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## Dalton Sherman Will Address The 2009 Lincoln Douglass Event

The guest speaker for the 2009 Lincoln/Douglass event will be Dalton Sherman, a ten year-old of Texas, who has spoken to more than 20,000 educators at the Dallas Independent School District Convocation last fall. In doing so, he became an instant YouTube super star.

Young Sherman has appeared on Oprah Winfrey, and has introduced poetess Maya Angelou. Oprah called Dalton one of the ten most talented kids in the world!

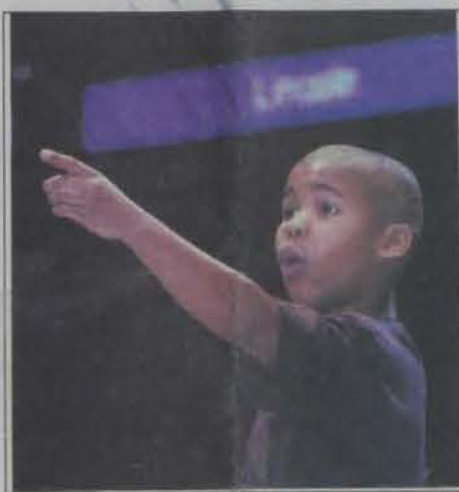
He will speaking at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, South Loop 289 & I-27, on Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2009.

The Lincoln/Douglass Tea was established in 1962. This year's tea promises to be the best ever.

Tickets for this tea may be purchased at Caviel's Pharmacy and Ralph's Record and Tapes.

For more information, call Ms. Emma Jackson at 762-3350.

This annual event is sponsored by the Roots Historical Arts Council & The Lincoln Douglass Event Committee and the kind support of Sudden Link Communications, Texas Tech University, Lubbock Independent School District, the



Dalton Sherman

Lubbock Area Foundation, and The Diekmeyer Foundation.

"We are expecting another sold out crowd for this year's event," said Eric Strong. "We had to move to a larger building, because of the success we had last year," he said.

Also appearing on the program will be the national Abraham Lincoln presenter,

James Hayney of Pennsylvania, and Michael Crutcher of Kentucky, the national Frederick Douglass presenter. He has been featured on many films along side such icons as Dakota Fanning.

The public is invited to attend. This will be a great program for Lubbock, and will be beneficial for all in attendance.



### Community Meetings

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

African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-8:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 M.E. Blvd. 806-771-1815.

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

Hub City Kwanzaa meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1206 Avenue G.

Danline Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 3520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.

West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.

The Parkway & Cherry-Pear Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hart Elementary.

Charmain Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at Iles Elementary Cultural.

If you have an announcement you want to appear in this paper, there are three ways to get information to us:

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## Comments From District Two LISD Town Hall Meeting

School Board Member Vernita Holmes had a Town Hall District Two meeting about the Lubbock Public Schools on last Thursday evening, January 29, 2009, where more than fifty persons were in attendance. The meeting was held at the Mae Simmons Community Center.

The meeting was opened by Ms. Holmes who introduced Ms. Shelia Harris to offer the prayer. Also present was Steve Massengale, At-Large School Board member.

After brief remarks were made, Ms. Holmes opened the floor for questions and comments.

Explanation of Fact sheets given out and an apology for Matthews Alternative campus being left off list of District 4 campuses.

Vernita Woods-Holmes spoke of receiving parent calls and going directly to the Superintendent before returning

phone calls.

**Question (from Cathy Faulks)**

Why are no textbooks issued to students at EHS? I had a battle trying to get a textbook and was advised by someone on campus that there was a 1000.00 deposit to get a textbook.

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

Parents should be able to get textbooks for student since they are taxpayers. The parents are allowed to check books out themselves and are responsible for the books. I was not made aware of the situation when it happened. The statement regarding deposit was not true and it will not happen again.

**Question (from Cathy Faulks)**

Why are there no lockers available for students at EHS?

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

Due to what can be stored in



Ms. Vernita Holmes

lockers; most schools do not have them available. It is the Principals decision to provide lockers or not.

**Question (from Cathy Faulks)**

EHS parking lot is in terrible condition. Why has it not been repaired? I was told there were no funds to repair but noticed other campuses had their parking lots repaired.

**Answer (from Steve Massengale)**

All campuses are given bond money. Each campus has a priority list of what needs to be done. Parking lot repairs will fall lower on the list below building, roof, A/C or heating repairs etc.

**Question (from Charles Taylor)**

Why is the public not made aware of schools being sold? Example when Posey sold?

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

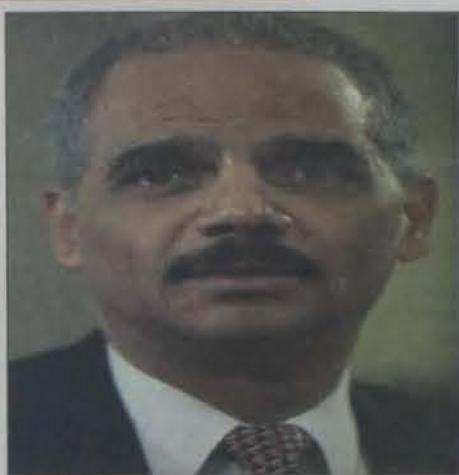
The lack of students in the community caused the school to close in 2001.

**Answer (from Steve Massengale)**

The building was sold on May 2006 for 40,000.00. The logic behind the sale was the empty building still cost the school money to maintain and it would cost too much to make extensive repairs. LISD had a buyer for the building and it was sold with an agreement that no other school of any type could go back into the building. This information was provided to the public.

**Comment (from T. J. Patterson)**

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Attorney General Eric Holder

## Holder sworn in as attorney general Tuesday morning

WASHINGTON — Eric Holder, sworn in Tuesday as attorney general, promised a clean break with the past policies of the Bush administration, saying the Justice Department will be "no place for political favoritism."

"I am determined to ensure that this shall be a new day for the dedicated career professionals that I am so honored to call my colleagues," Holder told various employees and dignitaries gathered for the ceremony. He said he was committed to remaking the department "into what it once was and what is always should be."

Vice President Joe Biden administered the oath to President Barack Obama's pick for the nation's top law enforcement officer, the first African-American to hold the post.

Biden said the department, under Holder, would return to a past standard of "no politics, no ideology. Only a clear assessment of facts and law."

Hundreds of department employees packed the hallways and stairways to welcome Holder. To loud cheers and applause, he pledged to remake the department by "taking it back to what it once was and always has to be."

Holder was confirmed Monday evening by a 75-21 Senate vote, with all the opposition coming from Republicans.

Holder takes over a department wracked by Bush administration scandals over politically motivated hirings and firings. He has pledged to restore its reputation.

For starters, the new attorney general will learn the secrets of the Office of Legal Counsel,

whose lawyers justified the use of controversial interrogation tactics and even declined to provide Bush administration documents to internal Justice Department investigators.

Holder also will play a major role in the future of terrorism detainees.

Obama, in a major policy shift, signed an executive order to close the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year. He also created a special task force to review detainee policy; Holder and Defense Secretary Robert Gates will serve as co-chairs.

That panel will look at options for apprehension, detention, trial, transfer or release of detainees and report to the president within 180 days.

Holder promised senators he would review why career prosecutors in Washington decided not to prosecute the former head of the department's Civil Rights Division. An inspector general's report last month found that Bradley Schlozman, the former head of the division, misled lawmakers about whether he politicized hiring decisions.

Another key question facing Holder is whether to reverse former President George W. Bush's order that three of his former top aides — Karl Rove, Harriet Miers and Josh Bolten — should not testify before Congress about firings of U.S. attorneys. Rove and Miers were former aides when Bush gave his order.

If Obama reverses Bush's policy, it would create a new legal issue: whether a former president's order against testifying would still be valid.

## Need Eugene Roquemore Pictures



We are asking you to bring your Eugene Roquemore pictures from the 1940's, 1950's, or 1960's to the Roots Historical Arts Council Office for scanning and qualify for a chance to win Southwest Airline tickets.

If you identify the people in this photo taken in the 1950's by Eugene Roquemore, you may win a dinner for two.

Also, email your Black History month activities to rogreen3@yahoo.com. For a chance to be included in this year's calendar of events.



# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

This year expects to be another outstanding year for the Lincoln/Douglass Tea. It will take place at the Scottish Rite Auditorium at South Loop 289 & I-27 on Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2009. The affair will get underway at 4:00 p. m. This organization has been established since 1962. Appearing on program will be James Haney, a national Abraham Lincoln, and Michael Crutcher, national known Frederick Douglass. This year will be a young ten-year-old, Dalton Sherman of

Texas, who has spoken to more than 20,000 teachers and students in Dallas. For more information, contact Ms. Emma Jackson at 762-3350. This year's event is sponsored by Roots Historical Arts Council, the Lincoln/Douglass Event Committee, Sudden Link Communication, Texas Tech University, Lubbock Independent School District, the Lubbock Area Foundation, and the Diekemper Foundation. The 2009 Women's Conference will be held

February 20-21, 2009 at the Embassy Suites, S. Loop 289, beginning at 5:00 p. m. The theme for this year's program will be "Kept By A Good Man." Returning clinician will be Pastor Amelia Jones of the New Jerusalem Holiness Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. For more information, contact either Sister Winnie Jackson at 793-3896 or Sister LaVerene Williams at 744-3352. Rev. B. R. Moton is pastor.

The New Hope Baptist Church is invited to attend a special program at the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, February 15, 2009, beginning at 3:30 p. m.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will travel to Johnson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Amarillo on Sunday afternoon, February 8, 2009, for their Founders' Day program. Rev. Sonia J. Scott will deliver the sermon. The Senior Choir of Bethel will sing during the services.

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*help come from? My help comes from the lord the maker of heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to slip; your protector of Israel does not slumber or sleep. The lord protects you; the lord is a shelter right by your side. The sun will not strike you by day or the moon by night. The lord will protect you from all harm. He will protect your life. The lord will protect your coming and going both now and forever. Psalm 121:1-8*

## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, February 1, 2009, church services got started with a lot of excitement at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:50a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: "Commitment Without Reward."

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

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith."

The responsive reading was led by Rev. Lee which comes from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Lee with the choir singing "I Need Thee."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. She also acknowledged all the

birthdays. There was **A MOMENT IN AMERICAN BLACK HISTORY** presented by the Youth Department, afterwards the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "I'll Go" and "The Lord Is Blessing Me". "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Lee preached the sermon entitled: "Saved By Grace" with the scripture text coming from Ephesians 2:3-7.

After the sermon, Brother. A. W. Brown sang "You Just Call My Name."

The invitation to discipleship was extended and there was some that went up for prayer. All visitors that were in attendance was acknowledged.

Pray for those who doesn't know Christ. Pray for the sick, shut-in, and those who are in prison, jail and nursing facilities. Pray for the weekly meetings.

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:** *I raise my eyes toward the mountains where will my*

## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Roberson

### FASHION NO NO

Black History Month is a time to reflect and represent, and what is more suitable than the fashion you choose to wear. This month we should see a lot of... President Barack Obama T. shirts, caps, and beanies, also

Negro League Base ball shirts. Beautiful colorful Africa American shirts. Ladies exotic pantsuits with long tops. Remember color, color and more color!

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Market (Barn) The cheapest prices in town...

**Fashion tip...always Fashion...a wear a smile. Always wear a**



smile

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Let's enjoy Black History Month as there were those who made it possible for all of us of the Black Community! Let's not forget, because it is important we not forget!

## Lubbock Library Schedule

### Storytime & Craft at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites children to a special storytime at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10. We will use recycled items to create a Valentine's surprise. Call 767-3300 for more information.

### Valentine Arts & Crafts at the Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, will have a special children's program of Valentine-themed crafts at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11. Refreshments will be served. Space for this program is limited. For more information, call 767-3733.

### Teen Program at the Patterson Branch Library

The Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive, invites all teens to the library for an afternoon of the video game Dance Dance Revolution on Thursday, February 12 at 4 p.m. Call 767-3300 for more information.

### "Twilight Thursday" at Groves Branch Library

The Groves Branch Library, 5520 19th Street, invites teens to a meeting of our Twilight book group on Thursday, February 12 at 4:45 p.m. We will be discussing the second book in the Twilight series, "New Moon" by Stephenie Meyer. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 767-3733.

## Truth About Alcohol Sales

An informative community wide meeting will be held at New Zion Baptist Church, located 1601 Martin Luther King Blvd., on February 21, 2009, at 10:00 a. m. referring to the upcoming "alcohol" election on May 9, 2009. There will be discussions on alcohol sales and the effects on our community.

The meeting will include the organization Truth About Alcohol Sales, "TAAS".

A Continental Breakfast will be served. For more information, concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Pastors Ernest E. Hopkins at 470-2733, Elijah Austin at 441-4895 or Otis Cooks at 765-9527.

## SPC to host Weather Class on Feb. 23

LEVELLAND - South Plains College will host a Weather Class from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the Founders Room.

Jody James from the National Weather Service will be the speaker. James will discuss cloud formation and the different types of warnings issued by the NWS. He also will talk about what people should do in the event of storm while traveling or at home.

For more information, contact Armando Lopez, SPC Police Department, at (806) 716-2396.

assured that they receive the best trauma care at Covenant," Jones said. "The ACS verification validates the high level of care our trauma teams provide to this region."

## Covenant Medical Center & Covenant Children's Hospital Receive Level II Trauma Verification

**LUBBOCK** --The Committee on Trauma (COT) of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) verified the trauma centers at Covenant Medical Center and Covenant Children's Hospital as Level II Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, respectively.

"We are so pleased to once again receive ACS verification," said Tammy Jones, RN, MSN, Director of Trauma Services at Covenant Health System. "This achievement recognizes our trauma centers' dedication to

providing optimal care for injured patients."

Verified trauma centers must meet the essential criteria that ensure trauma care capability and institutional performance, as outlined by the ACS. Covenant Medical Center and Covenant Children's Hospital underwent an on-site review by a team of an emergency department physician, three trauma surgeons and one registered nurse, who used the current trauma guidelines in conducting the survey.

"Our patients can rest

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



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

## YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

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

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You are Invited to Our  
**7th Annual African American History Month Program & Reception**

**Theme:** Remember When  
Look At Now  
Take A Glimpse into the Future!

**Program Location:** Alderson Middle School Auditorium  
219 Walnut Avenue

**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2009  
**Time:** 2:00PM

**Reception Location:** Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson Branch Library  
Mildred Deo Community Room  
1836 Parkway Drive



# Church News



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

"I Hope Barack Obama Fails," Rush Limbaugh"

This writer has been trying hard to ignore Rush Limbaugh. Rush is a conservative radio show host who spurs from his lips evil against anyone who does not agree with his way of thinking. The tone of his message is that only conservative white folks have the intelligence to exist in a free society.

Limbaugh stays above the fold so that he cannot be robbed of his free speech. He caters to an audience that love to hear blacks being dogged because then they can forget their worries and miseries because they have someone who does not look like them to pick on and laugh at.

Many would agree that this world as a whole does not need anyone who is filled with hatred toward his or her fellow human being. A blogger against Limbaugh wrote the following: "During WWII there was a radio show hosted by a man referred to as Lord HaHa. He was English and he broadcasted lies and propaganda for the German government from 1938-1945. After the war, he was captured and deported to England where he was tried in court, found guilty and hung. Tokyo Rose also had a radio show and was arrested after the war, tried and hung. I would suggest to Herr Limbaugh that after Obama takes office he move to Argentina where other Right

Wingers have found refuge going back to 1945." Enough said!

This clown in the media said before the inauguration of President Barack Obama that "I hope he fails." His followers considering him to be the most powerful man in the Republican Party cheered Limbaugh onward in their ignorant (this word is not really strong enough) way.

Leonard Pitts, Jr., columnist for the Miami Herald wrote: "And, trailing behind, like the folks with broom trails the elephants in the circus parade (you know their job), Limbaugh's devotees, complaining that their hero has been misquoted, misunderstood, or otherwise mistreated. "What Rush meant was...yadda yadda yadda."

And knowing this, knowing how frequently and adroitly media are manipulated by self-promoting media clowns who defame conservatism by calling themselves conservative, one is tempted to let the statement pass, to make its way unimpeded to the dust bin like so many other manufactured controversies.

But occasionally, it's necessary to intercept one of them and hold it up to the light. This is one of those times. Not because what Limbaugh said on his radio program a few days before the inauguration was an outrage-

ous is the point, remember? - but rather, because of what the thing he said says about him and his fellow clowns. 'I hope he fails.'

Do you ever say that about your president if you are an American who loves your country? Would you say it about George W. Bush, who was disastrous, about Bill Clinton, who was slimy, about Jimmy Carter, who was inept, about Richard Nixon, who was crooked?

You may think he's going to fail, yes. You may warn he's going to fail, yes. But do you ever 'hope' he fails? Knowing his failure is the country's failure? Isn't that, well...disloyal?

The irony is that Limbaugh and the other clowns would have you believe they are the bedrock defenders of this country, that they love it more than the rest of us, more than anything. That's a lie. Limbaugh just told us so, emphatically.

Americans have to be encouraged by the leadership of the Republican Party having the courage to quickly step-up to the plate and knock a homerun in the election of Michael Steele (an African American) as "top of the ticket" - Chairman of the Republican National Committee in lieu of a de facto leader like Rush Limbaugh.

This writer believes most Americans want to niove the  
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## We Thank God for Jesus

"Does America Know What Good Is???"

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

Psalm 34:8 - O' taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trust in him.

\*\*\*\* AMERICA TRUSTED GOD AT ONE TIME!!! \*\*\*\*

When God Blessed America with the riches, and the needs of every MAN, Coal, oil, cattle, wheat, cotton, rice, beans, corn and it came from GOD'S LAND!!!

Hosea 2:5-7a - Their mother (America) has played the harlot. She that conceived them has done shamefully; for she said, I will go after my lovers, my oil and my drink. She shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them, and she shall seek them, but shall not find them.

\*\*\*\* YES, AMERICA WILL ROB GOD!!! \*\*\*\*

As God blessed America, she thought, "I'M GOOD AND THIS IS MY REWARD. THE THINGS SHE DIDN'T DO IS GIVE ALL THE GLORY TO GOD!!!"

Jeremiah 9:23-24 - The Lord said, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glory, glory in this, that he

understand and know me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving kindness, judgement, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, said the Lord.

God Blessed America, and she made progress, beyond that of any MIND. Then she thought she was the best of any of all TIMES!!!

Psalm 14:1 - The fool has said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt. They have done abominable works, there is none that do good.

\*\*\*\* GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!!! \*\*\*\*

God Blessed America to go to the MOON to do body transplants of ALL KIND. Then America stared thinking I'M GOOD. SHE WENT OUT OF HER MIND!!!

Isaiah 1:3a-4 - The Lord said, the ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib. A sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed evildoers, children who are corrupters, they have forsaken the Lord.

\*\*\*\* AMERICA IS NOT A HOLY AS SHE THINKS!!! \*\*\*\*

America is like the man building BIG BARNs, AND GOD CALLED HIM A FOOL. AMERICA is in that same mind set. NOT KNOWING WHO TO GIVE THE GLORY TOO!!!

\*\*\*\* AMERICA HAS

PLAYED THE FOOL!!! \*\*\*\*

(America begins to get like the hog, when the slop is being poured in the trough. He never looks up to see where it's coming from, he just eats and eats, and he never says THANKS!!!)

Psalm 107:1-2 - O' give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from the hands of the enemy.

As God Blessed America, blood and hate, bargain to run the STREETS. Babies begin to have babies, and not having a place TO SLEEP!!!

Psalm 36:3-4 - The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit. He hath left off to be wise, and to do good. He devises mischief upon his bed. He set himself in the way that is not good. He abhorred (despises) note evil.

Even with America's ECONOMY GOING DOWN HILL. SHE KNOWS IT'S TIME TO PRAY. GOD IS A FORGIVING GOD and is waiting on REPENTING PRAYERS EVERYDAY!!!

(America has been cursed. In Deuteronomy 28:15-20 - God said, cursed will be in the fields, stores, the body, stocks, cattle, sheep, and when we go out and when we come back in, we're

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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, February 1, 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, beginning at 10:10 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Commitment Without Reward." The scripture text was II Kings 4:8-17.

The morning lesson was taught by our Superintendent, Sister Davis, and reviewed by our pastor, Rev. Canady.

The key verse was "And she said unto her husband, behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither."

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

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

Rev. Canady delivered a wonderful sermon. His subject was "Jesus Is The Way." The scripture text was John 14:1-6. It was a very inspirational sermon.

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

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

Let's remember our sick and

shut-in members of our church and community, Brother Gerald Jackson is a patient at Covenant Medical Center. Let us pray for Brother Jackson.

Our Chairman of Black History Month is Sister Susie Brown. Sister Shirley Davis talked on Dr. Martin Luther King. Each Sunday morning, someone will be prepared to speak.

When Love is tried as loved ones change.

Hold still to hope through all seems strange.

Till ease returns, and love grows wise.

Through listening ears and opened eyes.

Thought For The Week: "God's love is a fabric that never fades, no matter how often it is washed in the water of adversity."

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Our doors are open for those interested in attending. Just come at anytime! God is always able!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast went to clear up a point in Mark 11 regarding believing you receive when you pray, because there is no physical evidence to support what you believe in the natural. It can be awesome for you since we as humans are conditioned from childhood to see, feel, hear, taste and smell, thus when it comes to this business of praying and blessings you receive without having anything to touch, taste, hear, see or smell. It is awesome.

It's like jumping out of an

airplane without a parachute. Imagine what that might be like. We trust you will not try it, but just imagine it. We are so conditioned by our senses by walking by faith is a foreign experience, because of our condition. We really have to develop our faith and we in ourselves from our senses in order to be successful. If not, we will be intimidated and tempted to judge a situation by what we see, feel, hear, taste or touch. Mark 11. Crystallizes the idea of believing, you receive without seeing anything. When we pray believe-

ing, we receive before we finish the prayer because we know that he hears us, because we have faith in God. The scripture says: "We can speak to that mountain in your life, and say 'move mountain' And it will move. Just step out on faith!

The word of God is your only support. There's power, there's power in the word of God to move every mountain we have in life, in our community,

in our children, in our churches,

step out on I Faith

Thought: "Why we are overly concerned about trying to save the masses when that one last Soul is so important. Why not go for saving one today!"

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Thanks for reading, Saints!

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# Obsequies

## Ronald Earl Lewis, Sr.

Funeral services were held Friday morning, January 30, 2009, at Hope Deliverance Temple for Ronald Earl Lewis, Jr.

Burial followed at Peaceful Garden Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Lewis, Sr., 49, of Lubbock, passed away Wednesday, January 21, 2009.

He was born to the parentage of Theodore and Opal Lewis on Dec. 16, 1959. He attended Lubbock schools. He worked in construction for years and he also worked at the oil mill for two years and became disabled in the year of 2000.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his longtime friend, Jackie Tatum; two daughters, Chandra Piper and Octavia



Lewis; stepdaughter, Karissa Wilson; four sons, Taron Lewis, Ronald Lewis, Reggie Lewis and Ronald E. Lewis, Jr., (Lashaka); thirteen grandchildren; five sisters, Patricia Smith (Butch), Brenda Holmes (Roy), Jean Anderson, Sandra Wadely (Gary) and Shelia Pipkin (Derek); and a host of aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

## Pastor Robert Daniel Adams



Funeral services were held for Pastor Robert Daniel Adams today, Thursday afternoon, February 5, 2009, at Unity Baptist Church.

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

Pastor Adams, 80, of Lubbock, passed away at Covenant Medical Center Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009.

He was born to the late Mr. & Mrs. Henry and Patton Adams in Northern Louisiana, a small town named Benson, in Desoto Parish. He was the fifth of five siblings. He attended school in Mansfield, La., and then left to explore life in Houston, Texas, and Denver, Colo. He confessed his faith in Christ at an early age and after moving to Denver; he was the Pastor of Rising Star and later was the founder and Pastor of Unity Baptist Church for 37 years, until God called him home.

He leaves to cherish his memories three sons, Carison L. Adams (Janice), Mack Arthur Byrd (Diane), and Leonard Adams; one daughter, Delores Williams; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, nephews; nieces; Unity Baptist Church Family; and a host of friends.

## A child's smile can last a lifetime

By ROBYN H. JIMENEZ  
The Dallas Examiner

Healthy teeth and tooth loss is a different issue when you're 5-years-old than when you're 55-years-old. Yet, good oral hygiene plays a significant role in maintaining good overall physical and mental health, at any age.

Inadequate oral care can lead to unhealthy teeth and gums, resulting in misalignment, discoloration, gingivitis, tooth decay or an abscess.

Untreated, tooth decay can spread through the enamel of the tooth and into the pulp - the soft delicate center where the nerves are - causing intense pain. The child may have trouble eating, swallowing and even talking. Left untreated, decay can lead to abscess, which can be fatal, according to the Health Professional's Guide to Pediatric Oral Health Management.

Last year, after 12-year-old Deamonte Driver of Maryland died due to complications of a tooth infection, several reports aired revealing that about 6.5 million children with tooth decay who receive Children's Medicaid benefits go untreated nationwide.

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In Texas, more than 2 million children have access to regular dental care through Children's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The two programs, administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, provide low-income children with health-care coverage, including dental

checkups twice a year.

"A lot of people are only driven by discomfort. If their children are not complaining about their teeth, they don't bring them in. For many parents, they don't have access. Sometimes they can't afford it," said Dr. Donna Barefield, a local pediatric dentist who treats children on the covered by Children's Medicaid plan.

"We work real hard to keep everyone on track with coming in regularly and keeping their appointments. The schools are real good about that too. Sometimes we get notes from the school nurses and stating that they [the student] can't come back to school until they have an appointment. The school nurse is a good resource for dental screening."

Many parents don't realize the importance of proper oral care at an early age.

"Sometimes people think they are only baby teeth, so why do we have to have to go through the trouble of bringing them in for a check up, caring for the teeth, treating cavities and capping the teeth?" she continued. "Baby teeth serve a function, not only for appearance, but they contribute to the child's ability to speak clearly, proper nutrition by having teeth to chew."

If primary teeth are lost prematurely, the tooth next to the empty space can shift, Barefield explains, and the permanent tooth can come in incorrectly, causing problems with speech and eating. Unhealthy teeth may also not be as aesthetically pleasing, causing the child's self-esteem to decrease.

According to Barefield, healthy teeth play a tremendous role in a child's self-image. Though looks are not thought to be as important, children with discolored, missing or misaligned teeth tend to smile less than those with healthy looking teeth and feel self-conscious about their teeth. The older the

child, the more the self-consciousness can affect the child's self-esteem, according to studies conducted by the National Institute of Health.

"Children with black spots on their teeth don't want to open their mouth. They keep their head down and don't want to bring attention to themselves. They aren't going to do as well in school," said Barefield.

"Your smile just says so much about how you feel about yourself. Children who feel confident will flash a huge smile. When they are comfortable about how they look, they are more likely to raise their hands. It's a reflection on how they feel about how they look. When they think they have an attractive smile, they will go further in school, be more outgoing."

Some children are born with certain dental problems, such as an over bite or teeth with excessive gaps, that may be embarrassing for them as well.

"My daughter had gaps in her teeth," said Pam Goodwin, mother of four. "She never really wanted to show her smile. Now she has braces and she can already tell a difference in her bite and everything."

The health of the primary teeth can affect the health of the permanent teeth. Good oral care should start during infancy, as suggested by Texas Health Steps, which provides preventive medical and dental checkups for children on Medicaid. The Texas Health Steps' Take Time for Teeth initiative. It states that parents and caregivers should hold their infant while he or she is drinking from a bottle. And never put an infant or small child to bed with a bottle of juice, milk, sugar water or anything other than plain water. These sugary drinks can lead to early decay and or discoloring of the teeth.

*Editor's Note: This will continue next week as this is a very important article. Let us hear from you about this article!*

## Elder Vernon Ray Thompson

Services were held Friday afternoon at Smith Temple Community Church for Elder Vernon Ray Thompson.

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

Elder Thompson, 66, of Lubbock, passed away Thursday, January 22, 2009, at UMC.

He was born Feb. 26, 1942, to the parentage of J. P. and Maggie Thompson. He leaves to cherish three sons, Vernon Love, Michael Pillow, and Trayvon



Smith; two daughters, Lashaunda R. Fisher and Charlotte M. Thompson; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three nieces; four nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Emily Coleman Joe



Services for Emily Coleman Joe, 98, of Lubbock, will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel.

Entombment will follow in Resthaven Mausoleum.

Mrs. Joe passed away on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009.

Emily was born on Sept. 30, 1910, and was a member of Good Hope Baptist Church in Jeanerette, La., for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rose Young Coleman and Raymond Coleman, Sr.; her husband, Douglas Joe, Sr.; infant son, Douglas Joe, Jr.; three brothers, Louis, Raymond, Jr., and Clarence Coleman, all of Jeanerette, La.; sister-in-law, Dr. V.M. Johnson Coleman, M.D. and husband Raymond Coleman, Jr. of Midland.

She leaves to mourn, her daughter, Martha Joe Johnson and husband Robert L. Johnson of Lubbock; grandson, Eric Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif.; one great-grandson; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends in Jeanerette, La., and Midland.

The family would like to thank the nurses, doctors and aid of VistaCare Hospice.

Memorials are suggested to the Student Scholarship Fund at Coleman High School, Midland.

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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions



## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson


### LISTEN TO FOCUS GROUPS!! THIS N THAT

Was one of 54 people who were from the field of education... business and other areas... who met for two hours on Monday morning to give input on what they would want to see in the next superintendent for the LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The Board of Trustees appointed the members of these focus groups and asked they would give what they would want to see in the next superintendent... WAYNE HAVENS... Retired earlier this school year... And according to MIKE MOSES... who was a former superintendent of the Lubbock Public Schools... and DAVID THOMPSON... Both of School Executive Consulting... were invited by the Lubbock Board of Trustees to help finding a new superintendent... The deadline for persons interested in applying for this position is MARCH 20, 2009 and the

new superintendent is expected to be chosen by MAY 15, 2009. THIS N THAT would hope that the EAST LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS would be included in all decisions of the new superintendent... This would be an OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY to move in a very POSITIVE POSTURE FOR EAST LUBBOCK SCHOOLS... There is a new attitude in the United States of America... and all could benefit from the right selection for the SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS!!

IT WAS A VERY GOOD TOWN HALL MEETING! THIS N THAT along with more than 50 people... was in attendance of a TOWN HALL MEETING sponsored by VERNITA HOLMES... School Board Member of District Two... Those in attendance had an opportunity give valuable

input to the meeting... Ms. Holmes... who was joined by an at-large school board member STEVE MASSENGALE... I present... and did agree to pursue answers to questions asked... One question asked by a mother of an Estacado High School student was very upset over the amount of money it takes for a student to bring their text books home... with a cost of \$1,000.00... to be able to do so... and this did create much discussion... Another item of discussion was the NEED TO REFURBISH the parking lot of Estacado High School... Both Trustees Holmes and Massengale... Would look into his matter as soon as possible... Of course there were discussion of the CLOSING OF ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL which was addressed as not being CLOSED... It was a very good meeting... and THIS N THAT encourages more of he same...



## THINK ABOUT IT!

"Black History Month"

by Eddie P. Richardson

It is that time of the year and the shortest month of the year which is set aside as Black History Month each year some would think that this writer should or would be happy about the observance but there are mixed emotions about the observance which began as Black History day as time went by Black History Week as time went by with support eventually Black History Month. In this writers opinion there should be no need for any kind of ethnic history just true American History instead of as H.G.Wells stated many years ago we

should have and be taught American History not the poison called history. Every group that came to the shores of America made great contributions to the founding and shaping America, most groups came to America looking for a thrill or better way of life we came as slaves against our will, we all had a job all of us had a job we did not have to worry about the pay scale we did not have one the Black people got the worst deal in American besides the Indians which had been here all the time got his home discovered that he was already living in.

Back to what was stated earlier there would not be a need for any special history because every one contributed to the founding and building of America the Blacks and Indians got the worst of the deal the blacks got slavery the Indians got prison called a Resevation. The real deal is with Black History it is not the perfect situation but it is a necessary evil we have to use what you got so we must use what you got and make the best of it so lets take lemons and make lemonaid. **More Positive Black Images Up Coming This Month.**

CITY COUNCIL PRICE NEEDS SAME KIND OF MEETING! THIS N THAT would hope that CITY COUNCILMAN FLOYD PRICE... who represents District Two... would take the same posture as SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VERNITA HOLMES... by calling a TOWN HALL MEETING in very near future... and hear from the residents of DISTRICT TWO... These residents supports Councilman Price... but they are looking for this kind of a TOWN HALL MEETING... and in doing so bring forth what initiatives he has planned... THIS N THAT will be waiting for the date...

Administrators... Teachers & Others going out into the East Lubbock Community... And develop a coalition to enhance this high school... ESTACADO HIGH SCHOOL... will need the HELP OF ALL OF US... so let's get involved and help this coalition... Just by visiting the school campus... and help keep our kids in school... and not staying home from school... On the other hand... it has come to the attention of THIS N THAT... it is alleged there are

some of our Estacado High School students... who are leaving the campus at noon... but are returning on time to catch the bus home... It is reported they are stopping by local apartment complexes for hiding... THIS N THAT hopes this allegation is not true... Anyway... THE ESTACADO COMMUNITY COALITION... needs our support...

PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: "YOUNG PEOPLE... Stay in school... and PREPARE yourself for one day... YOUR CHANCE... will come!"

After the 2007 Virginia Tech killings by a student ordered to get psychiatric treatment, some states considered laws adding mental health questions to background checks for gun buyers or denying weapons to people who've been involuntarily committed for mental health treatment.

The new research, which bolsters other similar findings, raises questions about such laws, experts said. Such legislation may be both ineffective and discourage people who need help from getting treatment.

"We are being misled by our own fears," said Columbia University psychiatrist professor Dr. Paul Appelbaum, who wasn't involved in the new study. "We ought to be concerned about providing good treatment and helping people lead fulfill-

ing lives, not obsessed with protecting ourselves from phantom threats that appear to be unrelated to mental illness."

U.S. systems to treat mental illness and substance abuse are separate, uncoordinated and could do a better job treating people with both problems, Appelbaum said. For the new study, the researchers analyzed data from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. The original survey in 2001-2002 involved more than 43,000 face-to-face interviews with a representative sample of American adults. Three years later, many of the same people, more than 34,000, were interviewed again.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard




Howard

I have been requested to address unfounded racism. Those of you who frequently read what I write, by now should have discerned that I believe in justice, equality, honesty, righteousness and the commandment that says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

These beliefs can often cause much heartache, pain and suffering because the world is full of people who have no consciences, morals, ideals or wholesome goals. Too often their goals are to bring heartache, pain and suffering to others. They live to make others unhappy. It has come to the point in life where they have formed organized groups to target ethnic groups, races, religious groups, people with non-conventional sexual preferences, immigrants and in some instances, just plain evil terrorism for the 'fun' of it.

There seems to be a tendency among some younger members of the African American ethnic group who feel that since there is a Black man in the White House now, that they can have an open field day on harassing members of other ethnic groups and races. Tolerance begins at home, just as does charity, love,

patience and other attributes that we hope for in our young children. The absence of these characteristics is the reason our children are so difficult to teach during these modern times. What so many young Black boys and girls do not realize is that it has taken almost two hundred years of tolerance for a Black man to enter the White House as the President of the United States.

God made every human individual and once the color is removed, every one of us who entered this world as a normal human being has the same physical anatomy and can and will die from the same kinds of harmful encounters and if nothing else, eventually old age. We come in different sizes, heights, complexions, emotional, physical and mental capabilities, but

whatever can kill one of us, can kill any of us. Therefore, we need to learn to love, live and let live as we only go this way once."

Schools have taken on so many roles of the home, especially meals, discipline and often clothing and baby-sitting, but it definitely needs to begin to do more in the area of teaching tolerance. I made an overture to a discussion on organizations that seek to eradicate hate groups in the United States in my last article. It is called The Southern Poverty Law Center (www.splcenter.org) and it publishes material on Teaching Tolerance as well as an Intelligence Report in which it keeps track of racist groups and individuals who target other

**Rev. Leon Moore, Jr. Named Outstanding Minister**

Rev. Leon C. Moore, Jr., pastor of Carter Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, was addressed, via letter dated January 23, 2009, by Charles H. Lewter, IV, Dean of the Chapel at Prairie View A&M University, he was selected as an "Outstanding Minister"

The award was presented to Rev. Moore during the 51st Annual Ministers' Conference on Tuesday morning, February 3, 2009, in the Willie Albert Tempton, Sr. Memorial Student Center, Opal Johnson Smith Auditorium.

He has also served as a substitute teacher at Wheatley Elementary School.

**Mental Illness Alone No Trigger for Violence**

By Carla K. Johnson  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) - A new large study challenges the idea that mental illness alone is a leading cause of violence. Researchers instead blame a combination of factors, specifically substance abuse and a history of violent acts, that drives up the danger when combined with mental illness in what they call an "intricate link."

People with serious mental illness, without other big risk factors, are no more violent than most people, according to the study of more than 34,000 U.S. adults. The research was released Monday in Archives of General Psychiatry.

"Mental illness can provide the knee-jerk explanation for the Virginia Tech shootings," but it's not a strong predictor of violence by itself, said lead author Eric Elbogen of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Elbogen compiled a "top 10" list of things that predict violent behavior, based on the analysis.

Younger age topped the list. History of violence came next, followed by male gender, history of juvenile detention, divorce or separation in the past year, history of physical abuse, parental criminal history and

unemployment in the past year. Rounding out the list were severe mental illness with substance abuse and being a crime

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**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King, Jr.**



## Town Hall Meeting

Continued from Page 1

Spoke of the bad condition of EHS parking lot again.

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

The EHS parking lot will be placed on the agenda

**Question (from Sheila Harris)**

Where are we in regards to the EHS girls wrestling teams competing with other schools outside of Lubbock? Have funds been set aside for this purpose?

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

Unsure at this time but will check into it.

**Question (from Mr. Pierce)**

What about this Taks Testing?

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

Taks Testing begins at the 3rd grade level. Taks Testing is all part of the "No child left Behind" law that hopefully will change with the new government. Number of students taking the Taks Test and absentee and drop outs affect the overall scores of the test. Testing is also broken down by ethnicity. Due to problem with EHS absentee it affected the overall testing. Parents think the students are at school when they are not. The new Grade book system offers parents a way to monitor grades and attendance of students.

**Comment (from Paul Frazier)**

EHS percentage of attendance was at 90% for 1st 6 weeks when it should have been at least 96%.

**Comment (from Mr. Woodard)**

We need to encourage kids to come to school. We need to address the bus situation being a 2 miles radius and that some kids have to walk to school in bad weather. Magnet students are not provided transportation either but he was more concerned about the lower so cio economic kids.

**Question (from Floyd Price)**

Do you still have Jump Start?

**Answer (from Mr. Woodard)**

Yes

**Question (from Floyd Price)**

Why are the Lubbock Police being called to conflicts on EHS campus instead of LISD police?

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

There should be LISD police called to EHS campus. This will be checked into.

**Question (from Kevin McConic)**

What is LISD doing to recruit and keep new teachers?

There is major turnover on the East side of Lubbock.

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

This is an age old problem. You ask for a 3 year commitment and bend over backwards to get them the supplies they need but there are no guarantees they will stay

**Comment (from Margaret Randle)**

You can go to the TEA website and view the number of years a teacher has worked at a previous school before hiring.

**Comment (from Jimmy Moore)**

"Raise your hand Texas" has the length for teachers as 3 years.

**Comment (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

Maybe request more sign on bonuses for teachers going to a Title I school.

**Comment (from Rita Strydom)**

Some teachers have emotional burnout and it cannot be fixed with more salary. These feelings pass on to the children. Sometimes its better they leave.

**Question (from T.J. Patterson)**

How does EHS reach out to more kids? What enrollment guidelines are used? The number of students at EHS should be higher.

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

It's all in perception. The stigma of East Lubbock and that SW Lubbock is better. We need to talk up EHS and more parents need to join the PTA.

**Comment (from Quincy White)**

Teachers have no PTA support. Parents get upset with teachers.

**Comment (from Cathy Faulks)**

It did not help that the letters being sent out to all parents regarding EHS being low performing caused students to leave EHS

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

The letters were due to the "No child left behind" law.

**Comment (from T.J. Patterson)**

Shared a story of a Coach that took the time to visit the parents of students and that we need to reach out more. EHS is the future

**Comment (from Floyd Price)**

We need to work on changing the perception of the east side. New students to TTU already know to stay out of the east side of Lubbock. Incidents happen everywhere in Lubbock and on every campus. Police, teachers and every person needs to stop talking bad about East Lubbock so the perception will change.

**Comment (from Mr. Taylor)**

EHS has a good Magnet program for Medical, Law enforcement and it has SP College. We need to encourage friends and neighbors to send their kids to their home school or EHS will close.

**Question (from Mr. Pierce)**

Are there over 1000 kids that transferred out of East Lubbock?

**Answer (from Paul Frazier)**

True. We are working on curving that problem. We will market our neighborhood schools and try to make it more difficult to transfer. We will try to keep kids in Quadrant 4. Some students transfer at the Elementary level and will follow the feeder instead of going into their home school in the secondary levels. It will be addressed to try to get them back into their home schools.

**Comment (from Charles Samples)**

Principals use to have teachers just assigned to campuses but now they can go to Central Office and view folders and choose their teachers. Principals need to get to know the teachers they hire.

**Question (from Mr. Pierce)**

What is the status of EHS? The rumor of it closing?

**Answer (from Vernita Woods-Holmes)**

Not True. Never has been discussed. I have been assured of no schools closing.

**Comment was made about new Superintendent making**

changes but Ms. Vernita Woods-Holmes stated but it was the school boards decision and there were no changes being made.

**Comment (from Carolyn Thompson-Conwright)**

On behalf of the rumor of closing EHS, LISD has a partnership with South Plains College that is located on that campus and the kids are excited about it. EHS is the only campus you see from the Airport, the grounds are kept nice and it looks great.

It is a great Magnet campus full of History. We have kids that are just leaving for the wrong reasons because they are not comfortable with the learning situation.

**Comment (from Paul Frazier)**

If the schools are not good enough to send our own kids to them then we as parents should be at the schools addressing the problems.

**Comment (from Steve Massengale)**

This was a good meeting with good dialog. Once again Vernita Woods-Holmes and I are always available for any questions or concerns.

**Final question was asked about EHS getting a new principal and Ms. Vernita Woods-Holmes responded she was not aware of it.**

### Thank God For Jesus

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cursed!!!)

Hosea 4:6 -- The Lord said, my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because you have rejected knowledge, I will reject you that shall be no priest to me, seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will forget your children.

America has been called into JUDGMENT, IT WILL BRING HER TO HER KNEES. Look around America GOD IS TRYING TO GET YOU TO GO DOWN ON YOUR KNEES.

II Chronicles 7:14 -- The Lord said, if my people which are called to my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

### Chatman Hill

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Church services were well attended las t Sunday morning, February 1, 2009, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

Services begun with Meditation & Prayer. The Praise Team was at their post of duty singing God's praises. The morning prayer and scripture was done by Minister Wilson and Minister Woods. The Male Chorus sung out of their hearts and souls.

Pastor Moton delivered the morning sermon.

## New Zeal Workshop

Slaton -- The New Zeal District Mini Congress Workshop will be held at the Mt. Olive First Missionary Baptist Church in Slaton on February 9 & 10, 2009. Rev. C.C. Peoples is host pastor.

Services will begin each night at 7:30 p. m.

Come one, come all!!!

## Williams Sisters Win Australian Open Double

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Serena and Venus Williams teamed to win their eighth Grand Slam doubles title Friday in the Australian Open, a day before Serena's bid for a 10th major singles crown.

## "Free Live Recording" Luther Barnes Directing West Texas Mass Choir March 21, 2009



Well known Gospel Recording Artist, Luther Barnes will be directing a 100 voice West Texas Mass Choir on Saturday evening, March 21, 2009, at the Church of The Blessed, 1809 34th Street.

"We are excited about this opportunity as it will set an

example of what God's people who live in West Texas can do for Him," said Faye Brown, President of Each One Reach One, which is sponsoring this event.

For more information, contact Ms. Brown at either (806-744-6123 or (806) 831-9986.

## Parson Smith

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beyond eating cow chips from the barnyard of racism. President Obama's and Michael Steel's election is proof in the pudding!

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Contact information FAYE BROWN Home 806-744-6123 - Cell 806-831-9986

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Eddie Logan

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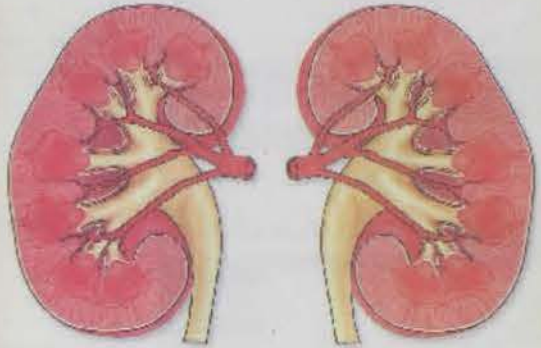
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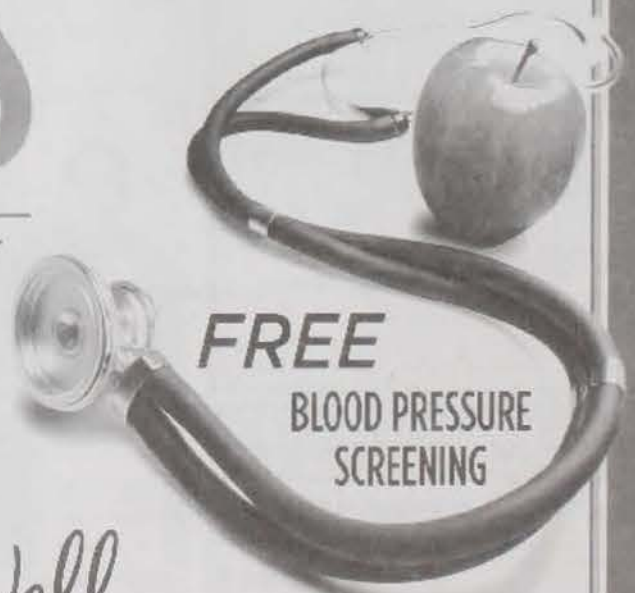
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