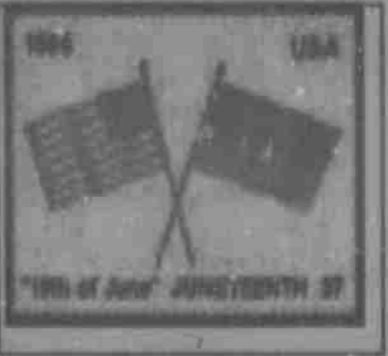


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Obama signs health care 'fixes' bill

Washington (CNN) — President Obama sealed a final victory on his signature domestic priority Tuesday, March 30, 2010, signing a sweeping package of changes to the newly enacted health care reform law.

The so-called "fixes" bill -- approved over unanimous Republican opposition in both chambers of Congress -- significantly expands health insurance subsidies for lower- and middle-income families while watering down a tax on expensive health policies.

The measure also overhauls the national college student loan system by shifting government funding for loans away from commercial banks to new education initiatives. Until now, commercial banks have received federal subsidies to provide student loans.

The bill increases the overall cost of the health care reform legislation to \$940 billion over the next 10 years, \$65 billion



President Barack Obama

more than the original health care bill Obama signed into law last week.

What will health reform mean for you?

The president emphasized the student loan reforms at a signing ceremony at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria, Virginia.

The passage of the bill represents the end of a battle "pitting

the interests of the banks [and] the financial institutions against the interests of students," Obama said.

It fixed an old "sweetheart deal" by cutting out "unnecessary middlemen" in the administration of college loans, he asserted. "We stood with America's students."

Changing the law, Obama
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Mayda Cruz

Mayda Cruz Brings Experience to Mentoring Program At The Bridge



Students Enjoying Each Other!



There's Nothing Like Relaxing!

There is an outstanding Mentoring Program which works with young people of east Lubbock. The executive director is Mayda Cruz.

She is a young lady who grew up in New York City and brings some new excitement to The Bridge, 1361 Redbud Avenue, which is the former home of Posey Elementary School.

Bridge 2 Success is a program offered by The Bridge of Lubbock, and the goal and vision of the Bridge 2 Success mentoring program is to equip and empower youth to become successful men and women of tomorrow and to assist them in developing a positive vision for their future.

This being accomplished by meeting with the youth every Tuesday from 4:30-7:30pm at The Bridge. The program is completely free and is open to any student, grades 6 through 12.

A typical day of Bridge 2 Success involves personalized tutoring and homework help, life skills training, one on one mentoring time, opportunities to sing with a choir and learn to play chess, and a devotional—all finished off with a warm home-cooked meal!

Program participants also get to participate in off-site field trips at least once a month that are designed not only for fun but to also expose them to new possibilities for their future.

We also believe in bringing resources to the entire family system in order to better serve the youth we work with. Through Parent Enrichment Nights we bring in guest speakers to talk to the parents about parenting skills, community resources, health and nutrition, financial literacy, and more. We are also able to provide families involved in the mentoring program with food voucher and clothing closet assistance to meet the physical needs of the family and child.

During the summer, we provide a free summer sports camp. Summer camp lasts the entire month of July. Monday through Friday each week. The kids get to experience sports instruction and competition, team building activities, pep rallies, devotionals, life skills training, and off-site activities like swimming, going to museums, and seeing a movie. The last week of camp, we are able to take students out of town to Crossview Christian Camp for an entire week filled with ropes course activities, canoeing, fishing, biking, and more.

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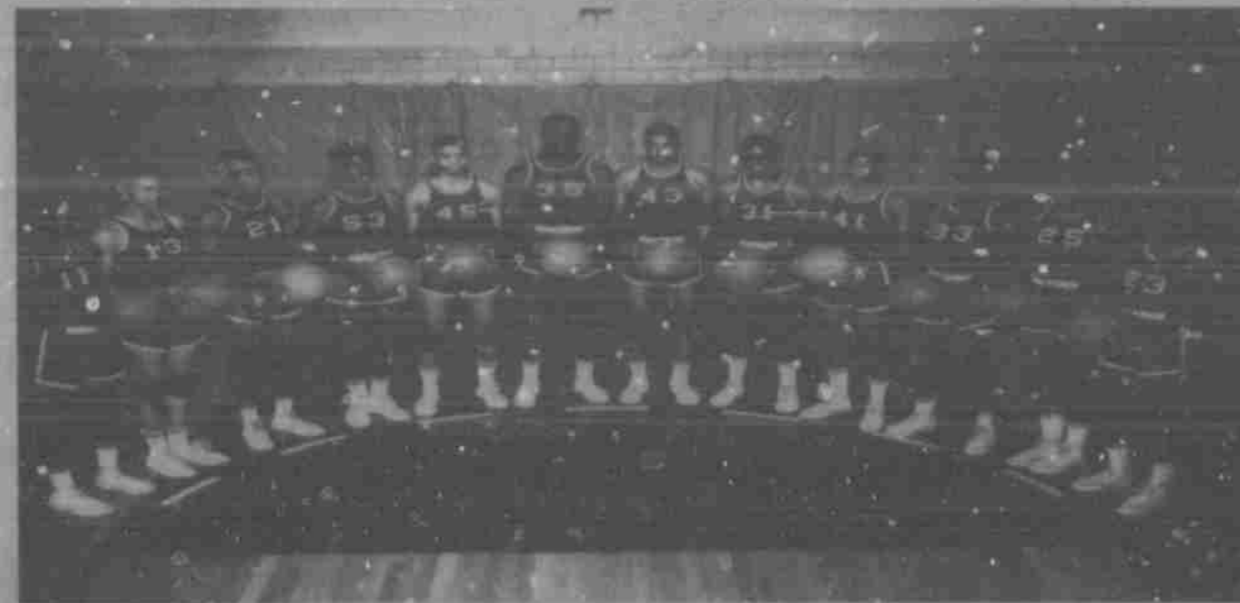
Dunbar State Champions! Can You Identify Five Players?

Looking back over the years, it is amazing of how many State Championships those Dunbar High School Panthers won.

How many of you remember

these young men who played for the Dunbar Panthers? Identify five players and receive a two year subscription to the Southwest Digest.

Send your answers to: Players, c/o Southwest Digest, P. O. Box 2553, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Deadline postmark is April 16, 2010, first one wins.



Community Meetings

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

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

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 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 Market 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 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 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.

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

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Covenant Health System will host a free event called Girl Talk on Thursday, April 15 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Girl Talk is for young girls between the ages of 10 - 13 and their parent or guardian. The educational event will focus on topics such as physical and emotional changes to communication and self-esteem issues.

Dinner will be provided to participants. Due to limited seating, an R.S.V.P is required by Friday, April 9. To R.S.V.P., please call 1.866.4COVENANT. Below is a press release with more information about who will be speaking at the event. Thank you for sharing this information with your audience.

If you are interested in look-

ing at some beautiful Cowboy Boots, then attend the Annual Arts Festival at the Buddy Holly Center, 1324 Buddy Holly Avenue, April 2, 2010. These Cowboy Boots are designed by Larry Simmons of Lubbock.

The Bobbie Gean & T. J. Patterson is still offering some very interesting programs. Here are two upcoming events:

Left-To-Right Book Discussion Group will meet Saturday April 24, 2010 at 2:00pm.

There will discussion on "Lady Jasmine" by Victoria Christopher Murray.

Copies are available for checkout at the library. New members always welcome!

Also another very interesting

event will be "Percussion Through the Ages" on Friday April 9, 2010 at 11:00am

Join us as we Celebrate Women Percussionist Information & Demonstration.

Featuring: Dr. Lisa Rogers and Joy Harris both of Texas Tech University.

What a wonderful program for the Parkway Roses, who are fifth grade girls of Parkway Elementary School, who are making outstanding contributions to their school. A special presentation was made to each of them in a special program Tuesday afternoon, March 2, 2010.

The purpose of the organization was given by Beatrice Hernandez, Eddie Fitzgerald, principal, welcomed all parents and friends of Parkway.

Mrs. Nettie J. Edwards gave
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FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson Embellished Jeans!

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Fashion...just for the fun of it.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, March 28, 2010, church services got started at New Light Baptist Church where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Sister Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled: "Gaining Acceptance" and its printed text coming from Ruth 2:5-12; 3: 9-11 for the adults. Sister Angela Mosley and Sister Rochelette Hood taught the lesson for the youth. Breakfast was served afterward.

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the praise team leading the way.

Rev. Henry Edom led the pulpit devotion. The Youth Choir marched in the choir stand singing "I Love To Praise Him". The responsive reading was read

by Rev. Edom and the scripture came from Psalm 125: 1-5. The altar prayer was led Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "O' Lord Move In This Place."

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

The Youth Choir sang "This Light Of Mine" and "O' Lord, How Excellent." "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "O' Happy Day" with the scripture text coming from Mark 11:1-11 and Zechariah 9:9. The Senior Choir sang "St Step By Step" after the sermon.

There was the invitation to

discipleship that was extended.

The Ushers had their "Annual Day" on Sunday afternoon. There was a guest speaker and the program was very spirit filled and uplifting.

Pray for the blessed assurance of knowing that Jesus is the christ, the son of the living God.

SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK: "Pay careful attention then to how you will walk, not as nosie people but as wise making the most of the time because the days are evil so don't be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is".

Ephesians 5:15-17

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Church News



From the Desk of Pastor D.A. Smith
"Baby Killer"



We Thank God for Jesus
"OUR CHILDREN ARE DYING AND CRYING"

The past several weeks has been truly disheartened for a great number of people in the 19th U. S. Congressional District with Representative Randy Neugebauer as its leader.

It has been noted that when Congressman Randy Neugebauer, the leader of the 19th Congressional District which includes Lubbock, ejaculated at the mouth "baby killer" to Rep. Bart Stupak's (D-MI) during the health insurance reform vote (2010), it painted a dark cloud over West Texas.

Diana Butler Bass wrote: "To call someone a "baby killer," especially a serious Catholic like Rep. Stupak with his deep commitment of life, is nothing short of evil, akin to calling a Jew a Nazi. It is incongruous, and it is a lie. No truly Christian person, whether they identify with either pro-life or pro-choice like Rep. Stupak who have spent a lifetime arguing against abortion. But it is equally true for pro-choice Christians, who do not believe in killing babies but do believe that women are trustworthy moral agents who, when

they have access to excellent health care, will make choices that lower the abortion rates as do European and Canadian women. For both pro-life and pro-choice Christians, the whole point of health care, women reproductive choices, and legal access to abortion is the hope that children will be born who are healthy and have every possibility for a good, productive, and happy life. The purpose is to provide for life, not to end life.

Bass continues: To call the current bill a "baby-killer" is also a lie, and it mirrors the lie that the bill will kill senior citizens—the fabricated "death panel" provision. It is nothing more than political theater to discredit any genuine attempt to enrich the lives of Americans by making health care and decent health a kind of Orwellian double-speak, intended to create fear and anger that the government wants to destroy life instead of the clear intention of Congress to extend life and improve its quality for the maximum number of American citizens.

To say that a person is a "baby-killer," or that legislation crafted by a duly elected Congress representing a majority of citizens is a "baby killer," provides unbalanced persons motivation to kill the "killers" and thus incite violence. Indeed, in recent days, we have seen just that—threats against the individual members of Congress (including someone who evidently tried to blow up a Virginia Congressman's family) and increased violent threats against the government more generally.

This writer wishes he could believe Mr. Neugebauer apology to Congressman Stupak. However, Representative Neugebauer seems to have his nose in the wind direction of rich and famous of West Texas whose agenda is Neugebauer agenda and who's thought processes are those who allegedly "yank his chain." It appears as if the dust of West Texas has made simpletons of those who want true representation in a global market. They appear to reverse the lying sound
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Isaiah 1:4a -- Yes, a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord.

Much troubles started in the 60's; when Christians marches for **CIVIL RIGHTS**.

Christians disobeyed the **LAW**s of the land; now **OUR** Children do it **DAY AND NIGHT!!!**

Romans 8:5-7a -- For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the laws of God. *** **YES CHRISTIANS ROBBED GOD!!!**

The Christians follow after **FLESH; A MAN AND HIS DREAM.**

Didn't stay with **THE WORD OF GOD; NOW NIGHTMARES ARE COMING FROM THE DREAM!!!**

Galatians 6:7-8 -- Be not deceived: God is not mocked; for

whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

(The thing about sowing and reaping: you will always get more than you planted. You can take a bucket of corn to the field, plant it; but when you harvest it, you'll need a pick-up truck to bring it in. **AMERICA** have sowed a little of " **MY RIGHTS " IN-DISOBEDIENCE; AND IS REAPING TROUBLES ALL OVER THE LAND!!!**)

Our Children are **ROBBERING, KILLING, STEALING; AND GOING TO JAIL..**

TALKING ABOUT FREE AT LAST; AND LIVING IN HELL!!!

DEUTERONOMY 28:41 -- The Lord Said, you shall get son and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

(Now they're in **JAIL**, sing a song called: " **FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST. " But they're " A SLAVE; AND**

WHERE ARE YOUR RIGHTS? The WHITE MAN SAYS, lights out, put this and that on, eat this and that, wake up, get in line. **THE SLAVES OF OLD; DID THE SAME DAMN THING!!!**)

The word of **GOD** said, **TRAIN A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO.**

BASKETBALL, BASEBALL; GOD'S WORD; THEY DON'T KNOW!!!

Luke 6:39, Jesus said, can the blind lead the blind? Shall they both fall into the ditch?

*** **ARE YOUR CHILDREN LEADING YOU???*****

The devil gave out equal rights in the garden; but they were wrong.

He gives that same **MY RIGHTS LIE;** to every generation that comes long!!!

(**THE OTHER DAY, A MAN SHOOT AT THE POLICE; THAT'S HIS RIGHT!!!**

The only equal rights **GOD** want mankind to have; is the right to come to the **CROSS OF**
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, March 28, 2010, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Carady.

Sunday School got underway last Sunday morning with Superintendent Sister Shirley Davis in charge.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Gaining Acceptance". The scripture text was Ruth 2:5-12; 3:9-11. The Unifying Topic was "Acceptance In Community."

The teacher of the morning

lesson was Superintendent Shirley Davis. The review was given by Pastor Canady. What a wonderful lesson for all to hear.

The main thought of our lesson was:

"And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman."

Ruth 3 - 11

The Morning Worship Hour begun at 11:00 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon Edward Williams and Deaconess Ethel Williams.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls for the Lord.

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Jesus Is Saying 'Come'" His scripture text was Matthew 14:22-29.

The weekly meetings are as follows:

- Mission meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p. m.
- Bible Study is held at 6:00 p. m. on Wednesdays.
- Choir Rehearsal is held at 5:00 p. m. on Friday evenings.
- Ushers meet at 11:00 a. m.

on Saturday mornings.

The Brotherhood meets at 12 Noon on Saturdays.

The Morning announcements were read by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady. She always does a wonderful job and with such zeal.

Please let us not forget our sick and shut-in citizens this week. Among those include Sister Bernice Hameed and Sister Annie Onasanya'

Let us pray for Sister Ruby Robinson's Family. She lost her uncle, Mr. L. A. Caraway. He

lived in Colleyville, Texas. At one time, he was a member of St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Let us pray for the Caraway Family.

If you are looking for q Church Home, then come and visit with us at St. Matthew Baptist Church. The doors are always open at St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

May God continue to bless each of you! God is able no matter what your station in life may be.

For Further Thought: "Ask God to use you in the lives of others and to show you some ways to apply this devotional at work, in your home, and in your neighborhood."

Thought For The Week: "A Christian who is willing to do little things for others can do great things for the Lord!"

May God continue to bless each of you until next week. Thanks for reading our report each week. God is always able!

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

This Continues Today!

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast are looking back over the years and each member knew there is something wrong. When on February 2, 1996, a 14 year-old boy wearing a trench coat walked into his algebra class with a rifle and opened fire, killing the teacher and two students. This was a junior high school.

February 19, 1997 in Bethel, Alaska, the principal and one student are killed., and two others wounded by a 16 year-old student.

October 1, 1997, Pear, Mississippi, two students are killed and seven wounded by a 16 year-old who also was accused of killing his mother.

December 1, 197, West Paducah, Kentucky, three students are killed and five wounded by a 14 year-old boy. They participated in a prayer meeting in a high school.

December 15, 1997, two students are wounded in a high school parking lot by a 14 year old classmate who fired shots at them from a hiding place in the woods.

March 24, 1998, four students and one teacher are killed and ten wounded at a middle school in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

April 24, 1998, Bozboro, Pa., one teacher is killed and two students wounded at Parker Middle School by a 14 year old boy.

April 28, 1998, Pomona, California, two teenage boys are shot to death and a third

wounded at an elementary school after classes. A 14 Year old boy charged

May 19, 1998, Fayetteville, Tennessee, one student is killed in the parking lot at Lincoln County High School. The victim is an 18 year old honor student.

May 21, 1998, Springfield, Oregon, two students are killed and 22 wounded in the cafeteria

at Thurston High School. His parents were later found dead at home. He was 15 years of age.

May 21, 1998, Onalaska, Washington, a 15 year old gets aboard a high school bus, got off and fatally shot himself in the head with a gun.

June 15, 1998, Richmond, Virginia, a teacher and a guidance counselor are wounded by

a 14 year old boy in the school hallway.

April 20, 1999, Littleton, Colorado, two young men wearing black trench coats opened fire at Columbine High School, killing 14 st students and one teacher. Twenty-three were wounded.

May 20, 1999, Conyers, Georgia. Six students are injured

at Heritage High School by a 15 year old who are reportedly were depressed.

November 19, 1999, Deming, New Mexico, a 12 year old students shoots and killed a 13 year old classmate in a middle school.

December 6, 1999, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. Four students are wounded by a 13 year old boy. He opened fire with a 9 mm semi-automatic hand gun at Fort Gibson Middle School.

February 29, 2000, Mount Morris Township, Michigan, a 6

year old girl was shot dead at Buell Elementary School, near Flint, Michigan. The assailant was identified as a 6 year old boy with a .32 caliber hand gun.

May 21, 2000, Springfield, Oregon, a 15 year old boy walked into Thurston High School and opened fire, killing two students.

More next week. Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; Sister Elnora Jones, teacher.



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Obsequies

Marvin Blaylock

Graveside service for Marvin Blaylock were held Thursday morning, March 25, 2010, at Peaceful Garden Memorial Park under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Active pallbearers were his nephews.

Marvin was born to Hanie Blaylock, Sr. and Lucille Garner in Lubbock. He attended Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School. He served in the United States Army for two years.

He leaves to cherish his memory two sons, Victor Wallace, Sr., and Dexter Wilkerson; one daughter, Kimberley Turner (Dondale); one brother, Hanie



Blaylock; seven grandchildren, Makeisha Wallace, Victor Wallace, Jr., Victoria Wallace, Jahnae Walton, KyAnna Walton, Anastasia Wilkerson and Demont Wilkerson; one great-grandson, Da'Majai Wilkerson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Watson Childers, Jr.

Funeral services for Watson Childers, Jr. were held Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Alexander Chapel Church of God in Christ, Lubbock, with Superintendent William Watson officiating.

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

Childers, Jr. was born on March 1, 1930 in Falls County, Texas, and passed away in March 24, 2010, in Lubbock, Texas, at the age of 80.

Those left to celebrate his



life are his wife of 59 years, Loutina Childers of Lubbock; daughter, Jo Ann Burrell of Lubbock; brothers, Elijah (Ida)

Gospel, Blues Singer Marva Wright Dead at 62

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans blues and gospel singer Marva Wright died Tuesday at age 62, her former manager said. Adam Shipley confirmed that Wright died of complications from a stroke she suffered last year.

She sang traditional jazz and gospel standards but was better known for sultry, sometimes bawdy blues songs. Among her best known songs were "Heartbreakin' Woman" and "Mama, He Treats Your Daughter Mean."

She released a series of albums on local and international record labels, and frequently performed in Europe and at blues festivals around the country. With her band, the BMWs, she drew large crowds for performances at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

As a child, Wright listened to

her mother sing and play piano at church. Among her childhood memories were visits to Chicago, the adopted home of New Orleans gospel great Mahalia Jackson, who had grown up with Wright's mother.

"My mother would go to the national Baptist convention," Ms. Wright once said, according to an account in The Times-Picayune newspaper. "When it convened in Chicago, Mahalia would say, 'Girl, you don't need to get no hotel. Stay with me.' That's what my mother would do. I met Mahalia when I was 9 years old, but I never realized she was that popular until I got older."

But Wright didn't start singing professionally until she was al-



most 40, according to a biography on her Web site.

Wright was hospitalized last June after suffering a serious stroke following a gig at the CoCo Club on Bourbon Street. Relatives said then that she had just recovered from an earlier, less serious stroke.

Griggs, 77, of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, March 26, 2010 at Southern Specialty Rehab.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1938. He attended Booker T. Washington School in Terrell, Texas, and grew up in Ralls, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roberta and Eunice Griggs; and one daughter, Helena.

He leaves to cherish his memory his children, Margie, Phyllis, Charles, Jr., Joe Eddie, Semeda and Timothy; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Hilford, EJ

Childers of Houston, Rickey (Sandra) Childers of Lancaster, Texas, and Terry (Essie) Childers of College Station, Texas; one sister, Ruby Harrison of High Point, N.C.; one grandson, William James, Jr.; two granddaughters, Tina Adams and DeWona James; five great-grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Charles E. Griggs



Services for Charles E. Griggs were held Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at True Worshipers C.O.G.I.C.

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

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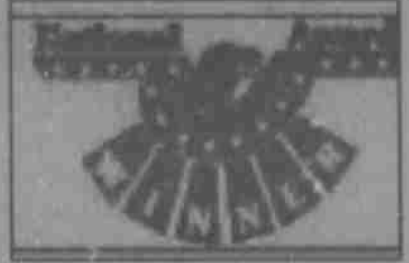
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Satan Stays Busy, But The Positive And The Negative Keep The Lights On!

By BROTHIER ASKARI

First of all we Thank Queen Myda Cruz the Director of the Bridge for allowing us to use their gym to have the meeting for the purpose of a Resolution to "STOP HOME ROBBERIES & BURGULARIES" in our entire city. We thank our District 2 city councilman Floyd Price, our County Judge Tom Head, our Mayor Tom Martin, our county Sheriff Kelly Rowe, our Chief of Police Dale Holton, Mr. MacClendon and Attorney Nelson who are both running for public office, we said a shots out to Playa Mike, Big Vic, Big Homie Anthony and the Queen that were featured on the front page of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal concerning our meeting. We thank reporter Adam Young, the other reporters of the Broadcast networks in our city for reporting their our good faith effort that we know will be a benefit



for all the communities that make up the city of Lubbock. We give special thanks to the people representing and living in the communities in our city that showed up supporting this move against home robberies and burglaries WITHOUT FEAR! The title of this article is addressing the people who know that this is a good move for our city but can't help themselves from being Messy A@*! people. This kind of a person does satan's work. They now that they can not color the idea of pre-

venting and stopping the citizens of Lubbock from being victims of having their homes even their businesses from being robbed or burglarized so they try to color the people involved bad. Well for the record there would be no PAUL WITHOUT THERE FRIST BEING A SAUL. MCSEAS WAS APART OF THE PHAROAH'S ESTABLISHMENT BEFORE HE LED THE PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT. IT WAS NOT JUST PRIDOGAL SONS, BUT ALSO PRIDOGAL DAUGHTERS, AND MARY MAGALAR DID NOT JUST REPRESENT FEMALE PROSTITUTES BUT MALES

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A Letter From A Former Panther Basketball Player

(Editor's Note: This letter, in part, is about the former legendary basketball coach of the Dunbar Panthers, Coach Ernest P. Mallory.)

If you were to play basketball at Dunbar ... boys basketball, that is, between the years of 1949 and 1962 ... you were under the guidance, teaching, the watchful eye, and the occasional wrath of Ernest Paul Mallory.

I first became aware of Prof Mallory in my formative days at Ella Hles Elementary School. Since the schools were so close together, we would sometimes sneak back up to the campus to peak through a crack in an unlocked gym door. You see ee, Mr. Mallory did not allow spectators to view his method of molding individual players into a team.

If you were lucky, you went from P. E. Class to trying out for

the "B" Team. During those P. E. years, I was able to watch a few home games. I was most impressed!! For myself ... a game was dazzling ... winning was secondary to me. I was trying to see how I could get to a level where I would be in a huddle when Mr. Mallory giving out instructions. My eyes were as wide as wide as they could get as the team entered the court from the locker room. They would be clad in maroon short sleeve shirts and long pants. As the team circled the court, you could see they were ready to play and when they settled into their half court warm up drills, they had the precision of "The Globetrotters" without the clowning. Mr. Mallory was about fundamental basketball not showmanship! His three man lay-up in the warm ups, was a precursor of what he expected



Coach Ernest P. Mallory

his players to execute during the game. That was to not let the ball touch the floor! Clyde Scott reminded that it was as the 1957 team that the best at acting as if they could not dribble. From the defensive rebound to the score at the other end of the court ... the ball only touched the floor as it fell through the net as a result of a Dunbar lay-up.

Twenty-five years later when I had a chance to do a little coaching ... guess whose system I used!!!

This letter is written by Thomas W. Stanton.

An Open Letter To Lubbock & West Texas Citizens

The violence among our youth has not abated. Senseless youth murders are still being committed at an epidemic rate. And we at The African American Unified Umbrella Corp. are still firmly committed to raising funds that will be used to promote safe and peaceful communities around the country. However, on our recent trip to New Orleans, March 13-17, 2010 we heard more alarming facts. Besides battling one of the highest youth murder rates in the country and trying to mend the scars left by Hurricane Katrina; the city's able bodied and skilled African American men are idle. Men, who are residents of New Orleans, are being locked out from the rebuilding of New Orleans.

We set out to find men that are willing to help us with our "Stop the Violence Campaign." After many inquiries we were told that Malik Rakim was someone that was very involved

in helping young men that had been released from prison, find jobs

We spoke to him on the phone and he suggested that we meet. We both arrived within minutes of each other at his office which was a converted house. While we stood on the porch talking several more men arrived. These men drove up in pickup trucks loaded with construction tools and equipment. By the time everyone arrived there were more than twenty skilled craftsmen gathered on the back patio. Serious men; collectively they had every skill necessary to build a house or pretty much anything else. Plumbers, electricians, carpenters, brick mason, sheet rock hangers; all these skilled craftsmen stood before me. We talked.

This impromptu gathering was very informative. We listened. These men told us how the work from the 9 billion dollars stimulus package, earmarked for New Orleans, was

being doled out to everyone but them. They said that all the work that was being given out was to contractors who came from outside New Orleans. And they were only employing illegal aliens. They also complained that there were only two African American contractors that received work and even they hired illegal aliens for their labor. Danny Glover, Dave Chappelle, Oprah and others have lent their names, presence, and financial support to this dilemma in New Orleans. Someone further explained that since Hurricane Katrina over 7,000 young men between the ages of 15-21 years old had been sent to Anglo State Penitentiary after being charged and convicted with minor offenses.

The economic barriers are still firmly in place and only a few of us have seeped through. We pray that more of our "Sunshine Celebrities" will shine their collective light on these obscured problems that are hidden

in the dark. These are very important and urgent concerns. These are life and death matters for our children. These are survival questions for our families. Solving these economic distresses will determine if we can save our children; resituate our families, our communities and society. The African American Unified Umbrella Corp. is totally devoted to solving these solvable but intricate issues. And with GOD'S help, we will!

Post Script: Sunday morning March 21, 2010 I called Malik Rakim. At the conclusion of our conversation he told me that two young men that worked with him were shot and killed the day after we left. Our hearts are, once again, greatly saddened!

Rabbi Tommy L. Parker, President

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In Cinque
By Renetta Howard

anything can tell you that cut the Medicare cost

It has finally come to pass. The Congress of the United States, after the failure of many administrations and gridlock on a regular basis, the Health Care Reform Bill has been passed and signed by President Barack Obama. This was a momentous occasion, hailed by many as a welcomed addition to the laws of the United States; by people who put their faith in their vote for Mr. Obama and faith in the positive outcomes of the law of the land.



The war about slavery, or the Civil War, (no war is civil) was won by the North. Yet, today, the dissenters are really trying to have a 'beef party.' After the Health Care Reform Bill was signed by President Obama, the violence grew upbeat. Members of Congress have been threatened with physical violence as well as members of their families because they voted for the passage of the bill. Prior to the passage of the bill, some members of Congress were heckled by dissenters. Congressman Lewis, a civil rights activist during the sixties, was called the "N" word among other things. Of all things, with the economy in the shape that it is in, unemployment statistics up which do not include those individuals whom have exhausted their unemployment benefits, prices on everything soaring, the nonsensical tirades of groups and individuals who have nothing better to do than cause public nuisances because things did not go their way, should be given their day in court.

Ironically, there are people among us, namely, some of the members of the so called 'Tea Party,' and their associates who feel that the passage of the law which the President pushed unrelentlessly for passage, is not a part of the law of the land. They also forgot that the United States Constitution is the highest law of the land. They seem to forget, or is it that they never knew that the founding fathers placed the country's constitution above that of the several states. As a matter of fact, it is so written that it is almost legally impossible for a state to secede from the Union. History repeats itself, especially when we keep making the same mistakes repeatedly.

Way back in the yesteryears when some Southern states declared their independence from the North and the Union and secession from the Union, because of slavery, we had a war. The South lost and had to yield to the laws of the country according to the U.S. Constitution. The slaves were freed by President Lincoln's proclamation or executive order, and it was followed by an amendment to the Constitution, the thirteenth, which abolished slavery in the United States of America and any place for which it had jurisdiction.

MARK GRIFFIN & DELWIN JONES OUR CHOICES!

As we approach the upcoming run-off elections for the selecting who will be the nominee for District 83 & District 84, the Southwest Digest is proud to endorse the following men seeking these posts. Early voting begins Monday, April 5 thru 9, 2010!

For State Representative District 83, the Southwest Digest is endorsing Mark Griffin. He has the experiences as he has served as Lubbock Independent School Board of Trustee and was President of the Board. Also, he did a splendid job as a Regent for Texas Tech University.

He is a businessman and will be reachable to those he will represent as their State Representative in District 84.

He attended the Annual Celebration of the Federation of Choirs last Sunday afternoon, March 28, 2010, and was well received by the full house at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church.

The veteran State Representative seeking re-election is Delwin Jones for District 84. He is needed for the betterment of Lubbock and West Texas. At one time, he represented East Lubbock, and he did many positive things for the citizens.

The Southwest Digest hasn't forgot all the good things he did while representing us over the years.

He is needed for another term to serve us again, and help the growth of Lubbock and West Texas. He has leadership!

So let's vote for Mark Griffin and Delwin Jones!! Vote Monday, April 5 thru 9, 2010!

our country and encourage our fellowman to do the same.

THIS N THAT
by T.J. Patterson

PARKWAY ROSES ARE PROUD FIFTH GRADERS! THIS N THAT ... and parents and friends of sixteen young fifth graders ... who were recognized on Tuesday afternoon ... March 23, 2010 ... for the ... **OUTSTANDING JOB** ... they have done for their school and community. Each were presented a ... **PARKWAY ROSES** ... T-Shirt ... before their family members and friends. One of their sponsors ... **MRS. NETTIE J. EDWARDS** ... gave a very impressive history of the organization ... and ... **MRS. BEVERLY FINCH** ... introduced the speaker of the afternoon ... **MS. MARY HILL** ... who is in the movie industry and works at the Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club. She did a ... **SPLENDID JOB** ...

explaining o these young ladies of what they can do with their lives. The principal ... **MR. EDDIE FITZGERALD** ... expressed his appreciation for what this program is doing for ... **THESE YOUNG GIRLS!** ... Another supporter of the program ... **MS. BEATRICE HERNANDEZ** ... gave the ... **PURPOSE** ... of the organization. **THIS N THAT** ... is happy to see this kind of activity at ... **PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** ... **CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERATION OF CHOIRS! THIS N THAT** ... want the officers and friends of the ... **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** ... to know the ... **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** ... for their ... **56TH ANNIVERSARY** ... which was celebrated Sunday afternoon ...

March 28, 2010 ... at the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. It was a ... **INSPIRATIONAL CELEBRATION** ... Again ... **THANKS!!** **OFFICERS WILL VOTED UPON FOR FEDERATION OF CHOIRS! THIS N THAT** ... has been advised that the ... **NEW OFFICERS** ... of the ... **FEDERATION OF CHOIRS** ... will be held Friday evening ... April 9, 2010 ... at 7:00 p. m. ... at the ... Greater St. Luke Baptist Church. Each church ... who isa member of the Federation of Choirs has ... **TWO VOTES** ... More next week. **STILL WAITING TO HEAR! THIS N THAT** ... is still waiting to hear from ... **MS. TONYA JOHNSON** ... about location of ... **JUNE-TEENTH CELEBRATION!!**

L. A. Caraway Dies In Dallas

The Southwest Digest received word this week that one of our former residents, Mr. L. A. Caraway, who resides in Colleyville, Texas past away last week.

He was a former of St. Matthew Baptist Church.

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Members of the LP&L Electric Utility Board announced today that for the fourth consecutive year, LP&L customers will receive a rebate in their statements beginning April 5, 2010.

LP&L Board Chairman W.R. Collier said the independent LP&L Board has approved \$2,329,937 in rebates to LP&L electric customers. This is double the amount from the rebates given each of the past three years.

The Home Owned Advantage Rebate will be based on customer usage of electricity from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. The average homeowner using 1000 kWh of electricity can expect to see a \$19 rebate off their April bill. LP&L has also met their required reserves and in the 2009-10 fiscal year will contribute approximately \$6,060,621 annually to the City of Lubbock in Franchise Fee Equivalent payments, \$1,013,917 from discounted electric rates, and \$2,329,937 in electric rebates. Over the past five years LP&L has invested more than \$22 million back into the Lubbock econ-

omy through franchise fees, discounts and rebates. LP&L is doing all this while continuing to be the lowest priced electric provider in the city and among the lowest in the state. To compare LP&L's rates with other rates around the state visit <http://www.lpandl.com> and click on the Good News Should Be Shared light bulb.

In November 2004, 83% of the voters approved a change in the city charter to establish a separate council-appointed board to oversee LP&L. Under the new structure, the LP&L Board was given complete authority to manage the operations of the utility.

The Lubbock City Council retained the authority to approve electric rates, approve the LP&L budget and exercise the powers of eminent domain for the utility and issue bonds and other debt secured by tax revenues or utility revenues or assets. Since 2004, the change has put LP&L back on sound financial footing including rebuilding its reserves.

President Obama Continued from Page 1

will free up nearly \$68 billion for both college loans and deficit reduction. As a result, the White House claimed, another \$40 billion will be funneled into Pell Grants over the next decade. New borrowers taking out loans starting in July 2014 will be able to cap their student loan repayments at 10 percent of their discretionary income.

The balance of their loans will be forgiven after 20 years if they keep up with their payments over time.

Congressional Republicans bitterly criticized the Democrats' decision to attach the student loan overhaul to the health care bill, arguing in part that each measure deserved a separate debate. They have also argued the larger health care reform plan will lead to a government takeover of the private health insurance system, and charge that it will result in deep cuts in critical Medicare services while doing little to control skyrocketing medical costs.

Democrats contend that the plan, which is estimated to extend health coverage to 32 million Americans, will reduce future federal budget deficits while giving consumers greater leverage with private insurers. Obama repeatedly slammed large insurance companies in the waning days of the health care

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bites of their representatives.

Hello to the new 19th District congressional representative: Scooby Do, Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and a great number of other characters who magical intellectual level supersedes that of our present congressman. Scooby Do! Where are you?

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Oprah Winfrey has settled a defamation lawsuit filed by a headmistress she had accused of performing poorly at her South African girls school, where some students claimed they were abused, lawyers said Tuesday.

The lawsuit by former headmistress Nomvuyo Mzamane claimed Winfrey defamed her in remarks made in the wake of the 2007 sex-abuse scandal at the school. Mzamane said she had trouble finding a job after Winfrey stated she had "lost confidence" in her and was "cleaning house from top to bottom."

A trial had been set to start next week in federal court in Philadelphia. Winfrey and several schoolgirls had been expected to testify.

A joint statement released late Tuesday by lawyers for both sides said Winfrey and Mzamane met to resolve their differences.

"The two parties met woman to woman without their lawyers and are happy that they could resolve this dispute peacefully to

debate, framing the politically polarized dispute as a face-off between the powerful corporations and ordinary Americans.

The congressional wrangling over the plan, which included months of late-night votes and caustic floor debate, reflected the country's deep political divide over health care reform. Polls show the American public remains sharply divided over the issue. Forty-seven percent of Americans believe Congress should repeal the current reform law and replace it with new proposals, according to a March 25-28 CNN/Opinion midterm elections.

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TO, BEFORE GOD'S LIVING WORD RAISED HER ABOVE THE SLANDEROUS TONGUES AND THE GRIP OF MESSY A*#! PEOPLE WHO CHOSE TO FIND NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN BE MESSY AND USELESS TO GOOD FAITH EFFORTS. WITH THAT SAID HERE A MESSAGE TO YOU MESSY A@*! FOOLS "KNOW FOR SURE THAT AS LONG AS THE LIGHT IS ON, THIS MOVE IS IN THE EYES OF THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHOW OURSELVES APPROVES AND YOU WILL SHOW YOURSELVES TO BE FOOLS! RENEW YOUR MIND, JOIN US AND GET OFF THE SIDELINE TRYING TO CONQUER AND DIVIDE!

Oprah Winfrey Settles Ex-Headmistress' Defamation Case

their mutual satisfaction," the statement said.

Winfrey was visiting her school last week when U.S. District Judge Eduardo Robreno refused to dismiss the lawsuit, concluding Mzamane had presented enough evidence to go to trial. Court papers suggest Mzamane is again working at a school in Africa, but a Winfrey spokeswoman declined to say if the meeting took place during Winfrey's trip.

The parties do not plan to discuss terms of the settlement, according to the spokeswoman, who works with Winfrey's production company, Harpo Productions, which also was a



Oprah Winfrey

defendant in the suit.

A dorm matron at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls has been charged in

South Africa with abusing six students. Winfrey has called the allegations crushing given her own stated history of childhood sexual abuse.

The dorm matron, Tiny Virginia Makopo, has pleaded not guilty to 14 charges.

Mzamane claimed that she was never told of the sexual abuse. However, Winfrey's lawyers said in a pretrial memo this month that Mzamane failed to discipline Makopo despite her history of run-ins with students and fellow staff.

One of Mzamane's lawyers, Timothy McGowan, declined to comment Tuesday beyond what was in the joint statement.

Mzamane, born in Lesotho, formerly worked at the private Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia and was living in the city when she sued two years

Thank God For Jesus

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JESUS.

BRING ALL YOUR SIN'S; AND LEAVE THEM THERE; NO RACE OR COLOR IS LOOKED UPON.)

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Prayer is not out of our SCHOOL'S; it is in the CHILD: WHEN HE GOES TO SCHOOL.

BUT HIS PANTS ON THE GROUND; AND I ASK: WHO'S THIS FOOL???

Proverb 1:7 -- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of your father, and forsake not the law of your mother.

Happy Resurrection Day!

**Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
And Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church
Will Worship Together Resurrection Day**

The members of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where Rev. Soala J. Scott is pastor, and members of Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, Rev. Leon Moore is pastor, will worship together Sunday morning, April 4, 2010, beginning at 10:30 a. m. Services will be held at Bethel, 2202 Southeast Drive.

Pastor Scott says the theme will be "Easter faith In A Good Friday World."

Both Senior Choirs will be singing, and there will be an old fashion Resurrection Day Celebration.

"We are looking forward to this experience together," said pastor Scott.

"It is a wonderful thing when God's people come together and worship about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," said Pastor Moore.

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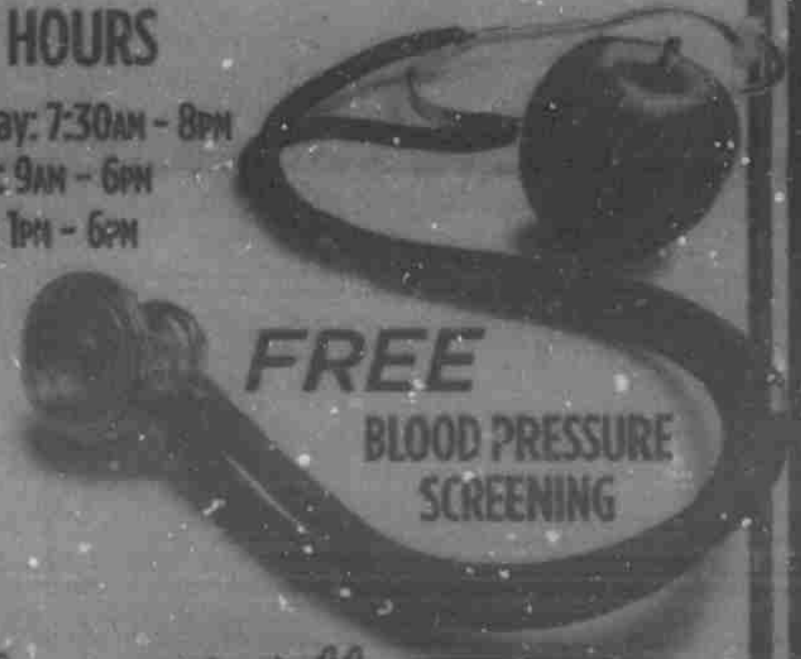
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Janet Jackson Discusses New Film "Why Did I Get Married Too?"

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At 14, Janet signed her first recording deal. Placing acting on the back burner to focus on her first love, music, she went on to enjoy extraordinary success upon the release of her breakthrough album, Control in 1986. Over the course of her ensuing musical career, she has thus far accumulated five Grammys, multiple MTV Awards, Billboard Music Awards, and Soul Train Music Awards, to name a few. As an artist, Janet excites, enlightens, leads, and embraces her fans with insights into life's meaning while touching their deepest feelings.

The film Poetic Justice marked this very versatile talent's first foray into acting in feature films, and that was soon followed by a co-starring role in Nutty Professor II. Janet later received the NAACP Image Award in the Outstanding Supporting Actress category for her work in Why Did I Get Married? Furthermore, like all of her movies, Why Did I Get Married? opened up #1 at the box office.

Privately, Janet continues to focus on speaking out and giving back, raising money for



Janet Jackson

charities such as the Cities in Schools and America's Promise. She has also supported the Watts Willowbrook Boys & Girls Club of America, the Starlight Foundation, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, A Place Called Home in South Central LA.

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the history of the Parkway Roses. The introduction of the speaker was done by Mrs. Beverly Finch. The speaker of the hour was Ms. Mary Hill, who did a marvelous job in letting the Parkway Roses know they can become anything they would like to become in life. "You must remember it will take a lot of work, but you can make it," said Ms. Hill.

The awards of shirts were made to each young Parkway Rose.

The Parkway Roses Chant was done, and closing remarks were given by Mr. Fitzgerald.

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