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Bozeman Elementary Students Talk 'Red Raider Power'!



Students at Bozeman Elementary School were treated to a miniature pep rally on September 9, complete with a "Raider Power" cheering competition led by the Texas Tech Cheerleaders. The "Mini University Day" was an opportunity for students to learn about the college experience by listening to Texas Tech Cultural Diversity Representative Jennifer Sutton and by asking questions of Tech student Renae Dautes. In the photo at right, Bozeman third grader Tyjanee Robinson shakes hands with Texas Tech mascot Raider Red.



Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Johnson of Shallowater celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a reception at the Maggie Trejo Super Center Saturday, September 12th. Their children and special family friend, Wanda Young of Lubbock, hosted the celebration. They are the parents of Mae F. Polk of Shallowater, Jim Johnson (Christine), Julie Lang, and Gloria Danford, all of Lubbock. Johnson and the former Aradie Freeman married Sept. 16, 1944, in Marlin. They have seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Community Meetings

- * African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 312 E. 2nd 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 every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturday, 4:00 pm.
- * Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 408, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yorkshome 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, Mac Simmons Senior Center.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday 5:30 pm, ITT North Alumni Center.
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 8:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association Post Luck 54 meets on alternating months prior to meetings, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- * Texas Joint South-Central & 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 1st Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Plant 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 the Elementary Cafeteria.

100 Black Men of West Texas Receives the 2009 "Robert Duncan Community Champion Award"

On Saturday, August 22, 2009 the 100 Black Men of West Texas, Inc (the 100) received the prestigious 2009 Community Champion for Education Award. This award is in its third year of existence and is issued by the Texas Tech University's Office of the President through the Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement.

This award ceremony was a part of the "Back to School Fiesta" on the campus of Texas Tech University. The Robert Duncan Community Champion award was issued to the 100 by Texas State Senator, the Honorable Robert Duncan. Comments regarding the award and regarding the recipient were provided by Dr. Juan Sanchez Munoz who is the institution's Vice President of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement, and a member of the

100 Black Men of West Texas. The 100 was recognized as the leading community organization in West Texas involved in education. This was based on the long term relationship the 100 has maintained with the Lubbock Independent School District, the Frenship School District, and the community as a whole whereby the 100 has served as mentors and role models to thousands of students. Many of these students had been labeled as at-risk youth. Also, the 100 was recognized for its long standing scholarship program and especially for its current "Commendable Program" at the Lubbock Independent School District. Thanks to a grant from the CH Foundation, the 100's Commendable Program provides cash awards to students who achieve the mark of "commendable" on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and

Skills (TAKS) examination.

Accepting the award for the 100 was Chapter President, Greg Ricks. President Ricks acknowledged the many hardworking members of the 100 who make it possible for the organization to be successful. President Ricks also expressed gratitude to Texas Tech and to Senator Duncan for bestowing the honor upon the 100. President Ricks had the members of the 100 to join him on stage and noted that the men standing with him exemplify the National organization's Motto, which is: "Real Men Giving Real Time." Also present on stage assisting in the award presentation was Texas Tech President, Dr. Guy Bailey and the Honorable Alberto Gonzales, former United States Attorney General and current faculty member at Texas Tech University.

Madonna, Janet Pay Tribute to Michael Jackson at VMAs

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson, who was not only one of the most influential forces in MTV's history but also provided its Video Music Awards with some of its most irreverent moments, got reverential treatment Sunday as Madonna and his sister Janet provided emotional tributes — one through words, one through song.

It was a tender, special moment — a rarity for the Video Music Awards. But the mood didn't last for long, thanks in part to another onstage outburst from Kanye West.

Madonna kicked off the show at Radio City Music Hall with a poignant speech about her relationship with Michael Jackson, which began when she was a youngster idolizing the then-child star, then morphed into a friendship when both were at the apex of their careers, and later, grew distant.

Madonna lamented the negative publicity that dogged him in his later years.

"Sometimes, we have to lose



things before we can truly appreciate them," said Madonna, dressed in black.

"Yes, Michael Jackson was a human being, but yes, he was a king," she told the celebrity-studded crowd, which included Michael's brother Jermaine and father Joe Jackson. "Long live the king."

The musical tribute began afterward, as Jackson clones dressed in some of his signature outfits recreated his famous dance moves from videos like "Bad," "Smooth Criminal" and "Thriller."

Then, as "Scream," his duet with Janet, appeared on a large screen, his sister came out to

ACORN Announces Major Steps to Address Issues Raised by Videos

In response to recently released videos of frontline ACORN staff, ACORN CEO Bertha Lewis made the following announcement Wednesday morning.

"As a result of the indefensible action of a handful of our employees, I am, in consultation with ACORN's Executive Committee, immediately ordering a halt to any new intakes into ACORN's service programs until completion of an independent review. I have also communicated with ACORN's independent Advisory Council, and they will assist ACORN in naming an independent auditor and investigator to conduct a thorough review of all of the organizations relevant systems and processes. That reviewer, to be named within 48 hours, will make recommendations directly to me and to the full ACORN Board. We enter this process with a commitment that all recommendations will be implemented."

Ms. Lewis is specifically ordering the following steps be taken effective noon eastern on September 16, 2009:

- *No new intakes will be accepted into ACORN's offices for service programs, effective immediately;
- *An immediate in-service training for all frontline staff has been ordered within 48 hours;
- *ACORN's independent Advisory Council will help select an independent auditor/reviewer no later than September 18th to review all of the systems and processes called into question by the videos.

In early 2009, ACORN set up an independent Advisory Council to help facilitate a transition to a new management team under the leadership of CEO Bertha Lewis. Lewis was appointed to the job in the fall of 2008 after disclosure of a set of improper management decisions by the founder of the organization, who had led ACORN for 38 years. ACORN's Advisory Council includes:

- *John Podesta, President and CEO, Center for American Progress
- *Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Board Member, RFK Foundation, former MD Lt. Governor

City of Lubbock Health Department Warns of H1N1

The City of Lubbock Health Department Surveillance Division would like to remind citizens and health care providers that while H1N1 influenza has been reported to cause nausea/vomiting in some persons, there still exists a potential for infection with other pathogens that cause gastro-intestinal illness. There has been a general increase in these conditions in Lubbock County over recent months.

This would include bacterial infections such as salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis and

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday, September 27, 2009, with the Rising Star Baptist Church as host. The proud pastor is Rev. Hiawatha Culver. The monthly meeting will begin at 2:30 p. m. with the Rising Star Baptist Senior Choir opening with swinging. This will be followed by the other ten choirs in attendance.

Sister Bennie Sims is president. She says, "Do come and be with us as we praise our Lord in singing his praises!"

National Merit Scholarship Corporation officials announced the 2010 Semifinalists in the 55th annual National Merit Scholarship Program on Sept. 16, 2009. Of the 1.5 million stu-

dents taking the qualifying exam, Lubbock ISD had 10 scholars tapped with the prestigious award. LISD is the only public school district in Lubbock County with students named as National Merit Semifinalists.

Lubbock ISD Semifinalists are Winifred Conrad, Bayless Drum, Katharine Glasheen, Shaylen Hogue, Johanna Neuber, Julia Shannon and Ketevan Tsereteli from Lubbock High School, and John Myers, Haley Schneider and Jacob Skelton from Monterey High School.

The Men and Women of the New Hope Baptist Church will celebrate its Annual Day on Sunday afternoon, September 20, 2009, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Larry Brooks and the Community Baptist Church.

Rev. B. R. Moton is host pastor.

Services were well attended at the New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday morning, September 1, 2009. Rev. B. R. Moton is the proud pastor.

Services got underway with the Praise Team singing out of their hearts and souls. The morning scripture and prayer were done by Ministers Woods and Allen.

After the New Hope Choir sang several selections, Pastor Moton preached on the subject "Wait On The Lord." His scripture text was Isaiah 4:28-31.

Fashion Corner

By Shirley Johnson

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shigellosis as well as parasitic infections such as cryptosporidiosis and giardiasis. These pathogens can cause recurring illness if not diagnosed and treated appropriately by a physician, especially in young children. Children and young adults in school and daycare settings are often more at risk being exposed to these pathogens in their environment.

Preventive measures are paramount in reducing the risk of gastro-intestinal illness, especially in situations where many persons share the same space. This would include:

- frequent and thorough hand-washing, especially after toileting and before eating
- thorough cleaning of hands, soiled surfaces and clothing when changing diapers or caring for incontinent persons
- not sharing food, drinks or utensils with others, especially someone who has been ill.

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New Light Baptist Church News

Sunday morning, September 13, 2009, worship services got started once again at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the proud pastor.

Church school started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled: "An Unsuspected Leader" with the scripture text coming from Judges 6:1-3; 7-14.

The Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the Youth helping with the devotion.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Youth Choir marched to the choir stand singing... The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee, and the scripture came from Psalm 5:1-12. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the congregation singing "Pray For Me."

Brother Dorian Moore read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events which will be taking place during the upcoming week and beyond.

All birthdays for the week were acknowledged also. There was the pastoral period held by the pastor and then the offering was taken up.

The Youth Choir sang "Come On Children And Let Jesus In" and "God Got A Blessing For You." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled "Are You Free?" with the scripture text coming from John 8:36; Galatians 5:16-23. Brother A. W. Brown sang "You Just Call My Name" after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several came for prayer.

Pray in season and out of season. Pray, pray, pray! If we never needed it before, we need it now and that's prayer. Pray for God's blessing to continue to share in his children's life.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK: *The Lord is my shepherd there's nothing I lack. He let's me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters. He renews my life. He leads me along the darkest valley I lean no danger for you're with me your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows, only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of life and I'll dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.*

Psalm 23:1-6

Let us remember who is in control as we know where our help comes from.

Remember, if you are looking for a Church Home, then why not think of attending the New Light Baptist Church. We are hoping you will consider.

During the week, let us not forget those who are homeless, in prison, or have lost a loved one. Today, it could be someone else, and tomorrow it could be you, or I.

Let's be thankful of no matter where we are and life and strive for the better.



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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

The Thought Processes of an Idiot

I was astonished when I read Adam D. Young's report in the Saturday's September 11, 2009 edition of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal entitled "Sitton says she was pressured to resign." Young wrote: "Former Lubbock mayor and Texas Tech regent Windy Sitton said she finished her last two months on the university's Board of Regents despite pressure from the governor's office to resign."

Young continues: "Sitton, whose five-year term with the Board of Regents ended in January, said pressure from the governor's office came last fall in a phone call from then board chairman Scott Dueser after Sitton made public her support of Kay Bailey Hutchison's run for governor in next spring's Republican primary... Sitton said Dueser called her to relay a message from the governor's office: "Cease and desist supporting the immediately or resign from the board."

This writer was offended at the thought of the present Governor of Texas (Ricky Perry) who would secede the State of Texas from the United States of America and who would ask a wonderful person like Mrs. Windy Sitton to resign from the Texas Tech Board of Regents because she disagree with his crazy political ideology.

The people of Texas need to asked Perry to resign and go with the other querulous voices of misfits who supports his racial and divisive offal ideology to states like Kentucky, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama and the like where they allegedly still have little houses behind the big house that they use to bring human comfort.

This writer acknowledges that Winton Sitton done what she could for the progress of Lubbock, Texas as a white female in a white male dominated city filled with hidden racial divide for the progress of the whole city. The negative spilt of Ricky is that of a mischievous and jealous child who is spoiled rotten and want to have his way. The "community of color" of Lubbock has notice his and his supporters rabid behavior and will deal with it at the appropriate time. There is a treatment available for the mad-brained idiot! People of color have the cure at the voting booth.

The word *bête noire* is French and literally means black beast. The functioning noun means (1) something or someone that causes fear or dread, (2) something or someone that is hated or a person or thing strongly detested or avoid; a bane-a source of harm or ruin: curse, death, destruction.

The "black beast" for the people of color and poor and unsuspecting whites who reside in the state of Texas and especially in West & Northwest Texas could be it present leader.

In fact a recent report in the AJ by Enrique Rangel of the Austin Bureau stated nearly one of every four residents in Cochran and Crosby counties in 2007 were poor. The report noted this was a rate twice as high as the rest of the nation (United States). The report also noted that in the year 2007, the economic situation for the Panhandle and the South Plains was more dismal than for the rest of the state and nation. The numbers of poor were higher than the state and national average.

The report noted the state poverty rate was 16.3 percent; however in Cochran and Crosby counties, in the Panhandle/South Plains region, it was between 20 and 26 percent. That percentage was equal to or higher than the poverty rate in the 45 counties along or near the border with Mexico, the poorest region in Texas.

The arrogant behavior of Texas leader and those Texans who lead with the same ideophobia toward the African American leader and people of color of the free world bear "the thought processes of an idiot."



We Thank God for Jesus "America In Her Miseries"

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

Exodus 20:3-5 - You shall have no other Gods before me. You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the father upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.

When America started out, she worshipped and praised God. She became increased with wisdom and riches. Now's she thinks she's a God!!!

Revelation 3:13-17 - Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit said unto the churches, because you say I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and know not that you are wretched, etched and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

America can do her art, ear, nose, kidney, and lung transplants. She is wise, but that is what the Bible calls a fool. Wise in her own eyes!!!

Proverb 12:15 - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he that listen unto counsel is wise.

America can see that she is in trouble. Even a blind man can see. She turned her heart, and mind away from God. Look at her miseries!!!

Isaiah 1:7 - The Lord said, your country is desolated, your cities are burned with fire:

your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate as overthrown by strangers.

Many of her miseries came when she like Adam and Eve, wanted to do it in their way, and wanted to give rights to the people to ask God they didn't pray!!!

Luke 19:14 - Jesus said, his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, we will not have this man to reign over us.

**** JESUS SAID, I'M THE ONLY WAY, AND THE ONLY TRUTH!!!! ****

God wants people to have only one right, and that all mankind to be saved. That's why Jesus died for the sins of the world, then rose from the grave!!!

John 3:16 - Jesus said, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The church leaders of America went away from the word of God to do their own thing, and went away from the word of God, to do their own thing, and went with what a dreamer had in his heart!!!

Jeremiah 23:25-26 & 28 - The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said that prophesy lies in my name, say-

ing, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of the deceiver of their own heart. The prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream, and he that hath a word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat.

(The Devil and his rights are wrong. Cutting a baby out of a woman rights, throwing your children out of the building rights, Teacher Having Sex 13 Year Old R rights, Kill The Family Rights, Drunk Driving Rights, Kill The Family Rights, Kill The Family Rights, Drunk Driving Rights, Drugs In School Rights, Black R rights, White Rights, Drive By Shooting Rights, Condoms In Schools R rights, Bombing of The 911 Building Rights, Black Suicide Rights, Shaking Rights, Killing In The Colleges Rights!!!)

Church leaders of America did give out mankind's Rights, and they're wrong. One woman removed Prayer out of schools, and it was where it belonged!!!

**** THE DEVIL USED ONE WOMAN TO BEAT ALL THE CHURCH LEADERS!!!! ****

Isaiah 56:10-11 - The Lord said, his watchman at a blind. They are all ignorant. They are all dumb dogs. They

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St Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, September 13, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Services got underway with Sunday School school at 10:00 a.

m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley in charge. The subject of the Sunday School lesson was "An Unexpected Leader." The Unified Topic was "Gideon: A Deliverer for the People." The scripture text was Judges 6:1-3; 7-14. The background scripture was Judges 6-8.

The teacher her of the lesson was Sister Barbara Johnson. Pastor Canady reviewed the morning lesson with some very interesting thoughts for all in attendance.

The morning worship hour begun with Deacon E. Williams and Sister E. Williams leading

the devotional period. The continue in prayer was done by First Lady Shirley Canady.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "The Battle Is The Lord's." His scripture text was 1 Samuel 17:42-47. The key verse was 1 Samuel 17:47.

The Song of Inspiration was "The Battle Is The Lord's." Let us not forget our sick and shut in citizens each week. Our Weekly Meetings are:

Mission, Wednesday evening, 6:00 p. m. and Bible Study, 7:00 p. m.

The Choir Rehearsal is held Friday evening, 5:00 p. m.

Usher's Rehearsal is held Saturday mornings at 11:00 a. m.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is still looking for a Musician. If anyone is interested, please contact Pastor Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445.

Thought For The Week:

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers. None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others. Comes back into our own."

"A good example is someone who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

God Bless each of you until next week. God is able!

Thanks for reading.

what you think about our new theme song. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

Better still, why not come and join us at our next meeting. Give us a call at (806) 762-3347.

Saint's, thanks for reading us each week.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Buxton, vice president; and Sister Elnora Jones, secretary.

Out Reach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast is very excited by their theme song. It is entitled "They'll Know We Are Christians."

Here are the words of this new song. Will you learn it with us? Hope so.

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

WE are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all u-ni-ty

may one day be restored, and they 'they'll know we are Christ's-ians

By our Love - by our Love, and they 'they'll know we are Christians by our Love.

We shall walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and to-gether we'll spread the news that God is in our Land, and they'll know we are Christ-ians by our Love.

by our Love - and they'll know we are Christ-ians by our Love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

and they'll know we are Christians by our Love, by our Love - and they 'they'll know we are Christ-ians by our Love.

All - praise to the Father, from - whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, his on-ly son, and all praise to

Christ Jesus, his on-ly son, and all pr praise to the spir-it who -- makes us -- one, and I hey 'they'll know we are Christ-ians by our

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Obsequies

Jessie Mae "Mother" Evans

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, September 16, 2009 for Jessie Mae "Mother" Williams Evans at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, past or, officiating.



neighborhood for her cakes, gardening and feeding the sick and shut-in. Mother touched many lives with her kindness, generosity and warm smile.

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

Evans, 93, of Lubbock, the fifth of five children born to John and Amanda Williams of Milam County, passed away at Covenant Medical Center, Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009.

"Mother", as she was affectionately known, moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1939 and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church from then until she passed away. During her time as an active member at New Hope, she was a regular and dedicated member of Sunday School Class #4, she sang in the choir when she was younger and she was also a member of the Ola Scott Circle. She was a member of the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association. She was known throughout the

Mother was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, John S. Evans; parents, John and Magnolia Williams; brothers, Booker, Kate and Oley Williams; and sister, Magnolia Sally Bowser. She is survived by her children, Charles Sylvester Kerr, Joan Blondell Kerr Jones, Clovis Wendell Kerr, Sr. (Mildred) and John Rickey Evans; grandchildren, Michelle Crawford Harper, Patrice Mitchell (James), Geoffrey Crawford (Toni), Clovis Kerr, Jr., Lori Denise Kerr (David), Walter Craig Crawford, Reginald James Kerr (Ronette) and Sonia Crawford; great-grandchildren, Na-

John Carlson Smith, Sr.

Funeral services were held for John Carlson Smith, Sr. on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at Community Baptist Church with REv. Larry Brooks, pastor, officiating.



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

Smith, Sr., 78, of Lubbock passed away on Sunday, September 6, 2009 at Covenant Medical Center. He was born on November 30, 1930 to Mr. John W. Smith and Ophelia Houff Smith in Redwater, Texas.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree at University of Texas, Tyler, Texas. He was a United States Postal worker, County Correctional Facilitator, Korean War Veteran, educator and a member of Masonic Lodge #320. He was married to Lettie L. Phillips and to this union two children were born. Later in life, on March 15, 1976, he married Thelma J. Brown (who preceded him in death) and to this union one child was born.

He leaves to cherish his memory, two sons, John C. Smith, Jr.

talie Bell, Toni Kerr, John Crawford, Tamara Bell, Quentin Crawford, Clovis Kerr, III (deceased), Wesley Kerr, Alexandria Crawford, Stefan Crawford, Madison Kerr, Kandice Mitchell and Re'Nessa Kerr; a great-great grandchild, Zaimya Kerr; and a host of other relatives and friends.

(Tajuana) and Steven J. Smith, one daughter, Carletta G. Smith-Harrison (Anthony), two brothers, Desmond E. Smith and Charles Smith; two sisters, Gwen Smith and Joyce Kelly; devoted niece, Barbra Ann Weaver, first cousins, Delois Lee, Tom Walton and Earl Walton; five grandchildren, Kendra Smith, Denisha Smith, Taurean Smith, Cameron Smith and Nevaeh Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Leonard Smith



Graveside services were held for Leonard Smith at 11 a.m. on Friday morning, September 11, 2009 at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Smith, 58, of Lubbock passed away on September 5, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Ellis; children, Derrick Ellis, Brittany Smith, and Michael Smith and wife Maria; granddaughter, Zianne; two brothers, Walter Smith and Bob Smith; and a host of friends and relatives.

represent "catastrophic and irreparable harm" for the institution, the oldest historically Black college in Texas. The filings demonstrate the extraordinary recent progress the school has made in its financial and administrative management - and cite ongoing concerns that SACS "made multiple material factual errors in connection with its assessment of [Paul Quinn's] financial condition."

The Storefront alleged that SACS violated the Higher Education Act by denying Paul Quinn the opportunity to "present new and significant financial information" relating to its accreditation appeal.

Paul Quinn President Michael J. Sorrell hailed the developments as a signal that the college would ultimately prevail in its legal challenge and ongoing pursuit of accreditation.

"This is an incredibly important day in the history of Paul Quinn College," said Sorrell.

"The message for our students, faculty, alumni and supporters is that we remain fully accredited, confident in our future, and focused on our goal of becoming one of America's great small colleges."

Injunction Allows HBCU to Maintain Standing

DALLAS (NNPA) - Paul Quinn College won a temporary yet significant battle in preventing the college from having its accreditation removed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. (SACS). Attorneys for the school secured a preliminary injunction that allows it to maintain its current accreditation status.

The document from the Atlanta Division of the United States District Court stated: "Paul Quinn College ... is hereby reinstated to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc., (SACS-COC), in the same status it was in immediately before the action to remove it; that is, as a member on Probation."

The injunction is pending until the final outcome and resolution of Paul Quinn's case will be resolved. It's not sure at this point of what further actions will be taken by SACS or the North District Court. The injunction will allow Paul Quinn to remain accredited during the pendency of its litigation against SACS - challenging efforts to remove accreditation from the 137-year-old college. As a result of the Aug. 27 order, Paul Quinn may continue to award degrees and distribute federal financial aid to students. Fall classes will begin as planned on October 5.

"The injunction allows Paul Quinn to continue serving students and the community in its full capacity, and represents another step toward securing the long-term future of this college," said William A. Brewer III, partner at Bickel & Brewer Storefront and lead counsel for Paul Quinn. The law firm filed the injunction on Aug. 25 in Atlanta.

The accreditation dispute involving Paul Quinn has become among the most closely watched cases in higher education. SACS' Commission on Colleges notified the school on June 25 that it was removing it from membership in the organization, and that decision was affirmed by an appeals committee on August 24.

The following day, the Bickel & Brewer Storefront filed a lawsuit in Atlanta federal district court and a motion seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction.

The Storefront argued that SACS had violated Paul Quinn's common law and statutory due process rights and that removing the school's accreditation would

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

(Editor's Note: This N That wanted to share some national news. In this case, Chris Brown is shown paying the price. Ye Ed.)

Chris Brown -- Just Throw It in the Bag

Law enforcement sources tell TMZ Chris Brown has been placed on the roadside cleanup crew for the day -- which means

he'll spend 3-5 hours picking weeds and picking up trash on the side of the road. The next time Chris reports for hard labor -- which may not be tomorrow -- he could be assigned to different tasks.

Roads in Richmond, Virginia are going to be a whole lot cleaner now -- but not necessarily safer -- because Chris Brown officially kicked off his 180 day hard labor sentence this morning with a little roadside cleanup.



ACORN announces new training, review after 'prostitution' videos

WASHINGTON (CNN) - The community organizing group ACORN on Wednesday announced a hiring freeze, new training programs and an independent review of its programs after the recent release of a series of videotapes embarrassing to the agency.

The videos, secretly taped by two individuals posing as a pimp and a prostitute, showed ACORN employees in four of the agency's offices suggesting or condoning a series of illicit actions as the couple sought advice on setting up a brothel with underage women from El Salvador.

"We have all been deeply disturbed by what we've seen in some of these videos," ACORN CEO Bertha Lewis said. "I must say on behalf of ACORN's board and our Advisory Council that we will go to whatever lengths necessary to re-establish the public trust."

The steps announced include an immediate halt in hiring for all ACORN offices, an immediate training program for all front-line staff and selection of an independent au-



THINK ABOUT IT!

We Must Do For Self First

by Eddie P. Richardson

The old saying goes like this, God helps those who help themselves. That is no truer saying than that. As Dr. Booker T. Washington said many years ago, we must cast down our buckets where we are. The work ethic is no longer taught by many parents in this day and time. It has been replaced with aid, being slick, hustling, running games, even stealing some parents, even teaching their children, shop lifting at an early age.

For our long denied communities to become the successful thriving market places, they should be the leadership must come from within the community. We also must go back to the basics with such things as honesty, hard work, love and respect for each other, and then working collective to-

gether for the good of the community in which we represent. We must start by supporting each other when ever and, however we can.

We must also educate our dollars and teach them to go where they are appreciated and respected. We must support merchants and businesses in our community who support our community. Teach our dollars to by passing the merchants and businesses who do not support our communities. We must be especially aware of those business owners who take all of our spent dollars and

do not do any thing to enhance the community.

On the other hand, we must demand good and professional services from all who serve us in our communities. We must all take as our personal creed in our community and live by it: "if it is to be it is up to me" and make ourself a committee of one and live by it.

We will continue this next week as we see the importance of this topic for our community.

Phea Boy's & Girl's Club Supporting Our Youth



The Boys and Girls Club of America gave out 100 dollar Gift Certificates to young men and women from each club from Lubbock and Shallowater on Saturday, September 12, 2009, from Kohl's Department Store.

The young people had one hour to shop for the merchandise of their choice, but their couldn't be a toy.

Pictured above are some of the young people who participated in this function. Appearing with the young people are Charles Hankson, Board Member, and Robert McKenzie, Director of Phea Boys & Girls Club. Photos Courtesy of T. Bass.

In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



no children, and your income is no more than \$11,201, you are living in poverty. If you are over 65 years of age, and no children, less than \$10,326 would put you in the poverty category. A couple with no children is classified as in poverty if their income is \$13,014, and if there is a child under 18 years of age in the home, the poverty live is \$14,784. Poverty for a family of eight people when seven are under 18 years of age is \$35,125.

Every day, it appears that the most discussed conversation is how many people in this country do not have medical coverage. There is the statistical count of how many people above the poverty line do not have coverage, and how many people there are below the poverty line that do not have medical coverage. These figures are always given in percentages of the total population. The problem I find, is that they always fail to tell us where the poverty line is. I have read articles and decided to find out where it is for my self.

I checked the U.S. Census Bureau and they quoted for the year 2008, figures which are approximately ten years old in citing levels of income related to family size, and the number of children under 18 years of age in a home. Poverty for a family of four people with three children is about \$22,000. If you are under 65 years of age and have

It is understandable why the various reporting sources will not quote the poverty figure because they would have to break it down into categories, but the usual figure, considered the standard for deciding general poverty is the one used for a family of four, which is \$22,000 per year income. We all are aware that figures quoted years ago are not really relevant now, but will have to suffice as newer figures have not been given us. With today's prices, we may very well be in poverty if our incomes are below the figure quoted for a family of four.

When we consider the poverty line and the amount of monthly Social Security grants, most working Americans are expected to live in poverty when they retire. Individuals who receive SSI or the Supplemental Security Income are kept in poverty by their grants, but do

have some medical coverage. Citizens want medical coverage and they also want to be able to eat and have a place they call home to sleep. We may as well face it, the majority of Americans are living in poverty and that is nothing new. We need to get 'in cinque', face facts and solve the medical and economic problems to keep this country in a world leadership role.

ditor by the end of this week.

As the announcement was made, FBI Director Robert Mueller appeared on Capitol Hill for a wide-ranging oversight hearing, and when asked about ACORN, he signaled a potential federal investigation of the organization.

In response to a description of the highly publicized videotapes by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, Mueller said he had just learned of the matter.

"I think the first time I heard of this incident to which you refer was last evening," Mueller said. "Clearly, given what you have said, it's something in consultation with the Department of Justice that we would look at."

At least 11 states have been investigating ACORN -- the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now -- for alleged voter registration fraud stemming from the general election in 2008.

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President's Opinion of Kanye West Sparks Debate

NEW YORK (AP) - President Barack Obama's candid thoughts about Kanye West are provoking a debate over standards of journalism in the Twitter age.

ABC News says it was wrong for its employees to tweet that Obama had called West a "jackass" for the rapper's treatment of country singer Taylor Swift. The network said some of its employees had overheard a conversation between the president and CNBC's John Harwood and didn't realize it was considered off the record.

The network apologized to the White House and CNBC.

Harwood had sat down with the president to tape an interview following his appearance on Wall Street on Monday. Although they are competitors, CNBC and ABC share a fiber optic line to save money, and this enabled some ABC employ-

ees to listen in on the interview as it was being taped for later use.

Their attention was drawn to chatter about West, who was widely criticized for interrupting Swift as she accepted an award at Sunday's MTV Video Music Awards to say that Beyonce deserved it.

During what sounds like informal banter before the interview begins, Obama is asked whether his daughters were annoyed by West's hijacking of Swift's acceptance statement, according to an audio copy that was posted on TMZ.com.

"I thought that was really inappropriate," Obama says. "What are you butting in (for)?" The young lady seems like a perfectly nice person. She's getting her award. What's he doing up there?"

A questioner chimes in. "Why would he do it?"

"He's a jackass," Obama replies, which is met with laughter from several people.

The president seems to quickly realize he may have gone too far, and jovially appeals to those assembled that the remark be kept private. "Come on guys," he says. "Cut the president some slack. I've got a lot of other stuff on my plate."

One was Terry Moran, a former White House correspondent. He logged on to Twitter and typed: "Pres. Obama just called Kanye West a 'jackass' for his outburst at VMAs when Taylor Swift was presidential."

Thank God For Jesus

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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 (\$10,000.00 Anniversary).

Lubbock Municipal Museums Offer Free Admission on Museum Day

On Saturday, September 26, 2009, the Buddy Holly Center and Silent Wings Museum will participate in the fifth annual Museum Day, presented by Smithsonian magazine. A celebration of culture, learning and the dissemination of knowledge, Smithsonian's Museum Day reflects the spirit of the magazine, and emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties. Doors will be open free of charge to Smithsonian magazine readers.



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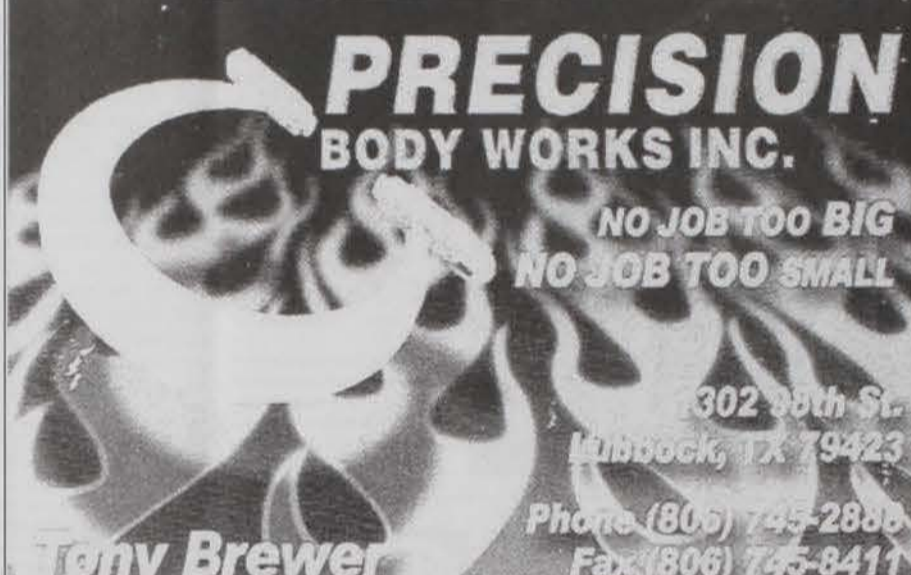
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