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"We Did It, Panthers!"



Pictured above is a portion of those who were in attendance of the Dunbar High School Class of 1955 Reunion at Furr's Cafeteria on Slide Road Saturday afternoon, August 29, 2009. Lubbock City Councilman Floyd Price (top right) is shown making special recognition to Frances Bell.



Here are some of the Class of 1959 who were able to be in attendance at the Dunbar High School All Class Reunion in 2004. This photo is being published because all are excited about the 50 years of the Dunbar High School facility which is now a middle school.

50 years ago, the first class to graduate from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, 2010 East 26th Street, walked across the stage and received their diplomas. Graduation Exercises were held Friday evening, May 29, 1959, at 8:00 p. m. in the high school auditorium, where the late Professor E. C. Struggs was the outstanding principal at Dunbar.

The graduating class consisted of 55 excited students as each name was called. Professor Struggs asked each parent to stand and be recognized also. This moment in history was a great honor for all parents. The 1959 Dunbar High

School Class Reunion was held Saturday, August 29, 2009, at Furr's Cafeteria on Slide Road. Special recognition was given to Frances Bell, Chairperson, from the City of Lubbock and presented by her classmates and City Councilman Floyd Price. Her classmates gave her a standing ovation for a job well done. Also present were some of the teachers who taught the class members in those days.

Those teachers present were Mrs. Mae Phea, Mrs. Vivian Cooke, Ms. Lena Sheffield, Mrs. C. Kyle, and the speaker of the hour, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Henry. All were excited about

this special reunion here. Earl Thompson gave a memorial period where classmates and teachers were remembered. Clara Cook Turner introduced the speaker of the hour for group. Councilman Price also recognized all teachers present. After much fun, fellowship, food, and everyone being reacquainted, the school song was sung. Of course, there were some tears shed by those in attendance for remembering where they have come from. This was an historical occasion. Hats off to Ms. Frances Bell. It will be long remembered.



"Vision without action is daydreaming."

The daughter of L.J. & Felicitas Betts, Ashanti L. McGary, is a graduate of Monterey High School (1998), American Business College, (secretarial Science), Virginia College (paralegal), and on August 21, 2009, she graduated from Great Lakes, Illinois basic training

United States Navy. Ashanti is now stationed at Meridian, Mississippi. Congratulations are in store for this young lady who has chosen to defend the United States of America. We appreciate her!



Tisha Devroe and Ken Davis

Slaton - The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Devroe are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their daughter, Tisha Louise Devroe, to Ken Davis, the son of Ruby Davis of Lubbock and the late Shannon Davis. The couple will exchange wedding vows in Slaton's Mount Olive First Missionary Baptist Church in a 5:00 p. m. ceremony on Saturday, October 3. The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Slaton High School and is currently employed with AT & T. The future bridegroom graduated from Estacado High School in 1991. He is employed by Texas Service Life Insurance.

"If It Hadn't Been For My Grandma"

"If It Hadn't Been For My Grandma's celebration is this Sunday, Sept. 12, 2009, at the Scottish Rite Building - 1101 70th Street at 6:00pm. Five of Lubbock's grandparents will be honored: Lottie Mae Smith, Elena Solis Riojas, Clara Lenord, Frances Castro, and Emma Jackson.

They are being honored by their children, grandchildren, the community and Omicron Omega Zeta Graduate Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for their hard work, dedication of love, strength and for holding their families together. All five women share a common bond... They all believe, love and trust in the Lord as their Savior Jesus Christ.

These beyond-golden women have earned their places in history through their leadership roles as family Queens; however, their stories have not yet been printed in the history books, but will be told on Sept. 12, 2009.

September 12, is also Grandparents' Day. Bring a grandparent to dinner, or a senior citizen from your community, sponsor one or two, if you have plans. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Proceeds will partially benefit The Stork's Nest and Zeta Phi Beta's Scholarship Fund. The celebration will be an enjoyable evening filled with great entertainment featuring the former Miss Hispanic Lubbock, Ericka Lopez, and former principal of Dunbar High School, Virgil Johnson. Rev. Wendell Davis, Pastor of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, is the Master of Ceremony, and Mrs. Margaret Randle, principal of Wheatley Elementary is the guest speaker.

Reflect on the role of your grandparents and a smile should come across your face. Just think and repeat the title, "If It Hadn't Been For My Grandma". See you at the celebration! Gloria Ware-Carter, President Omicron Omega Zeta Graduate

Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated



Emma Jackson



Frances Castro



Lottie Mae Smith



Clara Lenord



Elena Solis Riojas

Matadors Beats Pampa, 41-14

Those Estacado High School Matadors beat upon those Pampa High School Harvesters during their Homecoming contest last Friday night, September 4, 2009, at Lowrey Field before a large crowd of Matadors' supporters 41-14. It was a well deserved victory, as Estacado's quarterback Devonick Stubblefield had a very good outing. Also, Estacado's Cody Cortez had a good evening running the pigskin for the win.

Community Meetings

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

* Lubbock Area Citizens Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1816 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday evening, 1704 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 1:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

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

* Texas Joint Ethnic 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 Bea Elementary Cafeteria.

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Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The Federation of Choirs will meet Sunday afternoon, September 27, 2009, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Rising Star Baptist Church. Host pastor is Rev. Hiawatha Culver.

Sister Bennie Sims, president, is still encouraging all churches to attend and help celebrate each month. "Just think of what you are missing by not being in attendance," she said.

Annual Men & Women Day will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church on Su Sunday afternoon, September 20, 2009, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Special guest will be Rev. Larry Brooks and members of Community Baptist Church.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. There are many so let's keep them on our prayer list. Let us not forget that God is able, no matter what the circumstance may be.

Among those ill this week include: Brother Robert Cork, Brother & Sister Clarence (Joan Y) Ervin, Brother Alfred Cavie, Sister Joan Jones, Sister Luella Hall, Sister Dorothy Kinner.

Brother & Sister L. C. (Bobbie) Brown, and many others. Let us not forget them and of hers on the shut-in list.

The City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department will begin registering teams for the fall season of volleyball on September 8-11, 2009. Divisions are available for men, women and co-rec teams. Players must be 16 years old or older to participate. Cost per team is \$170 for the ten-game season, and all games are played at E.I.S.D. Junior High gyms. Late registration will be September 14-18, 2009, with a late fee of \$30 added to the cost per team. The registration for the winter season will be in December with play beginning in January. Register in the Parks and Recreation Office at 1010-9th Street, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the Parks Office at 775-2672 if you are interested.

Rev. B. R. Moton, past or of the New Hope Baptist Church, delivered a splendid sermon last Sunday morning. His subject was "A Satisfied Life For A You Can Only Be found In The Will of God." His scripture text was Exodus 20:12.

Let us continue to pay for those who have lost loved ones. The father of Shawnda Bass, Winston G. Robinson, Sr. May God continue inue to bless t his family. Your prayers are most appreciated. God is able.

Let's attend Church Services on Sunday mornings.

2009 Divisions are available for men and women's teams. Players must be at least 18 years old to participate. Cost per team is \$330 for the ten-game season, and all games are played at E.I.S.D. Junior High gyms. Late registration will be September 14-18, 2009, with a late fee of \$30 added to the cost per team. Register in the Parks and Recreation Office at 1010-9th Street, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call the Parks Office at 775-2672 if you are interested.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Friday, September 6, 2009 at 7:30p.m. was the second night of our 44th Church Anniversary. The youth was in charge. There were several churches in attendance and the spirit was felt by all.

Rev. J. J. Johnson Jr. from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church preached the sermon entitled, "If It's Worth It Then Work It". His text was Nehemiah 6:1-4.

Sunday, September 6, 2009 services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled, "Leadership Strong & Courageous" with the printed text from Joshua 1:1-11, 16-17.

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way and what a good job they did.

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 read by Rev. Lee and the scripture came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer

was led by Rev. Henry Edom with the choir singing "He Is Lord. What a time!"

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

The Senior Choir sang "Something Within" led by Sister Angela Mosley and "I Am Redeemed" led by Sis. Alvera Johnson.

"Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled "What Kind Of Storms Are You In" with the scripture text coming from Mark 4:35-41. Brother A. W. Brown sang "Blessed Assurance" after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship and several went up for prayer. The Lord continues to add to the church. Pray for those who are lost outside the ark of safety. Let's pray for our youth, young adults and teens that God will put his arms of protection around them

daily Sunday afternoon at 3:30p.m. was the closing out of our 44th Church Anniversary. There were several churches in attendance and the spirit was in the house with us.

Reverend Dr. Elbert Rohm pastor of First Baptist Church of Herlong California preached the message entitled, "The Work Is Continued" with several scriptural texts used. The first one came from Nehemiah 2:1-8, Nehemiah 4:6, Daniel 9:20-25, John 17:1-8 and 2 Timothy 4:1-8.

Scripture For The Week: "How happy is the man who doesn't follow the advice of the wicked or take the path of sinners or join a group of makers! Instead his delight is in the lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day & night. He's like a tree planted beside streams of waters that bears its fruit in season & whose leaf doesn't wither whatever he does prospers."

PSALM 1:1-3

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By Shirley Robinson

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The 2009 Fall Recreation and Leisure Activity Guide is now available! The guide has all the great fall activities for Parks and Recreation, plus events for the Libraries, Buddy Holly Center, Silent Wings Museum, Civic Services, and Health Department. The 24-page guide covers activities from September through early January. Fall festivals, Halloween events, the new Pumpkin Trail event, holiday youth camps, reading programs, Santa Land, Veterans Day

events, and new classes are just a few of the great programs the City of Lubbock will again offer Lubbock residents.

Class registration for all Parks and Recreation activities is currently underway! Sign up at your neighborhood Community and Senior Centers and the Garden and Arts Center! Classes fill up fast, and we encourage everyone to sign up early so that you are able to get into the classes that you want. Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis with a paid registra-

tion. The fall guide contains all the information you'll need to register and plan out your fall activities, including class schedules for all Parks and Recreation facilities, the fall events calendar, athletic leagues and tennis opportunities, rental information, and information on Safety City and Lake Alan Henry. Parks and Recreation has the entire 24-page guide available (in Adobe Reader) at www.playlubbock.com. To have a free copy mailed to you, call 775-2685 or email nce11@mylubbock.us.

Social Security Checks Will Shrink

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of older people face shrinking Social Security checks next year, the first time in a generation that payments would not

health care, where costs rise faster than inflation. Many also have suffered from declining home values and shrinking stock

portfolios just as they are relying on those assets for income.



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Ex-con tells story of prison lessons and second chances

ATLANTA, Georgia (CNN) — Thirty minutes on a dark December night in 1996 left R. Dwayne Betts irrevocably changed.

It was the first time Betts, known as a smart, straight-edge and funny guy, had ever held a gun. The pistol fit snugly into the hands of the 16-year-old, who tapped gently on the window of a dark green Pontiac Grand Prix. The noise startled the middle-aged man sleeping in the car.

In just 30 minutes, Betts committed his first crimes: an armed robbery and carjacking. They were felonies that landed the teenager in Virginia's adult prisons for nearly nine years.

"I've seen documentaries on prison, and I can name movies and books about prison," said Betts; now 28. "I don't think any of them actually capture the



Dwayne Betts was arrested at 16 for a carjacking and spent nearly 9 years in prison.

sound of a cell door closing and realizing you can't go home." What Betts did behind bars — and when the cell door finally opened nine years later — is a remarkable story. Tattooed with a violent felony record, he nonetheless attended

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Has Lubbock, TX Become a Cesspool of Racial Bias and Cultural Ignorance

The slop or swirl racial rhetoric that has been uttered from the mouthy cesspools of ignorance, corruption and void of power conservative wing of what was once a major political party is sicken, repugnant and repulsive.

African Americans and President Obama in particular has become the object of ridicule and criticism from pathological liars and other social deviant behavior from Uncle Tom blacks, the conservative leaders: Rush Limbaugh, Glen Beck and other riffraff that fan the flames of racial hatred.

These alleged deviants, scatterbrains, stupid and repulsive "pieces of works" have no place in a wholesome society. What should frighten all Americans is they have begun to believe and partake of the racial hatred soup dipped from the slop jars of racial injustice and cesspools of cultural, education, and racial ignorance.

These conservative primates who live in their own radical world have not in an intellectual sense risen to the state of having

true human traits as it relates to intelligence and basic respect as it relates to humankind. Their behavior appears to be akin to the social behavior of apes and monkeys.

Ralph Ellison wrote: "Life is to be lived, not controlled and humanity is won by continuing to play in face of certain defeat." Ellison life story notes that he had been born to parents who had been slaves. His parents moved from the Deep South to Oklahoma hoping the lives of their child would be fueled with a sense of possibility in this state that was reputed for its freedom. Though the prejudices of Texas and Arkansas soon encroached upon Oklahoma, the open spaces and fighting spirit of the people whom Ellison grew up among did provide him with a relatively unbiased atmosphere.

The story of Ellison life continues with the death of Lewis Ellison, his father in 1917 and left Ida, his mother, Ralph and his younger brother Herbert quite poor. To support the family, Ida worked as a domestic and stewardess at Avery Chapel

African Methodist Episcopal Church. The family moved into the parsonage and Ellison was brought into close contact with the minister's library. His mother encourages Ralph to read by bringing books and magazines home for him from the houses she cleaned. In addition, a black Episcopal priest in the city challenged the white custom of barring blacks from the public library and the custom was overturned. Ellison's horizons were broadened to a world outside his own sheltered life in Oklahoma City, by the many books now available to him in the library. Ellison left Oklahoma and headed to the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama to study music, with the help of a scholarship he had won from the state of Oklahoma.

At Tuskegee, Ellison was introduced to Alain Locke, a New Black thinker, who would lead Ellison to his writing career and his writing of Invisible Man. Ellison succeeded because he was able to rise above the cesspool of

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We Thank God for Jesus

"Truly It Is Praying Time!!!"

Written by Evangelist Billy "L.U." Morrison, II - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

Luke 18:1 - He (Jesus) spoke a parable unto them to this end, men ought always to pray, and not faint. Man kills 8 members of his family. They say he was on DRUGS. But I see it's a SIGN OF TIMES. JESUS SAID, WHEN HAVING NO LOVE!!!

Matthew 24:10-12 - Jesus said, and then many shall be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Look around Church, I know you've seen THE SME SIGNS. The world is full of troubles, AND YOU KNOW IT IS PAYING TIME!!!

Mark 13:8 - Jesus said, for nations shall rise against nations, and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles. These are the beginning of sorrow.

When the devil brings a frightening thing along CALLED SWINE FLU. People have become so afraid, they

don't know WHAT TO DO!!!

Matthew 11:28 - Jesus said, come unto me, all that are labour and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. When the Father kills his Children, then he kills his WIFE. He turns the gun on himself, committing SUICIDE - THAT'S THE SIGN TO NOTE!!!

Matthew 23:37-39 - Jesus said, O Jerusalem (CHURCH), Jerusalem (CHURCH), you that kills the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto you, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and you would not! Behold (LOOK), your house is left unto you desolate (FORSAKEN). For I say unto you, You shall not see me henceforth, till you shall say, Blessed is he that come in the name of the Lord.

***** CHURCH, HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGNS??? *****

Man kidnaps a child, kept 18 years in his back yard, pregnant her with two children. Now he pleads: NOT GUILTY.

CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS FOOLISH MAN??? A woman cuts a baby out of another woman, saying, IT'S MINE. BUT THAT'S WHAT THE MY RIGHTS HAVE DONE, AND IT'S PRAYING TIME!!!

Mark 12:31b - Jesus said, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is none other commandment greater than these. The father kills his son, saying: I BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD. THE LIFE OF THE DEVIL; PARENTS TELL TO THEIR BOYS AND GIRLS!!!

****** THAT'S THE SIGN!!! ******

(THAT IS ONE LIE I HAVE HEARD ALL MY LIFE. PARENTS SAYING, I BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD. AND I WILL TAKE YOU OUT. LOOK IF THE FATHER DIES, THE MOTHER PUTS IN THE SEED, AND THE MOTHER DIES GIVING THE CHILD BIRTH. GOD DIDN'T NEED NEITHER OF THEM

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, September 6, 2009, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th St. reet, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady, who teaches the word.

Church services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge of the services.

The morning Sunday School

lesson was entitled "Leadership Strong And Courageous." The scripture text was Joshua 1:1-11.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister Annie Onasanya. What a wonderful job she did for all in attendance.

The key verse: "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

(Joshua 1:9)

Everyone present enjoyed the lesson as well as received very much from it. It was truly a blessing to have received this lesson! Sunday School is great!

The morning worship hour got underway with Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Ethyl Williams, with continuing in prayer by Sister Barbara Johnson. The Senior Choir of St. Matthew Baptist Church sung out

of their hearts and souls. The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Canady. His subject was "What Kind of a Soldier Are You?" The scripture text was II Timothy 2:1-6. The key verse was verse 3. The Song of Inspiration was "Because He Lives."

The weekly meetings at St. Matthew Baptist Church include: Mission meets at 6:00 p. m. every Wednesday. Bible Study begins at 7:00 p. m.

Friday evening, the Senior Choir rehearsal is held and it begins at 5:00 p. m. All are asked to attend these rehearsals.

Saturday mornings, the Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in citizens. Among them are: Tra Shun Robinson, Rev. Walter Jackson, Brother Gerald Jackson, and Sister Nina Davis.

Let us remember Sister Nelda Jackson who is a resident at the Heritage Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. All birthdays for September

were recognized by the members of St. Matthew Baptist Church on last Sunday.

My heart desires us to know you, Lord,

To walk close beside you today,

To know your grace, your love,

your power.

For you are my life and my way.

Thought For The Week:

Only Jesus, the Living Word, can satisfy the thirsty soul.

If you are looking for a Church Home, come and visit St. Matthew Baptist Church anytime this week.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members and friends of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met last Saturday, September 5, 2009, in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood. The morning devotion was conducted by Sister Rosiana Henderson, Sister Elnora Jones and Sister Hood.

The morning lesson was taught by Sister E. Jones, our teacher. Her subject was "God Has A Plan For Your Life." Jeremiah 29:11.

Jeremiah 29:11 reads: "I know the plans I have for you, to prosper you, and not to harm you, to give you hope and a future. Other words, I know the thoughts that I think to do good, not evil. Read Matthew 7:9-11. If we are born again believers, we all have a plan, a call for our lives filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 -- You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon us, then you shall be my witnesses. We are followers of Christ Disciples of Christ, Stewards called to workmanship, called to serve, called to walk in the spirit. Not to fulfill the lust of the flesh. Called to walk in obedience, to walk in victory, not in defeat.

We are a royal priesthood, a chosen generation picked out to be picked on, already sitting in heavenly places. Why? Because the indwelling Holy Spirit dwells in the inside of us. Therefore, rivers of living water, flowing into everlasting life.

We love by faith, not by sight. Hebrews 11. By faith Abraham,

when he was called to go out into a place which he should receive an inheritance, obeyed God, went out not knowing where he was going for he looked for a city which had foundation, whose builder and maker is God.

Moses was called by God to go to Egypt and deliver the children of Israel out of bondage. God opened the Red Sea. In other words, he caused a strong wind from the east that parted the waters and they walked across on dry land.

The Hall of Fame in the Hebrew eleventh chapter goes on and on. By faith, Abel offered up a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. By faith, Sarah received strengthen in her old age to bear a child. By faith, Noah builded an ark, saved his household. Those that received a good report, have not received the promise of the Lord.

God has provided and fulfilled that promise. The blood of Jesus, a perfect lamb without a spot of blemish. He humbled himself even until death, died on an old rugged cross. Oh, at the third day, he arose and declared "All power of earth and heaven is in my hands. He is now seated at the right hand of God, making intercessory for you and I. No wonder the song writer penned these words: "What can wash away my sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of

Jesus." What a friend, we have.

What do I need to please God? First of all, we shall walk in virtue (Purity). God is concerned about our character. He sees everything, he even knows our thoughts. He tells us to confess our faults one to another. He is concerned about every aspect of our lives. We are to add to virtue: honesty, integrity, humility, peace, patience, long suffering, kindness, meekness, gentleness, self control, temperance, and, most of all, love.

Last, but not least, we are called to be intercessors. We should pray for others. Take a stand for righteousness. Pray for our President Barack Obama, our country, our community, schools, pastors, and churches. Resist the devil and he will flee. Remember, the Kingdom of

God takes things by force! Okay? Gracie Fulson was the winner of the door prize last Saturday morning. Also, Sister Jean! Don't forget to pray, Saints!

A few thoughts for you:

Behind the dim unknown standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own.

James Russell Lowell

The LORD watches over the

way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalms 136

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

Remember, each of you are invited to attend our monthly meetings. You are always welcome to be with us!

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Obsequies

Louis Clatin "LC" Donaldson

Phoenix, AZ. — Funeral services were held for Louis Clatin "LC" Donaldson on Saturday morning, August 29, 2009, at the First Institutional Baptist Church with Dr. Warren H. Stewart, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the National Cemetery of Arizona under the direction of Preston Home Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Barry Bernard, Elmer Curry, Bryne Donaldson, Don Albert Carter, John Day is, and Bryan Stone.

Honorary pallbearers were Sky Harbor International Airport Skycaps, Desert Mashie Golf Club Members, Al and Gloria Douglas, Ed Barnhart, and Madeline and Ananias Mason.

He was born to the late Felly Donaldson, Sr. and Cordia Jone Donaldson on April 10, 1925. At the age of 16, actually October 15, 1941, he reported for duty in the United States Naval Base in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a World War II



and Korean War Veteran in Pampa, in 1947; Louis married Sarah Frances Butler. To this union, two children were born, Gloria Jean and Don.

In 1950, in Amarillo, Louis met his "Honey" Mildred Loretta Burton. It was love at first sight. They were married February 10, 1952, and enjoyed 7 years of marriage. They journeyed, as a family to St. Paul, Minnesota and Denver, Colorado before returning to Phoenix, Arizona.

Louis began his Christian journey at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, where he sang in the choir. He continued his singing in Amarillo, and was also ordained as a deacon.

He leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Mildred L.; daughter, Gloria J. Burton of Aurora, Colorado; son, Elder Don Albert Carter of Sacramento, California; brothers, Felley (Myrtle) Donaldson of Wichita Falls and Elijah (Rubye) Donaldson of Lubbock; grandchildren: Angela Nicole Burton, Andre Carter, Don Demetrius Carter, and Rashawna Carter; great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

special friend, Ruth Robinson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at Griffin Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Leon Armstead officiating.

Interment was held at Resthaven Funeral Home under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Award Winning, Bestselling Author, Trice Hickman Comes To The Patterson Branch Library in Lubbock, Texas, To Discuss Her Latest Novel And Conduct A Mini-Workshop

Trice Hickman will appear at the Patterson Branch Public Library, September 19, 2009, to discuss and sign copies of her latest novel, *Keeping Secrets & Telling Lies*, and will conduct a mini workshop for local, aspiring writers titled, "How to Publish Your Own Book."

Since its June 23, release, Ms. Hickman's sophomore novel, *Keeping Secrets & Telling Lies*, has quickly become a book club favorite with avid readers, eliciting thought-provoking discussion around issues of cultural differences, fidelity, and family dysfunction; all of which are topics she explores in the book. She will follow the discussion and book signing with a mini-workshop designed to offer step by step instruction to aspiring writers, entrepreneurs, and book lovers about the fundamentals required to publish a book, how to set literary goals, and how she formed her publishing company, Platinum Books, Inc.

Ms. Hickman successfully published her debut novel, *Unexpected Interruptions*, which received critical acclaim from literary reviewers, avid readers, and book clubs across the country and overseas. She has won

two literary awards, topped the bestsellers list at DC Metro area bookstores, secured corporate sponsorship from GODIVA Chocolatier and Hilton Hotel, and has sold the exclusive book club rights of both her novels to Black Expressions, a national book club company with a membership of over 450,000. She is currently finishing her third novel which will be released summer 2010, and will be a contributing author on the highly anticipated anthology, *Bedtime Stories 3*, which is due out June 2010. Ms. Hickman holds a B.A. from Winston-Salem State University, and an M.A. from Wake Forest University. She currently resides in Washington, DC.

Ms. Hickman's schedule of events:

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4:00 - 6:00 p.m., How to Publish Your Own Book
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Lynching Victim Emmett Till's Casket to go to Smithsonian

CHICAGO (AP) — The glass-topped casket that displayed lynching victim Emmett Till's disfigured body to the world and became a rallying point for the civil rights movement is headed to the Smithsonian Institution, Till's family announced Friday.

"Hopefully, when this casket, when it's on display at the Smithsonian, young boys and young girls from all over the world are going to see it and it's going to inspire them to fight for those who are too weak to fight for themselves," said Simeon Wright, Till's cousin.

At the South Side church where Mammie Till-Mobley insisted in 1955 on opening the casket that held the remains of her 14-year-old son - and allowed photographs to be taken and published - Wright said her message of what racism looks like still needs to be told. "Fifty years from now someone will tell the story... that they murdered him, threw him in the Tallahatchie River, would they believe it without the casket?" asked Wright. He was 12 and was with Till the night the black teenager was pulled from his bed in Mississippi and murdered for whistling at a white woman.

Lonnie Bunch, the director of the Smithsonian's planned National Museum of African American History and Culture, where the casket will be displayed, said he knows of no other casket of a specific American put on display this way at the Smithsonian. He called it a key artifact from the



The Smithsonian Institution in Washington and members of Till's family announced the casket's donation to the museum's planned National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington when it opens in 2015.

civil rights movement that helps tell the story of what is both one of the darkest chapters in U.S. history and a moment that helped change it.

"Part of the responsibility of a national museum is to help people to remember, and through this donation we will ensure that future generations will remember how the death of a child, a mother's courage, helped to transform America," Bunch said.

Friday's announcement at the Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ came on the 54th anniversary of the day Till was killed. It follows last month's discovery of Till's original casket - tattered, dented and rusty - in a garbage-strewn storage shed at a suburban cemetery where former workers are charged with digging up corpses and reselling burial plots.

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Johnny Carver Robinson



Johnny Carver Robinson, 79 of Lubbock, passed away at his residence Tuesday, September 1, 2009. He was born August 18, 1930 to Bessie Mae Harris Robinson White and the late David Robinson in Granite, Okla. He attended and graduate from Dunbar High School. He served in the Army and was in the Korean War. He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Bessie Robinson; cousins, Linda Brown, Margaret Harris, Jessie Harris, and James Harris; God brothers, Napoleon Ausby and John W. Ford; God sisters, Rose Ausby and Sammantha Ford; a very

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THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson



THINK ABOUT IT!

The Time Is Now!

by Eddie P. Richardson

(Editor's Note: THIS N THAT is publishing an article by a friend, Peter Laverty, Director of Seniors Are Special, at University Medical Center's publication. It was entitled "A Grumpy Old Man"

As I sat at the mall last weekend, on my annual visit, the future of Texas walked by and I realized that I had finally passed the threshold for being "a grumpy old guy". Let me explain, upon seeing a Tech student's tattoos, it did not enter my mind that they might be the student's statement as an individual or "Wow, what great tattoos." Instead I thought, "What a hard time they are going to have finding a job without getting those things removed." As they walked by I jotted a note to myself to Google "tattoo removal" when I get home, this could be a great investment opportunity for a bit of my retirement funds. Please, do not get me started on why anyone would put a ball cap on backwards; why not turn it in-

side out? Young parents walked by pushing baby carriages wearing animal print clothes. I wanted to scream across the fountain, "Yes honey, those leopard spandex pants makes your butt look fat!" Another fashion evolution made possible because my generation made it unpleasant or rude to tell your wife or husband that they needed to add another X to their wardrobe before they leave the house. I could not help but notice many of the male youth trying to defy gravity walking around in those tent and awning jeans with the Ringling Brothers design label. Every time I saw a pair of boxer shorts walk by I wanted to run over pull up their pants, march them over to Sears, and buy them a belt. I jotted down another note not to purchase stock in belt companies; no one appeared to be wearing one, at least around their waist. The way they were

putting away all the junk food and 64-ounce drinks, I thought maybe they were trying to grow into their Ringling Brothers clothes.

This made me think, did my brothers hand me down clothes that look that ridiculous. Certainly not, my mother would pin and sew the garments to fit perfectly before letting me out of the house. I kid you not, two young teenage girls walked by wearing pajamas bottoms with fluffy slippers. Where could they possibly be going? Not to McDonalds for a job interview that is for sure. At that age, the sight of my pajamas hanging on our clothesline in plain site would have embarrassed me to death and here they are wearing them in public, shopping at the Mall.

What must the merchants think when they see them coming into their store? Instead of inviting them in I would have screamed, "We don't sell mattresses now go home and

We are now living in a very complicated, fast paced, hurry up, every one is in a hurry with no particular place to go behind can't catch up hurry up you are making me late but for what? This is the electronic age super high way, push button, instant, pre mixed, every one is for self, what happened to I am my brothers keeper? This is the mind set of most of the population at this time but on the other hand there are still some so called normal people that takes life as it really is one step and one day at a time and maintains respect, faith, and love for Gog, self and man mankind take and respect life as it is and do not push and and try to mak life to fit their agenda they must slow down and realize that this is God's world and not theirs as some

would want. Some of us are running so fast that the real world is passing us by and we are to busy to see or realize it what a shame as the old saying goes- they need to slow down and smell the coffee how many of us has taken the time to slow down and really smell the coffee some time som of us are so, so called busy that the real world is passing us by right in front of our noses while we think we are to busy to realize it is passing us by. The modern age is good it is even beautiful with all the conveniences, moderations, easy fox its, cosuitors, and every kind of electrical gadget under the sun but mean while we need to go back to the basics and being human beings again for example love

family, self, neighbors, church, school, and community as a whole we must start caring for others stop being selfish, jealous, forget our own agendas and work collectively together for the good of all of together that way collectively we can turn all the negatives to positives then there will be more peace and happiness for all of us.

CLOSING THOUGHT: We live in a fantasy world, a world of illusions, the greatest task in life is to find reality (Iris Murdoch, Anglo-Iris author and philosopher (1919-1999)

Let us not quit our position in life, because our children need to see us concerned about their future. They will feel secure if they know we are with them in all they are attempting to accomplish.

HAVE WE FORGOTTEN THAT THE BEST PEOPLE TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS ARE US?

by donnell ASKARI hooper



I started this article with this question because I was asked did I really mean what I said in the article I wrote in last week's SOUTHWEST DIGEST. The answer is YES! I said what I meant and mean what I said. Just like the human rats and roaches that are breaking into our homes and businesses in our community, need to leave or be ran out of our community. The same goes for the people living in our community who do nothing but complain and do nothing to promote, encourage or bring about empowering change in our community. Six in one hand, half a dozen in the other, both groups of people are the termites and parasites of our community. Martin Luther King was quoted as saying "not one of us can do everything that need to be done for us, but all of us can do something that will benefit

the whole of us!" We all know, nothing from nothing is nothing to leave! It's insanity to expect something if you do nothing. It's even more insane to keep expecting these same old talker about what we need to do to do anything different than talk when the solution to our community problem are in our hands and not these out dates spokesmen!

Who are they? You all know who they are. They are the 10% blood suckers who keep their hands deep into your purses and pockets. Yeah, these blood suckers got you investing in them and not yourselves! These blood suckers are able to do us this way, because they know to many of us will try to pay our way to success rather than make our own way to success! These blood suckers have theorized the

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

anything can tell you that



For some time now, it has puzzled me as to why some of the courses in Social Studies in the public high schools are being deleted. It just occurred to me that it is the undercurrent of the political movements to the left that have infiltrated the public schools in hopes of making sure that political ideology is not taught. The lambasting of the occurrence of a United States Presidential speech to students in schools, which has not been made yet, is the fruit of such ideas. Presidents of the United States have made speeches to students in schools for the past thirty years that I am aware of and there have been no loud cry-outs from parents or the public. As a

matter of fact, these speeches have been welcomed by any and everyone affected. There has been no backlash following the speeches either, but President Obama had only to announce that he planned to speak to students regarding staying in school, and in some instances, especially in some "dense" Republican areas, parents are having their children "opt out" from listening to the speech or harassing principals and school districts not to allow the speech to be heard or seen in their schools. Some have decided to record it for a later viewing and listening time. If they only knew that years ago, a classroom was lucky if it could borrow a radio to listen to the President speak! Where have our morals and desire to learn gone?

One would think that in schools where motivational speakers are hired at the beginning of each school year to speak to their student bodies and pay much more than the electricity for a televised speech, or the cost of a high definition televi-

sion, that a speech from the highest office in the United States, that of the President, would be welcomed. But it seems that some folks just "can't get over it!" The irony of it all is, that President Obama has acquired more education and experience than the average motivational speaker hired by school districts. He has more to offer and has been constantly encouraging not just students attending school to stay in school, but is encouraging parents who dropped out to return to school.

We are busy contemplating what the health care reform will be like in the end, and how Medicare and Medicaid will be affected, but we also need to become interested in an overhaul of the educational system in this country, as we are still encountering separate and unequal education, fifty-five years after Brown vs. The Board of Education. Perhaps a better funded and better personnel filled educational system in this country would increase the thinking and moral skills of its products, our

change!

It would have been a cold day before my father would have let me sit at the dining room dressed in my pajamas. Driving home from the Mall, if I heard one I heard a hundred car stereos, at decibel levels that they could have been heard in Plainview. I wanted to scream, "You're going to be deaf by the time your thirty!" Ignoring the fact that I did the same thing with my stereo system in my college dorm. My hall monitor routinely yelled down the hall,

"Laverty turn down that music!" That is the main reason I am convinced that at age 57, I now wear a hearing aid. Pulling into my driveway, I dread that all of this foreshadows the fact that I am one-step-away from attacking that ice cream truck and its, "All around the Mulberry Bush" musical assault to my senses. Oh my, like my father before me, and his father before him, I have become "a grumpy old guy."

(THIS N THAT hops you received a message from this article. It made a lot of sense. A parents and grandparents, we have a great job to do as we rear our young people. If ever there was a time as our young people really need all of us doing what we could to help them. Thanks, Peter Peter Laverty for allowing us to publish these important words. Hope we will be able to do this again.)

children. We need to get 'in cinque' and revamp our values.

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HAVE WE FORGOTTEN

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hat 85% of the people can be led to their own ruin and destruction like grazing cattle to the slaughter house. We all know that when cattle leave the slaughter house they come out as meals to be bought and sold! How many of us have sold our souls? How many of us have bought into the lie that we are just a bunch of good for nothing Niggers, Wet backs, and po' White Tr*cks in east Lubbock, Texas? Well I tell you THIS MESS CAN NOT HOLD DOWN OUR GREATNESS! THERE IS A DIFFERENT DRUM MAJOR IN TOWN and I am calling on all the intelligent and conscious people to RALLY WITH US TO EMPOWER OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITY! There is no room for COWARDS and MESSY PEOPLE only the true believers in our mission to do better for ourselves, OURSELVES!!!!!! BE READY FOR THE CALL!!!! ANSWER THE CALL!!!! ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT SOLD YOUR SOULS STAY BOLD!!!! THE RALLY WILL BE POSTED IN THIS PAPER!!!!!! LET'S STAY STRONG!!!!

Lubbock surgeon helps others through Operation HOPE



At the age of 44, Lubbock surgeon John Thomas has already lived longer than many of the children he helps.

In the Southeast African country of Malawi, where Thomas recently volunteered his time and skills, the average life expectancy is just 43 years.

Thomas is hoping the efforts of Operation HOPE - a missionary organization he founded a decade ago that stands for Healing Outreach for People Everywhere - will help the people of Malawi, who, he said, struggle to find food and clean water every day.

The difference we make is very small, but definite," Thomas said in a Thursday interview.

Ex-con tells story of prison lessons and second chances

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How did he achieve near-perfect grades and win a scholarship for a full ride to graduate school?

Betts' memoir, "A Question of Freedom," released last month, chronicles the lessons he learned in prison and how he managed to turn his life around.

Some might say the odds were stacked against Betts. He was the son of a convicted felon, raised by a single mother. Drug deals and robberies were commonplace in his Suitland, Maryland, neighborhood. "I didn't really have any outlets," Betts explained.

He appears very different today, dressed in a sharp black suit on his book tour, than he did as a streetwise teenager.

His arrest in 1996 made him another statistic. Betts became one of hundreds of thousands of teens who are in the U.S. juvenile justice system. Of the offenders, federal studies show, a large percentage of the offenders are black.

Early on, his defense attorney made it known that the seriousness of his crime would probably place him in the adult prison system, even though no one was hurt in the robbery.

But Betts wasn't the only juvenile locked up with adults. On the bus to Southampton Correctional Center, an adult corrections facility, he rode with a dozen other juveniles sharing similar fears of entering prison.

A recent study by the University of Texas at Austin reports that on any given day in 2008, more than 3,650 juveniles are held in adult prisons.

Betts was transferred to Red Onion State Prison, Virginia's super-maximum security facility. It has been criticized by Human Rights Watch, a non-profit group that reports on prison conditions.

The group documented instances of guards using gunshots to control prisoners. Betts said he often heard these shots.

During his nine years in custody, he was shuffled to five adult prisons. He did not grow hardened, bitter or hateful. Instead, Betts grew up fast and worked hard.

One morning, he watched another inmate fix broken televisions and radios. The inmate could decipher the schematics

without any help or formal technical training. He told Betts he learned the skills on his own during his incarceration. The lesson stuck.

"There is no end to the ingenuity of a man's mind that won't be denied," Betts said. "You can teach yourself anything you want."

Betts knew that his record and his stint in prison meant he needed to prove himself to the outside world. He finished high school behind bars and taught himself Spanish. He read the work of John Steinbeck and

Parson Smith

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racial bias and cultural ignorance of white people of his day! This writer was saddened by the mindset of the Educational leadership of Lubbock who succumbed to the ignorance of a few social, educational and racial misfits. It is a sad day in America when ignorance overrules intelligence. It sad day in Lubbock, TX when much of the population is so illiterate and ignorant of the knowledge children would gain by interacting with the President of the United States and the Department of Education. These misfits of Lubbock residing in a wholesome society much be part of that group the writers of the Bell Curve portrayed as blacks but were more than likely a sub-culture of the Bell Curve writers group.

The Tyler (Texas) Independent School District and the Longview (Texas) Independent School District did not have the technological capability to simultaneously accommodate all classrooms throughout the Districts with video streaming, and as such was not able to be presented live. However the districts want to honor President Obama's request and will do so at the appropriate time. Both of these cities are represented by Republicans.

Again! Has Lubbock, Texas become a cesspool of racial and cultural ignorance? Do these Lubbock people have the knowledge to read a label on how to pour contaminated water out of a boot? Or do they think it lemon Kool-Aid?

wrote poetry. Other prisoners may have called him "book-worm," but Betts said it gave him the skills necessary to attend college.

"I taught myself how to frame the world in a way in which I could be more than what I was during the 30 minutes I committed the crime," he said.

In those dark years behind bars, Betts saw fellow inmates move in and out of the penal system. Statistics tracking recidivism rates for incarcerated juveniles aren't favorable for an offender like Betts. Federal studies show that about 55 percent of juveniles in Virginia are re-arrested within a year of their release.

"Part of the problem is that society wants to forever judge you by the crime you committed, no

matter what you do," Betts said. "There are roadblocks in your way even though you went to court and you've served your debt to society."

Betts was released in spring 2005 after serving nearly nine years of his 10-year sentence. He was determined not to go back.

The first few years of readjusting to life on the outside were filled with obstacles. When he met his future wife, Terese, a fellow student at a community college, he was unsure how to reveal his criminal history to her.

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Betts was rejected by several employers and colleges solely because of his criminal record. Still, he pushed on, taking what opportunities came his way. His perfect academic record in community college earned him a spot at the University of Maryland, where he studied writing and was awarded a scholarship for academic excellence. During those years, he created YoungMenRead, a book club in the Washington area, to give teenagers a safe place to hang out after school. It was something he didn't have growing up.

He wants to provide his 21-month-old son, Micah, who has just started to walk and talk, with plenty of positive creative outlets. He plans on showing his son his memoir about his time in prison when Micah gets old enough to understand.

"I'm pretty sure the life I live will show him that you can avoid certain mistakes," Betts said. "You can be more than any one mistake you make."

Thank God For Jesus

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TOO KEEP THE CHILD ALIVE!!! ONLY GOD CAN KEEP THE CHILD ALIVE!!! I AM I WRITE ITE ABOUT I T ? ? ? ?

I Timothy 6:7 -- for we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Man kills his wife over the insurance money HE COULD RECEIVE. THE COURTS TS ONLY GAVE HIM 18 YE YEARS, BUT DEATH HE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED!!!

Genesis 9:6 -- God said, whoso sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. The churches main thing is they only want to RAISE MONEY. Wanting \$10,000.00 RAISED for HUSBAND AND WIFE'S ANNIVERSARY!!! **** THAT'S THE SIGN!!!

Isaiah 56:11 -- God said, yes, they are greedy dogs which can never enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand and, they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, for his quarter (ANNIVERSARY).

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

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