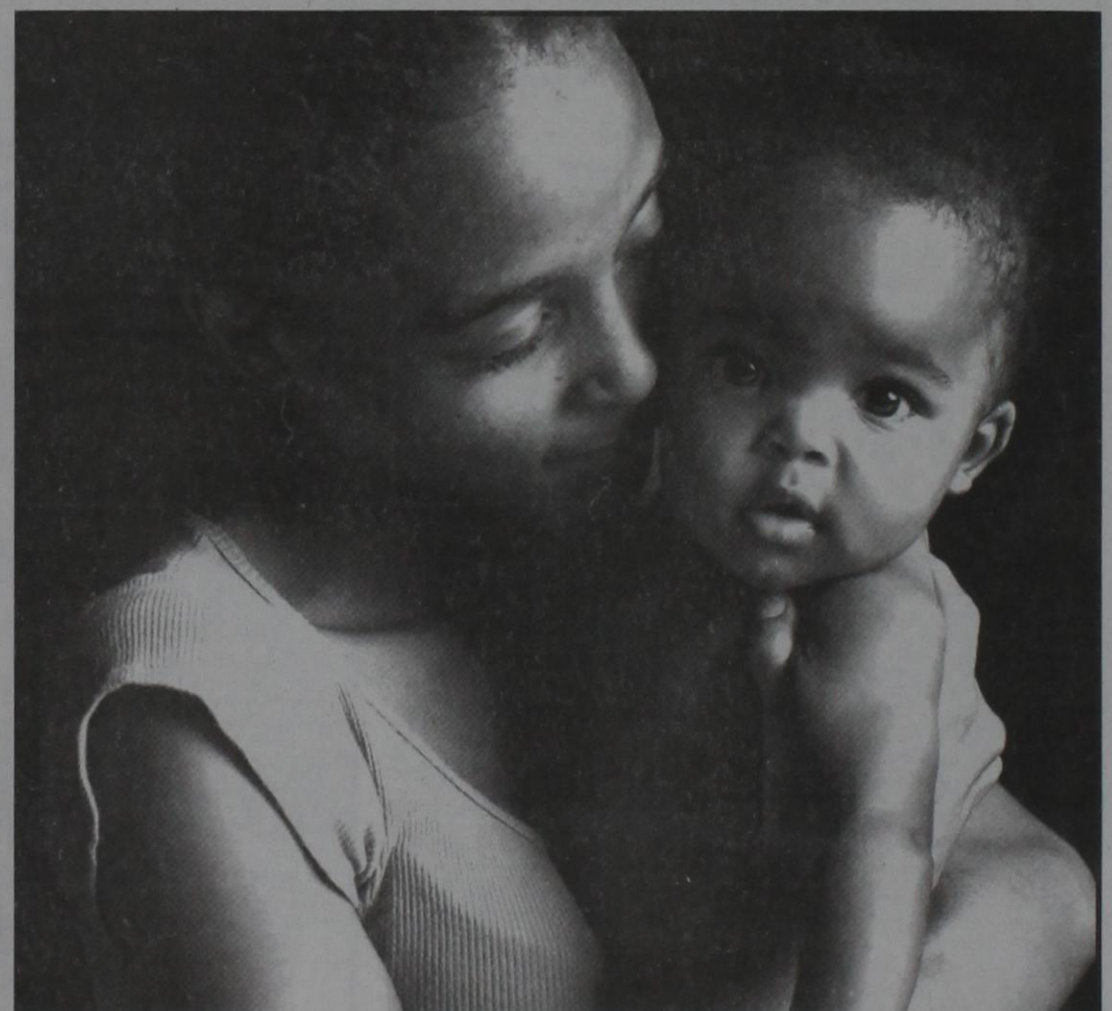


to venture out physically to find a partner.

The down side of using the Internet to find a mate is the fact that there are so many scammers in cyberspace waiting to pounce on a vulnerable prospect. It is so difficult to weed out the good from the bad. One has to do research if one really wants to connect with an individual. Sometimes it is necessary to pay for a background check if a person really interests you. There are identity thieves on the Internet and if you get careless and do not guard your privacy, it can happen to you. There are no police on these dating networks to insure you that you correspond, e-mail, chat or meet with a person and that they are who they say they are. This is something that you will have to make certain of yourself. The pictures may be fraudulent, and even if they are of the person for real, they may be so old, that if you see the individual with your eyes, that you cannot believe what you see. Pictures are

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# Lancaster City Council fires city manager

The Lancaster City Council fired City Manager Rickey Childers after meeting in executive session for his annual performance review.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote Monday, the council decided not to renew Childers' contract. Assistant City Manager Opal Mauldin-Robertson was named the interim city manager.

Council member Clyde Hairston made the motion to cut ties with Childers, who was under contract for another year. Hairston said the decision had a lot to do with Childers' performance but wouldn't elaborate.

"It was more of what he wasn't doing," Hairston said. "It was that time for him to move on. We needed somebody that would be able to work with the whole council."

Childers, who earned a base

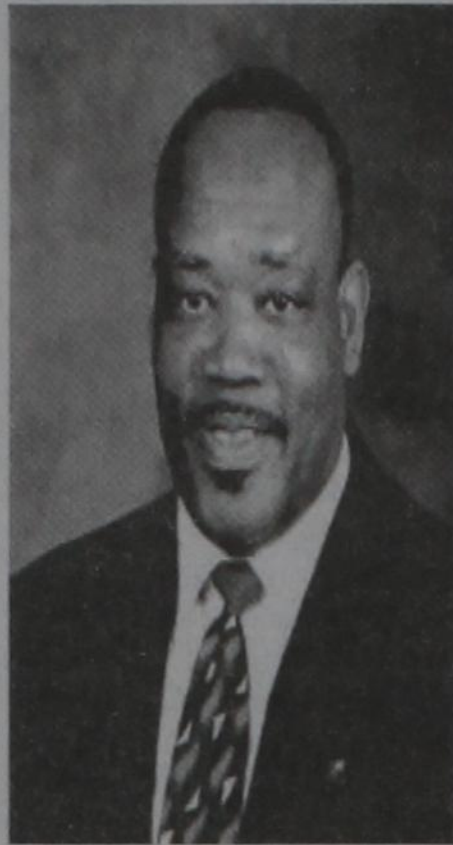
salary of \$155,000 a year, had spent the last four years as city manager. As part of his severance package, the city will pay Childers a year's salary, insurance benefits and retirement contributions.

When reached at his home Tuesday, Childers said he wasn't bitter about the council's decision.

"Of course I'm disappointed. Now it's time to move on to other things," Childers said. "I've got a lot of things accomplished, we got our finances in shape and we're moving forward."

Council member Walter Weaver refused to comment on the decision. Other council members did not return calls seeking comment.

"The official response is the city decided to move in a new



direction," said Mayor Marcus Knight. "We appreciate what Mr. Childers has done for our community, and we wish him well."

## Councilman Klein Statement Regarding LP&L

In light of Lubbock Power & Light's recent purchase of Xcel Energy's distribution assets within Lubbock city limits, Councilman Todd R. Klein respectfully requests the board members of LP & L review the company's advertising budget for possible savings for the city's rate-payers. Also, the Councilman respectfully requests the board consider adopting a best practice policy where board members consistently file financial interest and conflict of interest forms with the City.

Councilman Klein stated, "I believe this will place LP & L in a strong position in continuing to provide Lubbock citizens a home owned utility which constantly strives to provide the public with the best services and practices possible."

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## City Engineer Larry Hertel Will Retire After 35 Years



City Engineer Larry Hertel, P.E. is retiring from the City of Lubbock after 35 years. Hertel began working for the City in early 1976 as an associate civil

engineer after graduating from Texas Tech in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in Engineering Technology with a Construction Option. He was named city en-

gineer in 1988.

During his years at the City, Hertel has served on various regional, state, and national organizations. He served as president of the Texas Public Works Association (TPWA) and was honored with the 2004 TPWA Chapter Service Award, the group's highest honor. Hertel also received the Engineer of the Year award from the Texas Society of Professional Engineers in 1996.

Hertel's retirement is effective at the end of January. Effective February 1, 2011, Wood Franklin, P.E. will take over as city engineer. Franklin started with the City in 1999 as a civil engineering associate. Most recently, Franklin served as the chief water utilities engineer. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

## Buelah Elliott

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relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl, both parents, sister Louvina Montgomery; brothers David Haliburton Jr. and Willie D. Haliburton; adopted brother Jimmy Lee Boyd; sisters-in-law Mae Kyle Prentis and Joyce Elliott and brothers-in-law Columbus Prentis, Saul Elliott and Ulysses Cosby.

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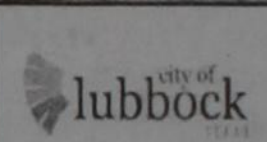
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## Women's Conference Set At The New Hope Baptist Church



Minister Sharieda Douglas

The New Hope Baptist Church Women's Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza, 3201 South Loop

### THIS N THAT

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It is time to sign up for this position.... Our present Lubbock City Councilman ..... **FLOYD PRICE** ..... has indicated he will not seek another term.....If he does not ..... then someone should be getting their act together.... On the other hand ..... the election for .....**LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT TWO** ..... will be up as well.... Our present LISD representative ..... **VERNITA HOLMES** ..... will be..... up for re-election...Will she seek another term? She hasn't made it known at this time!

### Black History

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brated by the entire nation on both a scholarly and commercial level. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History continues to promote, preserve and research black history and culture year-round.

289, February 18 & 19, 2010. Topics to be talked about are: "I Won't Let Go Until He Blesses Me," Genesis 32:26; "Praising My Way Through," and "I Want My Breakthrough This Time."

Conference facilitator is Minister Sharieda Patterson-Douglas of the Christ Missionary Baptist Church of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

The Conference will start at 5:00 p. m. on Friday, February

18th, and will conclude on Saturday, February 19th.

The Conference fee is \$57.00. To attend one day, the fee is \$45.00, which includes breakfast and lunch.

For further information and reservations, please contact: Pamela Moton, (806) 283-2168; Erma Robinson, (806) 543-6900; Winnie Jackson, (806) 793-3896; or Margaret Moton, (806) 765-9577.

If you plan to stay in the hotel, the costs are: 1 person per room, \$152.00; 2 person room, \$104.50; 3 person room, \$88.57; and 4 person room, \$80.75.

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### Thank God For Jesus

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you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and Wisdom, who we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

**JESUS didn't HOLD THE MONEY, HE GAVE IT TO JUDAS. JESUS was about GOD'S BUSINESS, AND THAT WAS ENOUGH!!!**

**Luke 4:18-19** – The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The Church should have the **MIND OF JESUS IS THE DYING WORLD.** Look at the **MISERIES OF THE MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS???**

**Matthew 11:28-30** – Jesus said, come unto me, al you that labor 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.

### Parson Smith

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everyone born in the United States, or naturalized as a citizen, was a citizen entitled to equal treatment under the law. This means mean and women, black and white, European, Chinese, and, yes, gay and straight. It was noted that the problem with Scalia's overly specific form of originalism is that it seems to concentrate too much on the words of the Founders (drafters in the case of the 14th Amendment) The 14th Amendment case law still recognizes the basic principle of equality that was placed in the Constitution for the first time ever in 1867.

While gender discrimination is more acceptable now, women must always be on their toes so to speak. The ruling elite males will always have a wife like that of King Ahab in the Bible who can see Russia from Alaska that will be self-serving to keep women in their designated place.

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## Black Mother Sentenced To Prison For Sending Kids To White School District

An Ohio mother of two was sentenced to 10 days in jail and placed on three years probation after sending her kids to a school district in which they did not live. Kelly Williams-Bolar was sentenced by Judge Patricia Cosgrove on Tuesday and will begin serving her sentence immediately.

The jury deliberated for seven hours and the courtroom was packed as the sentence was handed down. She was convicted on two counts of tampering with court records after registering her

two girls as living with Williams Bolar's father when



they actually lived with her. The family lived in the housing projects in Akron, Ohio, and the father's address was in nearby Copley Township.

Additionally, Williams-Bolar's father, Edward L. Williams, was charged with a fourth-degree felony of grand theft, in which he and his daughter are charged with defrauding the school system for two years of educational services for their girls. The court determined that sending their children to the wrong school was worth \$30,500 in tuition.

When I read about this

case, a few thoughts went through my mind. First, it's clear that the court is trying to make Kelly Williams-Bolar into an example. Even the judge in the case, Patricia Cosgrove, said that her sentence was appropriate "so that others who think they might defraud the school system perhaps will think twice."

Secondly, it's interesting how courts find it convenient to make someone into an example when they happen to be poor and black. I'd love to see how they prosecute wealthy white women who

commit the same offense. Oh, I forgot: Most wealthy white women don't have to send their kids to the schools located near the projects.

Third, I'm not sure why the court is treating this law-abiding mom like a thug who ran into a building with a shotgun

and robbed the district of \$30,000. Instead, they could simply subtract the amount it costs for her kids to go to the second school from the amount that would be spent for them to attend the first one.

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