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Community Meetings

- * African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 23rd Street.
- * Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.
- * Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1708 Avenue G.
- * Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.
- * Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.
- * Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.
- * East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.
- * Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Merket Alumni Center.
- * Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meet on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- * Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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More Charges Expected in North Carolina Girl's Death



Shaniya Davis, 5, was reported missing last week. Authorities have found a body they believe is hers.

(CNN) — Additional charges are expected in connection with the death of a North Carolina girl who was reported missing by her mother one week ago, authorities announced Tuesday. A body believed to be that of 5-year-old Shaniya Davis was found Monday near a road several miles northwest of Fayetteville, where she lived, police said. Although authorities have publicly said they are awaiting a positive identification of the body, Fayetteville Police told CNN Monday the body was Shaniya's.

The body was taken to the state medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill for an autopsy and positive identification, police said. Charges will be made public as soon as they are filed, police said. A media briefing is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. Shaniya's mother, Antoinette Nicole Davis, has been charged with human trafficking and other offenses. Davis was "prostituting her child," police spokeswoman Teresa Chance said after Davis was arrested over the

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Channon Dale Making Debut At Connoisseur's



Channon Dale

Channon Dale, Lubbock native, Actress, and Stanford University graduate, will make her debut in Lubbock with "Drop 3 dress sizes in 10 minutes", on November 27, 2009, at 7:00pm, at Connoisseur's (formerly Catfish Corner, 4701 I-27. The telephone number is (806) 722-3474.

Come join us, and be introduced to the new "Body Majic". This community event is free to anyone looking to take your Health and Weight to the next level, and anyone interested in starting your own business! Non-Thanksgiving refreshments will be served.

Dunbar Middle School Staff vs Volleyball Team! Result: A Pie In The Face For The Kids With An Old School Twist!

It was a big day on the campus of Dunbar Middle School when the Dunbar Middle School Staff played the Dunbar Volleyball Team. It all happened on Monday afternoon, November 9, 2009. The match consisted of three games with the Staff winning two, with the scores being 20-24 and 8-15; while the student volleyball team won the second game with 18-25.

This was an afternoon of fun, excitement and team work in the Panther Gym. The student body was excited as they cheered both teams as there was some exciting play on the court.

Mr. Jimmy Moore, principal, who is shown receiving a pie in the photo top, at left, will tell you there are some outstanding students who attend Dunbar Middle School. If you haven't had a chance to visit the campus, then go by and observe for yourself.

The Southwest Digest is very proud of these young people at Dunbar Middle School! The staff is also exceptional.



Money On The Table

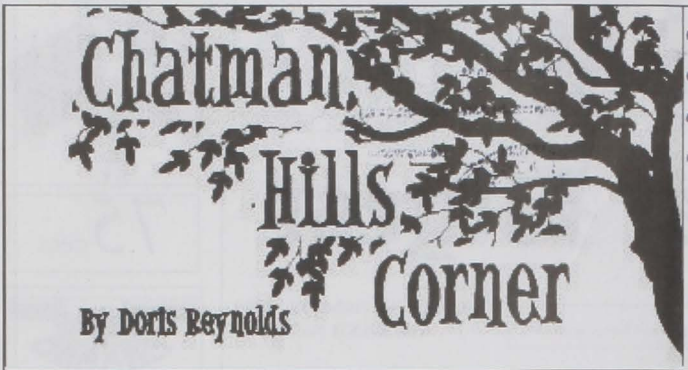
by Regi'

There is money on the table for individuals seeking to launch a new business or expand an existing business. If this describes you or you are a contractor and need some equipment that will increase your production, you need to know this information. The Lubbock Area Foundation has a Business Program to help in securing loan amounts from \$500 to \$5,000 with terms up to 36 months. The interest rate varies with the type and terms of the loan. Remember this is not a grant or handout, it is a hand to get up and going. In this program the LAF guarantees 75% of the outstanding balance, which is encouragement for banks to lend you money.

The loan committee is looking for serious committed individuals to assist. You will have to do your part. The program provides business education, guidance and access to funding sources for those starting or expanding a small business. A small business is defined as a business venture having five (5) or fewer employees-including the owner(s). This program exists to provide a source of funding for individuals who have been unable to secure financing through more traditional means. This program provides more flexibility in the areas of collateral, credit history, and length of business history.

In order to take advantage of this program you must: be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, have 2 years tax returns and W-2 forms for those years, provide a personal financial statement, have a 15 month business projection, demonstrate a willingness and ability to repay the loan complete the Small Business Development Center's START YOUR OWN BUSINESS course prior to receiving any loan funds and reside in the region below-Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry and Yoakum.

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For your information, here is some valuable information about opportunities at South Plains College next semester:

South Plains College will host registration on its Levelland, Plainview Center, Byron Martin Advance Technology Center and Reese Center campus locations Jan. 12-14.

Spring classes begin Jan. 19. SPC Plainview Center, located at 1920 W. 24th St., will offer spring registration from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Main Office. No permit is required.

Registration for technical majors only at the Byron Martin ATC, 3201 Ave. Q, is set for 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Main Office. Although no permit is required, students should be admitted to SPC with transcripts on file to be eligible to register.

The Levelland campus will offer registration for orientation students from 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Jan. 13 in the Technology Center. Normal registration will be from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Registration permit is required. To obtain a permit, call (806) 894-9611, ext.

2578 or 2572.

Registration for Reese Center and the Byron Martin ATC will be from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 14. Permits will be required. To obtain a permit, call (806) 885-3048, ext. 2902 or 4660. Registration will be in SPC Building 8 at the Reese Center.

Late registration on all campuses will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 19 and Jan. 20. On the Levelland, Byron Martin ATC and Reese campuses, students should report to the Counseling Center. On the Plainview campus, students must report to the Main Office.

All students must bring the following items to registration: time permit, pen or pencil, valid driver's license, vehicle registration information and form of payment for tuition and fees.

The Buddy Holly Center invites children ages 6 and up to participate in the Creative Printing workshop!

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out of almost anything you see - all you need is a little imagination! Learn how to make rubbings, stamps, and stencils used to create beautiful designs on paper or fabric. You will also learn how to design a small book or a card for the holidays. Class limit of 25, please pre-register by December 5th.

Pre-registration is required, as class sizes are limited. For more information or to register please call the Lisa Howe, Education Coordinator at 806.775.3567.

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, November 22, 2009, at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Judge Tom Head in Attendance of Judge's Conference

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service conducted their first South Plains Judges and Commissioners Conference recently with 31 county judges and commissioners attending.

The event was held at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock and was co-sponsored by South Plains College Office of Workforce Development.

Miles Dabovich, AgriLife Extension administrator at Lubbock, said the conference participants were presented with a wealth of information by speakers from multiple agencies across the state.

"The whole purpose of the conference was to present the latest information that elected officials require to adequately do their jobs," Dabovich said. "This conference was designed as a 'one stop shop' to provide not only required continuing education unit training, but also ideas the participants can implement in their home counties. The participant response to the conference was so great that we intend to make this an annual event."

Topics and speakers included Leadership Development, Dr. Chris Boleman, 4-H and Youth Development program director, College Station; Interviewing and Selecting the Right Employee, Jennifer Humphries, AgriLife Extension human resource manager, College Sta-

BET Rolls Out the Red Carpet at the Tenth Anniversary Celebration of Gospel Special on Saturday, December 12

Los Angeles, CA (Black News.com) - BET will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its annual mega-hit special CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL at the famed Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles on Saturday, December 12. With grandiose performances by gospel and mainstream artists, a 24-piece orchestra led by world-renowned musical director Ray Chew, and the most

engaging host around, Steye Harvey, CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL will air on Sunday, January 10, 2010 and be larger and more soulful than ever.

This year is set deliver an exciting show filled with breathtaking performances and spoken word segments by both mainstream and gospel greats. Taking to the stage will be Fantasia and her mother Diane Barrino Bar-

ber, Anthony Hamilton and his wife Tarsha Hamilton, GRAMMY(TM) award winners BeBe and CeCe Winans, Fred Hammond, Deborah Cox, Kelly Price, Tamia and Sherri Shepherd, along with gospel superstars Donnie McClurkin, Pastor Shirley Caesar, Marvin Sapp, James Fortune & FIYA, Tye Tribbett & Greater Anointing,

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, November 15, 2009, church services got started at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor, with all members praising God.

Church School got started at 9:30a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson entitled:

"Facing Opposition", with the scripture text being I Peter 4:12-19.

After Church School, breakfast was served to those in attendance.

After breakfast, we went over to Compassion Heart Ministry to worship and fellowship with them. Pastor Gutierrez is the

proud pastor.

Compassionate Heart Ministry Pastor brought the message entitled: "Lifting Others Up", with the scripture text being II Corinthians 1:12. He also talked about God being control.

After the sermon, the altar prayer was held.

The New Light Senior Choir sang "Oh, Lord I Want You To Help Me."

After New Light Baptist Church Choir sang, we were dismissed, the Compassionate Heart Ministry invited New Light to eat with them during their Thanksgiving Lunch. The lunch consisted of Turkey/Ham/Dressing and all the trimmings with it. There were lots of food for all to eat. Everyone were in attendance eating and fellowshiping had a wonderful time with one another.

Let's continue to pray for one another daily especially for those in hospitals, nursing facilities and etc...

A MEAL FOR THE COMMUNITY: Wednesday Evening Nov. 18, 2009 from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road. There will be **FREE LUNCHES** for those who are in attendance.

Scripture For Week: "O praise the Lord, all ye nations praise hi, all ye peoples for his merciful kindness is great toward us and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise ye the Lord. Psalm 117:1-2."

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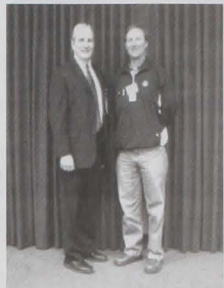
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gional liaison officer, Amarillo.

Attendees from Lubbock County were Judge Tom Head and Commissioner Mark Heinrich. Each of the attending court members earned five hours of continuing education credit from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.



Pictured from left to right are Judge Tom Head and Commissioner Mark Heinrich. The Lubbock County elected officials were among 31 who attended the inaugural South Plains Conference in Lubbock. The conference was conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and co-sponsored by South Plains College Office of Workforce Development. (Photo courtesy of Texas AgriLife Extension Service)

Harvest Week Concludes Sunday

The Harvest Week concludes at the Carter Chapel CME Church on Sunday afternoon, November 22, 2009, with a Harvest Tea at 3:00 p.m.

A Harvest Musical will be held Friday evening, November 20, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight, Thursday, November 19, 2009, the Harvest Revival will conclude at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Kenneth Hollingshed, Evangelist. He is the pastor of North Park CME Church of Dallas, Texas.

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Tony Brewer

Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "The U. S. Health Care Vote"

All African Americans, Hispanics and poor White Americans living in Congressional District 19 should look closely at the representative of U. S. Congressional District 19. The representative of the mention District (Randy Neugebauer) was among the 215 Republicans and Blue Dogs Democratic who voted NO against historic health care reform legislation late Saturday, November 7, 2009.

Congressman Neugebauer has good government supportive insurance that cost him a minimum amount. It seems hypocritical for the Congressman to have excellent government supported insurance with minimum amount of co-pay while his constituents face rising cost for health insurance. Why would he say NO for access to insurance to those who voted him in office? Why would he say NO to affordable government back insurance to those who pay his salary so that he will not have stomach cramps?

My deceased father always would remind me to get to know the difference between a race

horse and a jackass. He said a racehorse would lay his ears back, stretch out his tail and dash across the finish line. However, a Jackass would bray, kick up his heels, perfume the air and never cross the finish line.

Congressman Neugebauer has negatively brayed over health insurance that all of the people in District 19 could afford while perfuming the air with the rhetoric and smell of a waste treatment plant. It seems the people of Congressional District 19 deserves much better. We need a racehorse! If the farmers could read well and truly understand farm legislation, they might decide it is wise and in their best interest to use their own intellect to see for themselves it is possible that they are getting greased by the hand of the man, not from Galilee, but their congressman from Washington.

It has been reported the legislation passed would require most Americans to carry insurance and provide federal subsidies to those who otherwise could not afford it. Large companies would have to offer coverage to

their employees. To enforce this mandate, both consumers and companies would face penalties if they defied the government's mandates.

Also insurance company's practices the art of denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions would be banned and insurers would no longer be able to charge higher premiums on the basis of gender or medical history. The government would punish the insurance industry by removing their exemption from federal antitrust restrictions on price fixing and market allocation.

The passing of the House Health Care Bill that expand coverage to tens of millions who lack insurance is said to offers a peace of mind that comes from knowing one has access to affordable health care when they need it.

We thank the Higher Power for those who represent the American people who have the intellect and know how to look out for the good of their fellow American brothers and sisters.

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We Thank God for Jesus "Lord, Thanks For Forgiving Me"

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

Psalm 105:1-2 -- O' Give thanks unto the Lord. Call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him; talk you of all his wondrous works.

Lord, many people are upset, because I'm a Steward that praises you. I haven't always done so, and you know this is true.

Jeremiah 1:5 -- The Lord said, before I formed you in the belly, I knew thee, and before you came forth out of the womb, I sanctified you, and I ordained you, a prophet unto all nations.

MANY ARE CALLED; FEW CHOSEN!!!

I, Billy "B.J.", was raised in a Christian Home, under the word and prayer. I went into the world of sin, and Lord, at home I left you there!!!

Jeremiah 3:13 -- The Lord said, only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the Lord, your God, and has scattered your ways to the st rangers under every green tree, and you have

not obeyed my voice.

I went out with people: marching and singing, 'I'm Black and Proud.' My people wanted to over ru n the W hite man, and said it out loud!!!

Proverb 16:18-19 -- Pride goes before destruction , and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of a humble spirit with h the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

ARE YOU ONE OF THE PROUD ONES???

I was living in sin, with the world, and called it having fun. It st arted when we marched and lied, saying: "We Shall Overcome!!!"

(In 1961, a man pulled a shotgun on me,after a fight. I was the winner, and people said, Boy you're lucky. In 1963, the Plains Co-Op Oil Mill blew up. I was inside and ran outside. I could smell smoke. My flesh was burning, and t hey said 'Boy, you're sure lucky.' In 1966, when we would do 120 mph for the fun of it, I had a blowout at about 105 mph, and my friends said, 'Boy, you're

sure lucky.' In 1972, a man pulled a shotgun on me about his wife, and I called him a \$%#&*)7&% lie. My friends aid, 'Boy, you're lucky.' In 1980, a man pulled a shotgun on me in a g ambling game. I won all the money. He said 'drop it,' and i said ^%#@)*&%, and there were two st rangers there, and one said, 'Don't shoot the man!' T he o ther said, 'He won that money!!!' And my friends said, 'Boy, you're sure lucky.')

Isaiah 54:17a -- The Lord said, no weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgement you shall condemn.

Psalm 115:17 -- The dead praise not the Lored, neither any that go down into silence. But we will bless the Lord from this t ime forth and for every more. Praise the Lord!

I'M BETTER THAN BLESSED. THANK YOU, LORD!!!

Hebrews 12:6-8 -- For who the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son who he

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:10 a. m. last Sunday morning, November 15, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday School gor underway last Sunday morning with Siist and Superintendent Sister Annie Onasanya is charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "facing Opposition." The scripture text was I Peter 4:12-19. The Unifying Topic was "A Suffering People."

The teacher of the morning lesson was Rev. Nita Davis. The

review of the morning was done by Pastor Canady.

The morning worship hour begun at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Rev. Nina Davis and Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church sung out of their hearts and souls.

The main thought for our Sunday School lesson was: "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing as unto a faithful creator. I Peter 4:19.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Alvin Butler. His subject was "The Many Faces of Death." The scripture text was Revelation 6:1-8. The Song of Inspiration: "Precious Lord."

The weekly meetings held at St. Matthew are as follows are:

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

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

Choir Rehersal isheld on Friday evenings beginning at

5:00 p. m.

The Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m. on Saturday mornings.

All who are involved in these meetings are asked to be present.

The morning announcements last Sunday morning were read by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in of the Lubbock community. There are many who are ill in our community. Your prayers are welcome. Let us pray for Rev. Walter Jackson.

Many things that others say are not for us to tell; Help us, Lord, to watch our tongue, we need to guard it well.

Thought For The Week: Destroy gossip by ignoring it.

Peter makes a personal appeal for Christians to be established in truth. We must receive Christ, but our need to understand truths of the Bible does not stop with our baptism. Learning new truths is an exciting part of the Christian life.

It's wonderful to study and discover what the Bible says about Jesus as both God and man. It's beautiful to learn about Christ's intercessory prayer in our behalf. It's awesome to grasp the ministry of the Holy Spirit and how he lives within us. How amazing to learn for the first time the meaning of the doctrine of justification—standing before God fully forgiven and accepted. We need the spiritual nourishment that comes from studying the Word of God.

Let us keep praying for the United States of America!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast No. 3 met on the first Sat Saturday morning, which was November 7, 2009. The group met together in the home of Brother & Sister H. Nichols.

The morning devotion was spirit filled as usual.

The morning scripture lesson was taught by Brother Hunter. His subject was "Characteristics of God's Love." His text scriptures were: I Corinthians 13; Romans 5:6; I Peter 4:8-10; and James 2:13.

I Corinthians 13 -- thou I speak with tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a tinkling symbol.

Roman 5:6 -- For when we were still without strength. In due time Christ died for the ungodly.

I Peter 4:8-10 -- And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins, be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift. Minister it to one another as good st eward of the manifold grace of God.

James 2:1 -- For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement.

Brother Hunter is a wonderful Bible t teacher. It would have been a blessing if you could have been present on Saturday, november 7th, to hear him.

During our meeting, prayer went forth for all our sick and shut in as well as those families who have lost loved ones.

The President of Outreach Prayer Breakfast is Sister Luella

Spence; Acting Secretary, Sister Carrie Wheeler.

Sister Dorothy hood is the reporter.

You never know when God will send you something. There was a space left in this ar ticle, then comes these scriptures: God is good! Here they are:

1 Samuel 1:10
After Joshua led the Israelites into the promised land, the nation was governed by a series of judges. The period of the judges lasted several hundred years and ended with the prophet Samuel. Samuel lived his entire life dedicated to God. In fact, Samuel's mother dedicated him to God before he was even born.

For many years Hannah and her husband had tried to have a child, but God did not allow her to conceive. The desire for a child continued for several years and became such a consuming portion of Hannah's life that she could think of little else; "In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord" (1 Samuel 1:10).

Finally, Hannah's heart softened and she made a vow that if God would give her a son, "then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life" (1 Samuel 1:11). God honored Hannah's vow and she soon became pregnant. A few years after Samuel was born Hannah brought him to Eli, the priest.

1 Samuel 1:27-28
"I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord."

When Hannah made her vow, she no longer desired a child to satisfy her own needs but truly desired to honor God by returning her son to Him. In turn, God blessed Hannah with five additional children after Samuel (1 Samuel 2:21). God did not bless Hannah because of her vow (we can never "bargain" with God); rather, God blessed Hannah because her heart desired to glorify Him with her blessing.

We must learn to consider everything in our life from the

same perspective as Hannah. We have created nothing of lasting value with our own hands. Everything we have - everything which defines who we are - is a precious gift from God. This includes our possessions, family, business, school, special skills, and talents. ALL we have is by the grace of God.

And just as it's prideful sin to take self-credit for God's many blessings, it's equally shameful to shun His gifts - to pretend they don't exist - and fail to use

them for His glory. God always blesses with a purpose; and we live a shallow life if we ignore His gifts or use them solely for our own benefit and pleasure.

Let's bless our Heavenly Father by fully receiving His gifts, and then by giving back what we've so graciously been given. Let's praise Him and determine to use even the gift of our own life to bring Him glory and honor. God has showered us with many wonderful gifts, but they are ALL gifts to be returned.

Have a Christ Centered Day!

These scriptures came from Clinton D. Hobdy, Jr.

As we have always made known, if you are interested in visiting our monthly meetings, then do so. If there are any questions, please give us a call at (806) 62-3347. We would love to hear from you.

You know god is so good. We are blessed to have the works of the Outreach Prayer Group No. 3. Just think how far has brought us from It's only by His Grace and Mercy we've endured all these years, and with His help, we will continue doing His Will!

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Obsequies

Willie Lee Holt

Celebration of Life services for Willie Lee Holt were held Saturday morning, November 13, 2009 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Holt, 81, of Lubbock, passed away at her residence, on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

She was born on December 16, 1927 to Ola Lee and Jim Johnson. She worked for Texas Tech University in the food service for a number of years, and also as a foster grandparent at the Lubbock State School for many years. She leaves to cherish her memory, eight children, Ola Mae Deary, Brady Baldwin,



Jr., Burnadette Fleeks, Danny Baldwin, Jacquelin Forster, Wanda Jean Jackson, Arlene Spence and Dennis Forster; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Shirley Jean Graves

Funeral services for Shirley Jean Graves were held last Saturday afternoon, November 14, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.

Interment followed at Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Graves, 72, of Tahoka, passed away at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1937 in Sandie, Texas, to Leonard and Amy Brown. She was educated in Lubbock at Dunbar High School. Sis. Graves accepted Christ at an early age. She married Tommy Lee Graves in 1955 and had six boys and one daughter. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy; parents; three sisters; and one son, Keshevn Evans.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sons, Tony E.



Graves, David D. Graves, Pastor Alton B. Graves, Pastor Calvin R. Graves (Darcy) and Ricky L. Graves; daughter, Michelle Richer (Avery); grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one sister, Drewwella Houston; one brother, Leonard Brown, Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Leslie Kirk Malone, I

Celebration of Life Services for Leslie Kirk Malone, I, were held at Wednesday morning, November 18, 2009 at Greater St. Mark with Dr. Leon Armstead, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin

Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Malone, I, 86, of Lubbock, passed away at Bender Terrace Nursing Home. He was born May 7, 1923 to the late Clifton Mack and Carrie Mae Malone, who preceded him in death.

Preceding him in death were

Tiffany Peterson

Celebration of Life services for Tiffany Peterson were held last Saturday morning, November 13, 2009 at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

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

Peterson, 22, of Lubbock, passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at University Medical Center.

She was born on March 5, 1987 to Lorine Watley (Jerry) and Patrick Sims.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Da'Kaylor Ajia Thompson; mother, Lorine Watley; stepfather, Jerry Watley;



father, Patrick Sims; two sisters, LaChrisha and Candice Peterson; two brothers, Deshonn McDaniel and Joshua Sims; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Delores Harper

Post - Services for Delores Harper, 86, of Post, were held last Saturday afternoon, November 14, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Post with Rev. Arthur Kelly of Pleasant Home Baptist Church officiating.

Burial in Terrace Cemetery were under the direction of Human Funeral Home of Post.

She died on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 in Post.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1923 in Dilworth, Texas to Charlie and Sleanor Hicks. She married Albert Harper on March 18, 1945 in Dilworth. She retired after many years of service from Garza Memorial Hospital. She was an usher for Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Albert Harper of Post; two daughters, Doris Johnson of



Lubbock and Pat Cruse of Post; two sons, Alvin Harper of Lubbock and Charles Harper of Lubbock; one brother, Julius Hicks of San Antonio; one sister, Verlena Hicks of San Antonio; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



one son, Eldrin Guise Malone; siblings, Annie Mae Johnson, Agnes J. Cobbins, Booker T. Malone, Rubye Lee Moye and Oscar D. Malone. He leaves to cherish his memory his three daughters, Mary Louise Simmonds, Leslie Jean Boyd, and Joyce Curry (Algie); one son, Leslie Kirk Malone, II; siblings, Clark F. Malone, Iona P. Dabney, Carver R. Malone, Nina F

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Rihanna

Rihanna says dealing with the media attention after being assaulted in February by ex-boyfriend Chris Brown was humiliating. But she now hopes to speak for young women who are afraid to talk openly about domestic violence. The 21-year-old pop star told Glamour magazine that the police photo of her bruised face that was leaked to reporters added insult to injury

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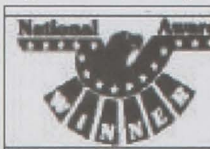
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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

50 MILLION HUNGRY PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LAST YEAR! THIS N THAT was shocked maybe one should not have been when a report by the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE on Tuesday November 17, 2009 announced in this country one out six citizens are HUNGRY with is approximately 50 MILLION But get this the report made it known that in this number 17 MILLION are children between the ages of

Tenth Anniversary Set December 12th

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Dr. Bobby Jones and the Nashville Super Choir, SUNDAY BEST winner Y'Anna Crawley, The Rance Allen Group, and P.S.A.L.M. Choir from the City Of Refuge.

Last year's show featured one-of-a-kind performances by hip-hop icon LL Cool J, Oscar winner Louis Gossett Jr., Kirk Franklin, Heather Headley and gospel supernovas, Mary Mary. CELEBRATION OF GOSPEL is produced by Stephen Hill, President of Music Programming & Specials, BET; Lynne Harris Taylor, Vice President of Specials, BET; and Giovanni Brewer, executive producer.

For more information about the show, please visit www.bet.com/cog.

ONE & 18..... Now who would have thought t his would happen t his country..... Well it has and this something we as a people must take seriously..... It let's know that the U. S. Government can't do it for us as we have a responsibility to **HELP ONE ANOTHER**..... It good to see what the **SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT** of the **BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**..... started t he fir st November of 2008 when the **A. W. WILSON FELLOWSHIP HALL**..... has been open to **FEED THOSE IN NEED** every second Saturday of the month with a **HOT MEAL**..... Last Saturday **ONE HUNDRED-TWENTY (120) MEALS** were served..... As the Superintendent of the Sunday School Department **SISTER RUBY DONALDSON** said "Before you feed a hungry person some spiritual food they need physical food." This is what has happened since last year with more than **1,300 MEALS** being served.... Since **THIS N THAT** has been involved with this feeding program the announcement made about **50 MILLION HUNGRY PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY**..... Oh, y es, there is a job for all of us to do..... Hopefully there will be a dent into the hungry in America Let's pray about something to happen... Yes there are many in **LUBBOCK** including East Lubbock!!

PENNY HASTINGS THE

BARBER SAYS: "By **THREE METHODS** we may learn **WISDOM**... First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.

STILL WAITING FOR TOWN HALL MEETING! THIS N THAT is still waiting for the next **TOWN HALL MEETING** about our Lubbock Public Schools in District..... **THIS N THAT** is still waiting for our School Board Member **SISTER VERNITA HOLMES** to call t his meet ing..... **THIS N THAT** will continue to wait.....

PRAIRIE DOGS MAY BE GONE IN SOME PARTS OF EAST LUBBOCK! THIS N THAT is glad to see there is concern on the part of the **CITY OF LUBBOCK** to began a process on removing those little rodents better known as **PRAIRIE DOGS** from some parts of East Lubbock..... This evident on the corner of East 28th Street and Ivory Avenue..... Hopefully this process will continue throughout the entire City of Lubbock..... **THANKS, CITY OF LUBBOCK** for your concern!!

HAVE YOU VISITED A PUBLIC SCHOOL? THIS N THAT wants to know how many of you who have visited a **LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL?** The semester has almost gone but you still have time to do so..... Let our young people see you on their campus... Will you do so? Hope you will do so!



THINK ABOUT IT!

The Black Press A Many Splendid Things!

by Eddie P. Richardson

After almost thirty three years, the **Southwest Digest** after empowering the Black community is no way near tired. The **Digest** has with stood social and economic trials, not by being a jack of all things but a master of serving its community. We reflect what our community is and does. The key to the newspaper is no different from any other news paper - Black owned or not. The objective is to print news and information that empowers its readers.

In a day when news papers are filing bankruptcy, laying off in masses, flocking to the internet, Black owned newspapers are in a better position than most. "We are not trying to talk to every body, we're trying to talk to Black people." We're not trying

to be all things to a lot of people, we're just trying to be the best thing to the best thing to one people.

With our entire staff equal to the size of the **Avalanche Journal's** copy desk, the **Digest** prints once a week and boast of very few lay offs. We have been blessed to have a small loyal staff since our inception plus we have a very loyal readership

While the American Society of News Paper Editors report that news rooms laid off nearly 6,6,000 journalists in 2008, the **Digest** was not affected in the changing industry. Things are tough for us, but we don't have the same issues as other newspapers. Those whom we serve continue to be loyal supporters and buy our newspaper.

The purpose of the Black newspapers documenting the Black experience in and around Lubbock. Being the Black press and the true voice of the Black community of Lubbock, we have to comment on two negative things in Lubbock that has the community in an uproar is recent tassing incident were the tasser had to ask his partner for help on this one if he was not doing wrong or using more force than necessary.

The next thing is the city of Lubbock turning off people's lights some time without proper warning and even from the pole Councilman Price where are you on this issue? You see our senior citizens need some consideration. You see, of course, the bills needs to paid.

TWO WHITE PROFESSIONALS AND ONE BLACK ORIGINAL

"SHAME OF THE REST US!!!!!"

By BROTHER ASKARI

In the letter to the editor section of the Southwest Digest's prior to the issue before this one, a professional white woman wrote the paper and said she was "HEART SICK" after attending the POLICE BRUTALITY TRIAL OCTOBER 20, 2009 of the "DRIVING WHILE BLACK VICTIM", L.J. McCALLAN.

This courageous WHITE WOMAN stated that she was also troubled by witnessing that the only people at this trial were the victim's family. In my mind this means, "WHERE WERE ALL THE OTHER BLACK PEOPLE SHOWING OUTRAGE TO THIS INJUSTICE!" "WHERE WERE ALL THE OTHER BROWN PEOPLE SHOWING OUTRAGE TO THIS INJUSTICE!" "WHERE WERE ALL THE OTHER WHITE PEOPLE SHOWING OUTRAGE TO THIS INJUSTICE!"

Any one of you can be next in line to be VICTIMIZED! If any one of you have been keeping up with the news, a police-



man in another state did this same thing to an ELDERLY WHITE WOMAN! This could be the re-surfacing of an old trend that can lead to the death of any one of you at the hand of your local police officer. Remember it is a proven fact that people have died after being SHOCKED TO DEATH BY THESE POWERFUL SHOCK GUNS OF THE POLICE!

Another professional white person this one being a white man shared with me his unsettling feelings about the mistreatment of a Lubbock citizen and

the hands of a Lubbock police officer and believes that the right verdict has not been made. I also talked with one of our original Senior Black Women who was very disappointed with the response of one of the so-called ministers who preaches about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ but Blacks Out when it comes to acknowledging the crucifixion of the all the people Black, White, Brown, Red, Yellow, etc... who fought and are still fighting to eliminate this kind of Abuse of Power behind the Thin Blue Line! Should I say more. Or do he and others like him think that Jim was really a Crow? Mr. McCallan says he will appeal this is the time of all of us to demand that we want this WRONG MADE RIGHT, FOR REAL!!!!!!

IF YOU ARE NOT AFRAID TO "SAY NO MORE" TO THIS INJUSTICE CALL THIS NUMBER 762-3612 AND HELP US DEFEND "OUR RIGHT TO BE FREE OF POLICE BRUTALITY!!!!!"

In Cinque
by Renetta Howard
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By the time we pay for a vehicle which we have purchased, we pretty much realize that in most instances, our warranties have expired and we expect to pay for any breakdowns that are not covered by our regular insurance policies, such as collision, liability, uninsured motorists, medical payments, comprehensive insurance and towing. In the absence of a car note, most working people can afford to have their vehicles repaired. After ten or more years of ownership of a vehicle, and approximately 150,000 miles of use, without major out-of-pocket expenses, many of us are ready to sell, give away or junk a vehicle. But if you are not taking the bait of the swindlers on the telephone calling you are writing to you about buying extended coverage for your vehicle, all you need do is watch the television ads about the purchase of coverage where you will not have to pay any-

thing for repair of your vehicle which could be as much as one thousand dollars and up, while a person without this coverage has to pay the cost. During the commercial, they fail to tell you how much such coverage will cost you.

Life insurance is another thing that most of us try to buy to insure that there will be funds available for our last rites. At the cost of funerals, chances are that the insurance which we have purchased may not be enough to cover those last rites. Consequently, many families are opting for cremation and donations to science to curtail those life-end expenses.

When an individual works forty or more years and retires, he expects to have paid for his home, his vehicle and just about everything material that he desires. If he has not planned well, taxes and insurance can demand the bulk of his income and assets, leaving him very little for utilities, food and a social life. We need to get 'in cinque' and plan for insurance and taxes. There is no escape!

106 & Park" had a Teen Domestic Violence

106 & Park" had a Teen Domestic Violence special and because this topic resonates personally for me I decided to share my story with others on BET.

I started my own Foundation called the Free4Life Foundation in 2002, our programs focused on Teen Violence Prevention and Financial Literacy Education.

At the time I saw them as serious issues in our community, I witnessed and experienced hardships with both subjects and wanted to prevent others from going through the same things. I have shared my testimony with thousands across the US when speaking at colleges and high schools and community centers over the past 6 years of my life.

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Deadline For Black History Calendar

The deadline for the Black History Calendar is January 2, 2010.

This is a project of the Roots Historical Arts Council.

For more information, contact Eddie P. richardson at (806) 762-3612.

"We need your help in this special project. It will work with your help. Will you help," said Mr. Richardson.

AN OPEN LETTER

before our arrival, another promising and talented young man, Dequiris Cannon, was shot and killed while sitting in a car a few blocks from his home. When we did some addi additional checking, we found that nearly every day, this year, someone has lost their life by the hand of a young person in this country.

Later that evening, we attended a meeting at a neighborhood church on the very issue, "stopping the violence among our youth." The pastor of the church had every one give their opinion of why they thought all these killings were taking place. Each person spoke from their heart. And we saw and heard outpourings of emotions that moved many to tears. There were young girls, young women, mothers, grandmothers, and one, sole, young man in attendance. Absent in attendance were fathers, grandfathers and other young men.

The next morning, we attended the young man's funeral. You can never be fully prepared to deal with the lost of a loved one, especially when it is your child whose life has been cut short before its time. That was the sentiment that Dequiris' Dad shared when he spoke about his son. He was a great son, brother, friend, student and athlete as attested to by others. Now these violent deaths have a face. We felt the pain up close, we saw

first hand how "youth violence" impacted one of the largest African American communities in this country. We sensed the feelings that newspaper headlines and 15 seconds television news clips can not convey. When we gave our personal condolences to Dequiris' parents, we saw they were suffering with immeasurable grief. This was a horrific and senseless murder that put unbearable sorrows on a family. It greatly saddens us and our organization that this tragedy has been repeated hundreds of times around the country.

These are the problems we see:

- * Removal of prayer from schools.
- * Too many fathers are not actively engaged in their children's lives
- * Children having children, and,
- * Epidemic high levels of idleness and unemployment among our youth.

Please help us continue our struggle against "youth violence" with your donations. We have a plan to address these problems. And we promise to dedicate our life and to use our voice and energy to: "Stop the Violence."

Rabbi Tommy L. Parker
President
Website: Theaauc.com

D.C. Sniper's Ex-Wife, Children Cope With Execution



Mildred Muhammad, former wife of convicted D.C. sniper John Allen Muhammad, speaks to readers during an event for her memoir in Washington D.C. on October 19.

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the D.C. sniper's ex-wives said Thursday that she has fully healed from the abusive marriage she endured with him, and is helping her children cope with knowing their dad won't be a part of their lives.

Mildred Muhammad, 49, told The Associated Press in a phone interview that she and her three children watched news coverage of John Muhammad's execution in silence at their Maryland home. When his death was announced, the children — John, 19, Salena, 17, and Taalibah, 16 — went into different rooms and cried.

"It was very difficult to see them in that kind of pain," Mildred Muhammad said. "Because I know what was going through their head — 'this is my dad, he should be in my life, this should not be happening.'"

Her ex-husband was put to death by lethal injection Tuesday in Virginia for killing Dean Harold Meyers at a gas station during a series of killings in 2002 that terrorized the Washington, D.C., area for three weeks. His then-teenage accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, is serving a life sentence without parole for his role in one of the slayings.

For Muhammad, however, the execution marked her recovery since leaving her abusive ex-husband a decade ago.

"I woke up yesterday thinking

this is the first day, complete day of the rest of our lives that John's presence will not be felt," she said.

Mildred Muhammad said her ex-husband did not respond to his children's requests to see him, and she said she was not surprised he offered no last words.

"I had began saying a week or two before the execution that if anyone was looking for John to apologize or take responsibility for his actions, they're waiting in vain," she said. "I didn't expect him to say anything. I expected him to do just what he did — close his eyes, not look at anyone and that's it."

She said she expects John Allen Muhammad's funeral next Tuesday in Baton Rouge, will bring some closure. The family also plans to retrieve letters he left for the children from another ex-wife.

With the man who once threatened to kill her now gone, Muhammad said she plans to continue her anti-domestic violence advocacy and continue supporting her children as they adjust. But one remnant of her ex-husband remains — a protective order against him she's kept for years.

"There's no need for me to carry it anymore," she said. "I guess I need to make a decision to take it out of my wallet, because it's still there."

whereof all are partakers, then are bastards, and not sons.

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II Peter 3:9 — The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness. But is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish. But that all should come to repentance.

VOTE!!



Mike Tyson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police are investigating conflicting accounts of an airport scuffle between Mike Tyson and photographer that resulted in both men being booked and released on suspicion of misdemeanor battery.

The former heavyweight boxing champion and photographer Tony Echevarria, 50, want to press charges of misdemeanor battery against each other, police

More charges expected

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Another suspect, Mario Andrette McNeill, has been charged with kidnapping in the case.

Last Tuesday, Davis reported Shaniya missing from their home in a mobile home park. According to police, surveillance video taken that day from a hotel in Sanford shows Shaniya in the company of McNeill.

"The investigation at this point indicates that Shaniya Davis was alive at the time she left the Sanford hotel," police said in the statement Tuesday.

The road where the body was found is near Sanford, which is about 30 miles northwest of Fayetteville.

Shaniya's half-sister, Cheyenne Lockhart, told HLN's "Nancy Grace" Monday that she found it difficult to believe Davis had treated her daughter so poorly.

"She seemed like the sweetest woman. She didn't come from much, but ... she had the sweetest voice, she had the sweetest personality, and especially toward me. I would never think that she would do anything like that," said Lockhart, who shared a father with Shaniya

Malone's Funeral

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Williams, Jeanette Cobbins and Carver D. Cobbins; 10 grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

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Police: Mike Tyson Booked on Battery Charge

said.

The photographer told police that Tyson struck him once, Los Angeles airport police spokesman Sgt. Jim Holcomb said. The photographer fell to the ground and was treated for a cut to his forehead at a hospital.

Tyson's spokeswoman Tammy Brook said the boxer was traveling with his wife and 10-month-old child when he was attacked by an overly aggressive paparazzo. "Mike acted in self defense as a father protecting his child," she said.

"There's a lot of different versions to this story and that's all going to come out later," Holcomb said. "Some witness statements support Tyson's version, others support the photographer's."

Police also were checking if

there was any surveillance video of the incident.

Tyson was cooperative as he waited in a holding cell at the airport police station, Holcomb said. Echevarria was booked and released after he was treated at a hospital, police said.

Holcomb said both men were released without any restrictions and free to go wherever they want. It wasn't immediately clear if Tyson had continued his trip.

Paparazzi often camp out at Los Angeles' largest airport to get shots of celebrities in transit.

"I've heard people were following him into the men's room and trying to take his picture there," said Tyson's defense attorney, David Chesnoff. "My advice to him is going to be to vigorously press charges against what everyone agrees are ridicu-

lously aggressive photographers."

Teen Talk

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First, we want to thank you all for sharing your time with us on 106 & Park yesterday. (If you missed it see video below). This was not an easy topic to discuss, openly and honestly. I'd like to acknowledge the courage it took for all of the guests to share their personal stories. Relationships are complicated, but when any form of abuse from either party begins, the relationship becomes even more complex. Yesterday, we tried to provide the signs to look for and the consequences of staying in an unhealthy relationship. Personally, I can tell you from experience that abuse, whether mental, verbal, sexual or physical, affects your self-esteem your spirit and your soul. It takes work, patience, love and support to recognize and get through a bad and unhealthy situation. So, before we go I would like to once again identify the top 5 signs of abuse.

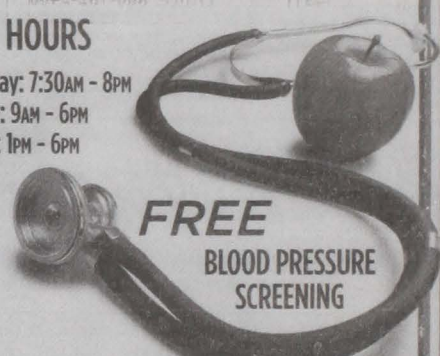
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