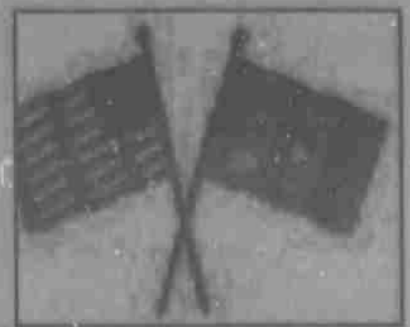


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Black Woman Becomes 1st Woman to Take Charge of Army's Drill Sergeants

FORT JACKSON, S.C. (AP) -- Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King can dress down a burly, battle-hardened sergeant in seconds with a sharp phrase and a withering look, then turn around and tell trainee soldiers to be sure they get seven hours of sleep.

As the first woman to take charge of the Army's school for its order-baking drill sergeants, the 28-year military veteran and sharecropper's daughter said she's used to breaking down barriers in military roles normally reserved for men.

"It's so easy because I love it," said King, a single, 48-year-old North Carolina native. "I have a family in the Army. It is my family."

The stern discipline dispensed by her late father to his 12 children set her on a path of taking responsibility for herself and her siblings early on, King said during a recent interview on the Army's training base next to Columbia.

She learned to "give a hard day's work for whatever I earned and take no short cuts," said King, who enjoys passing her values to young soldiers and



Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King

watching them grow into senior officers and enlisted men and women.

Lt. Col. Dave Wood, King's battalion commander, said she was chosen for her approach to "the business of taking civilians and making them into soldiers."

Gone are the days of two decades ago, Wood said, when his drill sergeant made him clean wax off a floor with a razor blade or run around the barracks loaded down with a full duffel bag.

"She's got this unique way of dealing with soldiers where she can be correcting them, but it's in a manner that they're wanting to please her and wanting to do the right thing," he said. "It's not degrading to them."

King took over command of the Drill Sergeant School on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at Fort Jackson, the Army's largest training installation. This year the school will churn out about 2,000 of the in-your-face instructors.

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Theodore Phea Boys & Girls Club Members Shopping

National Day for Kids at the Phea Boys and Girls Club Was Outstanding!

On Saturday, September 26th, the Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club celebrated "National Day For Kids." This is a day sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of America where kids and their families can come to the club and have fun and fellowship together. This effort was started because of the need for families to interact together which would cause a greater bonding to create better kids and better families.

At least 65 kids showed up to participate in the fun and festivities at the Phea Club. There

were many games that were played and the kids also danced to some great "Old School" music. They were also served hotdogs that were sponsored by the South Plains Lions Club. Some of the kids also received prizes such as a new bicycle, \$200.00 gifts certificates to buy new clothes and an autographed football by Red Raider Running Back Baron Batch.

All in all the kids and their families had a great day at the Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club celebrating National Day for Kids.

Former Amarillo Carver High School Football Standout Succumbs: Donald "Don" Shanklin

Amarillo - (Special) - Donald "Don" Shanklin, 62, of Amarillo died Sunday, August 30, 2009.

Services were Saturday, September 6, 2009 in Mount Zion Baptist Church with the Rev. James Collins, pastor, officiating and the Rev. Mervin Davis Jr., pastor of True Love Baptist Church in Fairfield, Calif., assisting.

Arrangements were done by Warford-Walker Mortuary, 509 N. Hughes St.

"Don" Shanklin was born November 3, 1946, in Amarillo to Clyde E. Shanklin and Rose Marie Davis. Don was educated in the public schools of Amarillo and graduated from Carver High School in 1965. He attended Kansas University, where he was a prestigious athlete. He was awarded Most Valuable Player of the 1969 Orange Bowl. His professional football career spanned 10 years, beginning in 1969, when he was a ninth-round draft choice for the Philadelphia Eagles. He played in the Canadian Football League, the Atlantic Coast Conference and the World Football League. In his latter years, he was a professional golfer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clyde E. Shanklin; and a brother, Ron Shanklin.

Those who will be most profoundly deprived of the warmth of his smile and the strength of



Donald "Don" Shanklin

his noble character include his wife, Juanetta Bradley-Shanklin; his mother and stepfather, Rose Marie and Mervin Davis Sr.; a special aunt, Willetta Jackson and husband Ben; eight children, Phaleria Hollins and husband Cedric, Paula "Lisa" Shanklin, Bertram Bradley and wife Tina, Kendra Gipson, Donald Shanklin Jr. and wife Vil, Terrence Gordon and wife Theresa, Denise Guess and husband Lance and Abdul Shanklin; three sisters, Metris Harrison, Rose Shanklin Taylor and husband Charles and Denise Davis-Moore and husband James; seven brothers, Robert Shanklin, Mervin Davis Jr. and wife Rosie, Gerald Davis, Reginald Davis and wife Francina, Murphy Davis and wife Pam, Derrick Davis and Felix Davis; a sister-in-law, Linda Shanklin; a special "brother," Edward Burns; 26 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and family.

ambitions and health care reform in Congress to deteriorating conditions in Afghanistan -- are

maintaining 25 cents is used for breast cancer research.

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A report will be forthcoming next week about the Race for the Cure next week.

New Dimensions Tabernacle to Celebrate 6th Church Anniversary

The New Dimensions Tabernacle will celebrate its 6th Church Anniversary on Sunday, October 4th at 10:00 a.m. with special-guest speaker, Pastor Tim Ross, Young Adult Pastor of The Potter's House in Dallas, Texas where Bishop T.D. Jakes is Senior Pastor. In 2001, Pastor Ross was the youngest to ever receive ordination credentials and was installed as an elder.

Articulate, energetic, captivating, and on the cutting edge of ministry for this generation, Pastor Ross is one of the most

sought after speakers both nationally and internationally. Pastor Ross began preaching at the age of 20 and has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. His teaching style and uncanny ability to present the Gospel in an easy-to-understand format is why Pastor Ross has been an asset to the Kingdom of God for more than 10 years.

New Dimensions Tabernacle is under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Cory S. Powell. Services are held in the Red Roof Inn, located at 6624 I-27. For



Pastor Tim Ross

more information, visit www.newdimensionstabernacle.org.

Ninth Pastoral Anniversary Set

The Christ Temple Church of God in Christ will be celebrating the 9th Pastoral Anniversary of Supt. W. David Haynes, pastor, on Friday evening, October 2nd; Saturday evening, October 3rd; and Sunday afternoon, October 4th.

Services on Friday and Saturday evenings will begin at 7:00 p. m., and Sunday afternoon is the Official Anniversary Day with services beginning at 3:30 p. m.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Communicating." "Let him that is taught in the world communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." Galatians 6:6.

The community is invited to come and be a part of this celebration. "Come, and let's celeb-



Supt. W. David Haynes

trate the goodness of our God." "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15

Christ Temple is located at 2411 Fir Avenue.



President Barack Obama

Obama Olympics trip carries political risks

WASHINGTON (CNN) -- President Obama's decision to lead to Copenhagen, Denmark, later this week to make a push to bring the 2016 Olympic Games to Chicago is not without political controversy.

Critics say Obama is making a risky move, since key issues - ranging from Iran's nuclear

online are available. Participants may also register in person at the South Plains Mall at the old Foot Locker location (between Sear's and Beall's) at the following times: - Thursday, October 1 Noon - 6pm

Since 1995, the Komen Lubbock Affiliate has raised more than \$3 million and has granted more than \$1.6 million to community organizations to provide early-detection education and to support screening and diagnostic programs. When a person gives a \$1 to Komen Lubbock, 75 cents stays right here on the South Plains to fund breast cancer education, screening and treatment programs. The re-

Not too late to REGISTER for Race for the Cure®

It's not too late to register for the 15th Annual Lubbock Area Race for the Cure. The Race is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The event includes a 5K and 1 Mile run/walk.

Online registration for the 2008 Race for the Cure® is available on the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Lubbock Area Affiliate Web site, www.komenlubbock.org.

Individual registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and younger. Breast cancer survivors can register for \$20 and will receive a special cap,

pink T-shirt and access to a pre-race breakfast at the "Think Pink" Café. Race day registration is \$30. Every participant will receive a short sleeved Race T-shirt (limited to first 7,000 participants).

Those wishing to support the Race without entering the Race can register for "Sleep In for the Cure®" for \$30 and will receive a Race T-shirt and a commemorative pillowcase.

In addition, registrants can take part in the Pledge Program and raise additional funds through pledges. Web pages for those wishing to take pledges

Community Meetings

* African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatham Hill Restaurant, 512 E. 27th Street.

* Lubbock Area Clean 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 O.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturday, 4:00 pm.

* Booker T. Washington American Legion, Post 2028, 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, Max 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 8:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association Post 100: 50 people meet on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

* Texas Juneteenth Culture & 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 Ham Elementary School.

* Chatham Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Elementary Cafeteria.

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The New Hope Baptist Church is getting ready for its October Harvest Home Festival on Saturday, October 31, 2009. Mark your calendar for this event.

If you want to help, then contact Sister M. Moton or Sister C. Hatcher. They could use some donations of wrapped candy, apples, cupcakes and other goodies.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning, September 27, 2009, with the

Praise Team at their post of duty. Minister C. Moore and Minister C. Wilson were responsible for the morning scripture and prayer. The New Hope Choir was responsible for the singing of God's Praises. What a time!

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor B. R. Moton. His subject was "Your Power Is In Your Boldness To Speak The Word." His scripture text was Acts 4:23-31.

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister

Tamara Cley, while the visitors were welcomed by Brother Bruce McKnight.

On Wednesday, September 30, 2009 representatives from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas), American State Bank, Citizens Bank, and First Bank & Trust awarded Partnership grants to North & East Lubbock Community Development Corporation (North & East Lubbock CDC).

First Annual Musical Set At Word of Truth Christian Fellowship

The Word of Truth Christian Fellowship Ministries, 307 38th Street, would like to invite the community to come out and join with them in their First Annual Musical on Saturday evening, October 10, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

Featured guest singers will be none other than Unction, the King Singers, the Lewis Sisters, and many more.

Please come out and help the members of the Word of Truth Christian Fellowship Ministries celebrate Christ in song.

Remember, all are welcome! Just be present in the House of God!

Moore of Lubbock as Ken De La Maize; Nicole Keeling of Levelland as Nikki Crandall; Anna Marie Waldrip of Levelland as Helsa Wenzel; Michaela Alaniz of Andrews as Bernice Roth; Joel Ison of Brownfield as Eddie McCuen; Camiesha Schumacher of Sundown as the stage manager; Jessica Griffin of Lubbock as Elsa Von Grossenknueten; and Cory Fugate of Levelland as Patrick O'Reilly.

The play is directed by Dan Nazworth, assistant professor of Theatre Arts.

For more information, contact Nazworth at (806) 716-2266.

Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club Basketball Tryouts

The Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club will be having basketball tryouts for girls ages 9-12 on Saturday, October 3rd starting at 9am in the morning. Girls will be placed on teams and given coaches. Also if you are a coach and have a team then you may enter them into the league.

The league cost only .50 cents to enter and all jerseys will be free to all participants.

For more information please contact Dr. Robert McKenzie at

806-763-0204.

"We will be looking for our young girls to come out for this event, says Dr. McKenzie. "It will be outstanding," he said.



SPC Theatre to present 'The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940' in October

LEVELLAND - The South Plains College Theatre Department will present "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" Oct. 15-17 at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee performance Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Helen DeVitt Jones Theatre for the Fine Arts.

Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for SPC family and students.

In John Bishop's "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" production, the creative people for a new Broadway musical assemble at a remote mansion for a backer's audition, they are cut

off from the outside world by a blizzard. The stage is then set for the "Stage Door Slasher" to strike - using hidden panels, secret passageways and a German maid who is not all she appears. The play combines murder mystery and zany comedy and promise a completely satisfying event.

The cast will include Alyssa Duke of Coppel as Marjorie Baverstock; Garrison Marricle of Floydada as Roger Hopewell; Chauncey Moore of Lubbock as Sgt. Michael Kelly; Julian

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson OFF THE SHOULDERS!

Ladies, this season is all about feeling beautiful and sexy. Dresses and tops are designed with that one thought in mind, so when you are out shopping, take notice of tops with puffy sleeves that drops off the shoulders, one shoulder or both., long sleeve tops with opened slits from

the shoulder to the cuff. Look for dresses with large sexy belts and plunging bust lines (a little or a lot). Loose fitting tops that tapers at the waist are very popular and beautifully sexy. Remember big bold colorful prints goes a long way with sexy.



Fashion tip..always wear a smile.

Fashion..just for the fun of it.

American Cancer Society Encourages Women to Help Create a World with Less Breast Cancer and More Birthdays Women Can Take Steps to Stay Well, Get Well, Find Cures and Fight Back

AUSTIN, TEXAS - As the nation marks the annual National Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, the American Cancer Society is encouraging women to take charge of their personal breast health to stay well and reduce their risk of

The grants total \$18,000 to assist North & East Lubbock CDC with operational costs as it continues its mission to promote affordable housing and economic development in the Lubbock community.

Let us continue to pray for those on the sick and shut-in list. Among them include Sister Bennie Sims, who has recently returned from the hospital. She will be most appreciative.

Also, let us not forget the families of Michael Walker and Hardin Barrow. Both lost loved ones. Let them know God is able.

A kind word means so much! God is able no matter what!!

First Black Sergeant Of U. S. Army Continued from Page 1

The tough love approach comes through as King conducted her barracks inspections and daily "walkabout" to meet with senior enlisted men and women on a recent weekday. A touch of bright red lipstick and Kohl-dark eyeliner doesn't soften her stern gaze when she spots a sheet corner not properly tucked or a young soldier with a uniform askew.

"What's going on here?" she queries, soldiers jumping to attention as she enters a room as they relax between classes on becoming finance clerks or legal aides. "Get back to school and get back to doing something!"

breast cancer. The Society is reminding women 40 and older about the importance of getting a mammogram and clinical breast exam every year to find breast cancer in its earliest, most treatable stage. In addition, the Society recommends that women ages 20 to 39 receive a clinical breast exam once every three years. The American Cancer Society also recommends magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for certain women at high risk. Women at moderate risk should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of adding MRI screening to their yearly mammogram.

Studies clearly show that early detection of breast cancer through mammography greatly improves treatment options, the chances for successful treatment and survival. Early-stage breast cancer typically produces no symptoms when the tumor is small and most treatable, so it is important that women follow recommended guidelines for finding breast cancer before symptoms develop. On average, mammography will detect about 80 to 90 percent of breast cancers in women without symptoms. Breast cancer survival rates are significantly higher

when the cancer has not spread.

"As the Official Sponsor of Birthdays, the American Cancer Society wants women to see the real tangible benefits to taking care of themselves" said Jackie Bayly-Bryant, spokesperson for the American Cancer Society. "Women can take charge of their breast health, fight breast cancer and save lives. More than 2.5 million breast cancer survivors will celebrate a birthday this year thanks to early detection and improved treatment. That means more special times to spend and celebrate with family, friends and loved ones."

Rev. Sonia Scott Will Preach At Mt. Vernon UMC

Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, will be preaching at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, October 18, 2009. Services will get underway at 3:00 p. m.

Pastor Scott has recently been re-appointed to Bethel for another year by Bishop Gregory G. W. Ingram at the Annual Conference in Fort Worth.

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Church News



From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith

European Heir In A Monkey's World

Former President Bill Clinton noted on NBC'S "Meet the Press" that a vast right-wing conspiracy that once targeted him is now focusing on President Barack Obama. He used the analogy that his wife, then first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton used to describe how her husband mistake with Monica Lewinsky was used by a "vast right-wing conspiracy" to destroy her husband.

The former president was asked if the conspiracy was still there. He replied: "You bet. Sure it is. It's not as strong as it was because America has changed demographically. But it's as virulent as it was."

The truth is in the pudding by the action of Roy Blunt (Republican MO) who told a racial tinged Monkey joke at a Washington D. C. Conference. Blunt is the second highest ranking Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. This committee is important as it relates to health care issues. Blunt who was speaking to a crowd of more than 2,000 of the Family Research Council Action's 2009 Values Voter Summit, told his predominantly white audience, "This is an opportunity for us. This is a time for us to be more of who we should be."

The Congressman was introduced by a man who is known to

have had past association with elements of the "racist right": Tony Perkins. Bruce Wilson of the Huffington Post posted the following: "In 1996 while working as a GOP Senate race campaign manager, Perkin paid \$82,500 to buy a phone banking list from former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. Then, in 2002, Perkins spoke at a fundraiser for the Louisiana chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a national white supremacist group. The CofCC "Statement of Principals" states that "We also oppose all effort to mix the races of mankind, to promote non-white races over the European-American people through so-called 'affirmative action' and similar measures, to destroy or denigrate the European-American heritage, including the heritage of the Southern people, and to force the integration of the races."

Wilson reports Congressman Blunt told an anecdote which suggested what life in Washington, for GOP members today, is comparable to the lot of imperial British agents in India who had to contend with monkeys running amok on a golf course that the colonial occupiers had carved out of the verdant Indian jungle. There was a problem, the Missouri Representative explained; monkeys would come

out of the jungle, grab golf balls, and throw them about. The crowd burst in laughter.

Wilson noted the congressman continued: "I could go into great and long detail about how many things they did to try and eliminate the monkey problem." But they never got it done, so finally this golf course and this golf course only, they passed a rule and the rule was-you have to lay the ball where the monkey throws it." And that is the rule in Washington all the time.

You know the world is turned upside down when Al Franken is in the United States Senate and Tom Delay is going on "Dancing with the Stars"—that's when you know that things have changed in ways that you have never anticipated."

African Americans cannot help but wonder if the prevailing thoughts among conservative white Republicans and their black indentured servant with red caps and a cup in hand dancing on a string by their music that all African Americans are monkeys?

I would hope not! One must remember what these primates caged ancestors will do when visited at a zoo. One must beware of what will be thrown in their face if the caged monkey is agitated!



We Thank God for Jesus

"Lord, Please Help My Daughter"

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

Mark 5:23 - (Ja-'-rus the ruler) Said to Jesus, My little daughter lies at the point of death. I pray you to come and lay your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she shall live.

(I, Billy "B.J." am like the ruler that came to Jesus, My daughter, Sandra Kay, is at the point of DEATH).

MY PRAYER IS, LORD, My Daughter is dying of cancer -- LUNG AND BRAIN. She was at 140 pounds, now she's only 38 pounds -- SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

Luke 11:6 - Jesus said, I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be open unto you.

LORD, She told me, she HURTS so much INSIDE. Many times she thinks about taking her LIFE!!!

She started Drinking ALCOHOL AT 13, while in MIDDLE SCHOOL. She said, other kids were doing it; SO SHE DID IT TOO!!!

Proverb 14:112 - There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end. Thereof are the ways of death.

**** ALCOHOL CLOSE TO SCHOOLS, AND TOBACCO WILL IT' ROB GOD!!! ****

LORD, She said, I use to sneak, and smoke MARI-

JUANA AND CIGARETTES. MY LUNGS AND BRAINS ARE FULL OF CANCER, AND I CAN'T QUIT!!!

Isaiah 5:20-23 - The Lord said, Woe (CURSED) unto them that calls evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe (CURSED) unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe (CURSED) unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink; which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

**** JESUS IS THE ANSWER!!! ****

LORD, She says CANCER, it's part of her life now. SHE'S ONLY 48 YEARS OLD. She said, this CANCER IS KILLING ME. MY BODY STAYS COLD!!!

Matthew 7:9-11 - Jesus said, what man is there of you, who if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you often, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask of him?

She says, I don't know what to do / I sat around and grumble

all day, I drink Ensure and coffee WITH CIGARETTES. I TOLD HER TO PRAY!!!

John 4:13-14 - Jesus said, whosoever drink of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drink of the water that I shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

LORD, she says, she wants to take CHEMOTHERAPY, SAYING, I'LL ENDURE THE PAIN. I TOLD HER SHE NEEDS YOU, JESUS, AND DON'T BE INSANE!!!

John 3:3 - Jesus said, verily, verily, I say unto you, except man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

LORD, I PRAY MY DAUGHTER WILL EXCEPT YOU AS HER LORD. AND GIVE HER LIFE TO YOU, WITH ALL HER MIND AND HEART.

John 6:40 - Jesus said, this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seek the Son, and believe on him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

**** I PRAY THAT OTHER CERISTIAN'S; PRAY THIS PRAYER WITH ME IN JESUS' NAME!!! ****

James 5:14 - The Prayer of Faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

St Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, last Sunday morning, September 27, 2009, with Sunday School. Rev. Edward Canady is the proud pastor.

The Superintendent, Sister Shirley Davis, was in charge of

Sunday School. The subject of the morning lesson was "Overcoming Problems." The scripture text was Nehemiah 2. The Unifying Topic was "A Motivator For The People."

The teacher of the morning lesson was Sister Davis. Pastor

Canady reviewed the morning lesson. He brought forth some very positive points all can use in their daily lives.

The morning worship hour got started at 11:15 a. m. The morning sermon was entitled "Come Be My Guest." The

scripture text was Luke 19:5-6, and was delivered by Pastor Canady.

The Song of Inspiration was "I Will Trust In The Lord." Whata time!

The morning announcements were read by the First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady.

Let us not forget those who are on the sick and shut-in list. Amongthem include Sister Barbara Johnson who is a patient at

the University Medical Center.

The weekly meetings of the Church are as follows:

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

Choir Rehearsal is held on Friday evenings at 5:00 p. m.

The Ushers meet each Saturday morning at 11:00 a. m.

The Main Thought: "Then I told them of the hand of my God

Out Reach Prayer Breakfast

"Why Did Jesus Curse The Fig Tree?"

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast want to share this question with each of you.

There was not a thoughtless angry act et, but an acted out parable. Jesus was showing his anger at religio. without substance. Just as the fig tree looked good from a distance, but was fruitless at close examination. So the temple looked impressive at first glance, but its sacrifices and other activities were hollow,

because they were not done to worship God sincerely. If you only appear to have faith without putting it to work in your life. You are like the fig tree that withered and died, because it bore no fruit. Genuine faith means bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the disciples, if you only have faith in God, and speak it. Jesus said the disciples can pray for anything, and if it's the will of God, he will give it. Speak out what you want. Don't

speaking the problem. Speak the solution to the problem and it's in Jesus. For God to act on our prayers, we can't have out in our hearts or unforgiveness and such. This won't work.

Bless the word, Lord. "A Prayer For Our City" Father, in the name of Jesus,

we come before you to claim your promise. In II Chronicles 7:14, We're your people, called by your name. Thank you for hearing our prayers and moving by your spirit in our city. We desire to humble ourselves before you. Asking that a spirit of humility be released in us. Search

us, Oh, God, and know our hearts. Try us and know our thoughts today! See if there be any wicked way in us, and lead us to repentance.

Forgive us our sins of judging inappropriately. Complaining about and criticizing our leaders. Cleanse us from a judgement at-

which was good upon me; as also the King's words that he has spoken unto me. And they said, let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work." Nehemiah 2:18

Thought For The Week: "Lightly hold earth's joys so transient, loosely cling to things of clay; grasp perfections everlasting, where Christ dwells in heaven's day!"

Thought For Today: "Those who have their hearts fixed on heaven will hold loosely the things of earth."

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itude. Touch our lips with coals from your altar that we may pray Continue on Page 6

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Obsequies

Michael D. Walker

Funeral services were held last morning, September 26, 2009, for Michael D. Walker at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Walker, 34, of Hays, Kansas and formerly of Lubbock, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009 at his residence.

Michael D. Walker was born to the parentage of Windell and Bessie Walker on March 30, 1975 in Lubbock. Michael graduated with honors from Estacado High School in 1993. After graduating from Estacado High School, Michael attended U.T. Austin with a major of Computer Science and also played in the Marching Band. After leaving U.T., Michael still carried the memories of U.T. always. Michael was able to use his computer ability at Adronics/Elrob Mfg. Corp in Hays, Kansas.

He leaves to cherish his mem-



ories, his parents, Windell and Bessie Walker; one sister, Janice Richard (Charles); four brothers, Windell Walker, Jr., (Jeanette), Robert Walker, Stephen Walker and James Walker (Chaitra); grandmother, Ethel Walker; four uncles, Houston Walker, Grady Walker, John Walker (Brenda) and Lehman Campbell (Mary); one aunt, Willie May Tillman (Q. C.); one great aunt, Luevirda Mae Blanton; four nieces, Tomek'a (Tyrone), Brandee, Tishina and Jamek'a; nine nephews, Brandon, Tevente, Stacey, Erin, Darien, Quincey, Jose, Isaiah and James, Jr.; two great nephews, Amajai and A'Kerion Mitchell; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Hardin Barrow

Funeral services were held last Thursday morning, September 24, 2009, for a longtime resident, Hardin Barrow at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor officiating.

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

Barrow, 87, of Lubbock, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009 at VistaCare Center.

He was born on Feb. 13, 1922 in Fairfield, Texas to Winzle and Sarah Barrow. He was united in matrimony to Lottie Fay Riddle on April 8, 1945 in Lubbock. He was a devoted member of New Hope Baptist Church for approximately 62 years. His duties entailed as Trustee, member of the joint board, men's chorus, senior usher, co-director of the junior usher board, and Men's Prayer Vigil Group. Mr. Barrow



retired from Alderson Cadillac with more than 35 years of superior service. After retirement he also performed duties as assistant at a local funeral home.

He leaves to cherish his memories, a devoted wife, Lottie Fay; two daughters, Faye Satterfield (Ronald) and Gracie Riggins; one granddaughter, Rileta Coleman (David); one grandson, Alston Satterfield (Alphie); four great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; a devoted nephew, Bobby J. Rafe; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Official: Suspect admits role in beating death of Chicago teen

CHICAGO, Illinois (CNN) -- One of the suspects accused of killing an honor student in a beating captured on tape in Chicago has admitted to jumping on the victim's head after he was already lying on the ground, said a spokeswoman for the Cook County state's attorney.

In the videotaped confession, 19-year-old Silvanus Shannon also said that the victim, Derrion Albert, 16, never struck him, said the spokeswoman, Tandra Simonton.

Three teens arrested in Albert's death -- Silvanus Shannon, 19; Eric Carson, 16; and Eugene Riley, 18 -- were seen on the videotape attacking Albert, and were charged with first degree murder and held without bail, Simonton said. Monday night authorities said they charged a fourth suspect, 17-year-old Eugene Bailey, with murder.

On Monday during the bond hearing, prosecutors described how the street fight escalated from a dispute between two factions at Albert's high school to a beating that left the honor student dead.

Prosecutors said Albert was an "innocent bystander" who ended up in the middle of a street fight between two factions of students at his school, Christian Fenger Academy High school, on Chicago's South Side.

When school let out at 2:50 p.m. on Thursday, Albert was on his way to the bus stop when two groups of students converged on the street, Si-



Derrion Albert, 16, was beaten to death last week. His death was captured on video.

mon-ton said.

The two factions, one that lived near the Altgeld Gardens housing development and one in an area known as "The Ville," began fighting after a shooting earlier that day that police called gang-related.

Albert was approached by Eric Carson and another unknown person, both members of the "The Ville" faction, Simonton said. Carson struck Albert in the head with a piece of a wooden railroad tie, and the second person punched him in the face, Simonton said.

Albert was knocked unconscious by the blows for a short period, Simonton said, but gained consciousness and quickly tried to move from the escalating street fight.

"He gained consciousness and moved a few feet away, but as he was trying to get up, he was attacked by a second group," Simonton said.

That group, made up of five members from the opposing faction, then took their shots at Albert, Simonton said.

Plummie Woods, Jr.

Plummie Woods, Jr., 86 of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009 at Lakeridge Nursing & Rehab.

He was born on Sept. 25, 1922 to Plummie and Martha Woods in Marlin, Texas, where he attended school, then enlisted in the Navy. In 1969, he married Thelma Woods. He moves on to be with his wife and other family members that preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory, three children; five stepchildren; one aunt; and a host of grandchildren, other relatives and friends.



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THIS N THAT

by T.J. Patterson

HAD A NAACP TALK WITH PREXY ROSE WILSON! THIS N THAT one day last week via telephone had a very good NAACP CONVERSATION with one of the longest NAACP presidents in Lubbock ROSE WILSON who has been in the position as President of the Lubbock Branch for more than 25 years. At present time however there appears to be no physical activity but she admits she is still in touch and is working for the NAACP. THIS N THAT advised her of the need of a NAACP PRESENCE and she agrees and is working to get some things done. Now let's be honest with one another SISTER WILSON needs all of our help and if this is done just think of what we can accomplish. There is no doubt over the past years SISTER ROSE WILSON has worked untiringly for all of us. Many times many of us have not given her the cooperation she needed but yet kept on working with the resources she had at hand. Not only that but she found away to make meetings in the State Region and Nationally to keep

the name of the LUBBOCK BRANCH at the table where many important issues were discussed. Just think about what she had to go through for all of us. Now it is a NEW DAY because yesterday's home run will not win today's game. As BLACK PEOPLE we need to get our house in order and come back to the table and help get this LUBBOCK NAACP BRANCH back as it should be. It is only the right thing to do and you know what we can make it happen as it once was. So when you see SISTER ROSE WILSON let her know you appreciated what she has done and you want to RE-NEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP and you want to start paying your dues. On the other hand if you are a LIFETIME MEMBER you want to get involved and contribute something to the LUBBOCK BRANCH OF THE NAACP. THIS N THAT hopes there are those who are willing to get back to work. And you young intelligent Black Adults Each of you need to GET INVOLVED TODAY!! THANKS, SISTER ROSE WILSON!!!

SISTER VERNITA WOODS HOLMES, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME FOR TOWN HALL MEETING! THIS N THAT is asking our LISD School Board Member VERNITA WOODS HOLMES if it's time for a TOWN HALL MEETING? School has begun and we hope you will call one soon!



THINK ABOUT IT!

We Must Help Self First!

Eddie P. Richardson

A couple of weeks ago we said we would finish this article on self help. For our long denied communities to become the self sustaining market places they should be the leadership and innovative must come from within the community itself, we learn to love, trust, respect, with each other we must trade with, buy each others goods use each others

services, but on the other hand we must be competitive and professional with each other that way we create jobs in our own communities.

The stimulus programs is money that is available we must get our share there are some hills to climb but we must push on still one of the toughest hurdles is still around that's why we must

push harder the main source is contracts. We have highway construction work going on here so we will deal with highway funds the highway department fiscal year ended September 30, 2008 state and highway departments received over \$29 billion annually for construction and only 1.1 percent of was spent with Black

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In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



The idea of medical coverage for everyone is a brilliant idea and a necessity. The idea about charging a fine, or a more appropriate word, tax, to anyone who does not purchase the insurance is ludicrous. Someone needs to tell Senator Max Baucus and President Obama that the people whom have not purchased medical insurance, cannot afford medical insurance.

The people who receive SSI or Supplemental Security Insurance also benefit from the Medicaid program. They receive free medical services, but some states have imposed a dollar fee for services and limited the amount of service which an individual can receive in any one calendar month.

Poor people who have worked all of their lives and had low paying jobs or were unfortunate enough to be robbed by the WEP (Windfall Elimination Penalty) or the GEP (Govern-

ment Employee Penalty) of their Social Security benefits because they worked on a job with a pension plan and did not pay Social Security taxes while employed on that particular job but had enough quarters to qualify for benefits. The people in these categories include professional workers; teachers, social workers, policemen, medical professionals, other public employees and veterans.

The irony of this is, Congressmen do not pay into Social Security but get a lifetime pension that closely equals their salaries and their wives get a lifetime pension also. It was Congress which passed this law in 1984, the WEP and the GEP, and Congress is happy with it. If a bill to eradicate the WEP or the GEP is introduced in Congress, it never makes it out of the Committee. Giving hard working retirees the benefits that are due them, even if it is not retroactive,

would reduce the amount of money that Congress has to spend for other things that do not necessarily benefit the citizens of THIS COUNTRY! It would reduce the available monies for health insurance for people whom have not worked and are unable to purchase health insurance. It would appear that rather than tax people who are unable to purchase medical insurance, to add them to the Medicare rolls or give them their rightful amount of Social Security benefits. They would not get an SSI check, just medical coverage. We need to get 'in cinque' and write to our Congressmen and women to forget the tax and add those persons who are unable to purchase the insurance, to the Medicaid roll. WE NEED TO HURRY before we have another TAX to pay! If the IRS collects it, it will be a TAX!

Republican Party of Texas Launches New Website

AUSTIN— The Republican Party of Texas continues its preparations for victory in 2010 and beyond. Today, the party launched a brand new web site, <http://www.texasgop.org>, that features new messaging, fundraising and organizational tools that will position the party

as a national technological leader. The RPT has already moved into new headquarters in Austin that feature updated technological enhancements.

"We're very proud of the new web site we're rolling out today," said Republican Party of Texas Executive Director Eric Opiela. "The reality of the information landscape today means that you have to be able to get your message out, unfiltered, directly to the voting public. This site lets us do that, in real time. It also links up our social network feeds, and for the first time in state history, the RPT site will create a statewide network linking our central site with sites in over 200 counties across the state. The site deserves the nickname we've given it - texas-

Court Jester: LeBron James to Appear in Comedy

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James is leaving Cleveland for Hollywood.

The Cavaliers superstar and reigning NBA MVP will make his feature film debut by playing himself in an upcoming comedy.

James will appear in "Fantasy Basketball Camp" by Universal Pictures. The movie is about five guys from different backgrounds who come to Las Vegas to live out their fantasy by attending James' basketball camp. Production will begin next summer, when James can become a free agent.

James is experienced in front of the camera. Along with appearing in numerous TV commercials, he has hosted "Saturday Night Live."

Producer Brian Grazer is convinced the All-Star forward can make the transition to the big screen, as rapper Eminem did in "8 Mile." Grazer also produced that picture.

"I initially sought LeBron out because my 8-year-old son, Thomas, and I were just dying to meet him," Grazer said. "But I felt that beyond being one of the world's great superstar athletes, here was someone so relaxed



Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James sits for an interview in the locker room of his former high school.

and comfortable with himself that he would have the capability to be that way on screen. Later, when I watched him host 'Saturday Night Live,' and saw his advertising work, it was clear he can do this."

James will be an executive

producer on the project along with his business manager, Maverick Carter.

This summer, James has been promoting "More Than a Game," a documentary which chronicles how he and four childhood friends achieved their dream of winning a high school national championship. The film opens Oct. 2.

Thought of the Week

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Think About It

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owned firms. We are 14 percent of the population but only get 1.1 percent of the available contracts.

Thirteen states (Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Vermont, and Wyoming) did no business at all with Black firms. California is the poster child for highway discrimination. This state received \$2.3 billion alone and did only 0.1 percent (1/10th of 1 percent) with Black firms. New York did 0.5 percent and our own

great state of Texas could only manage 1 percent better than California and New York. The Black business community is being denied billions of dollars through the discriminatory practice with federal funds. That means millions of jobs we could be creating. Instead our unemployment rates are twice as high as the national average.

The Honorable Ray La Hood Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, has made it clear that he has no tolerance for the mess he inherited and will fight it. Our political leaders must be educated to the extreme damage done to our communities and the severity of this dis-

criminatory practice. Today, they really don't fully understand the devastating impact on our neighborhoods via the predatory practices on our construction business. The chair of the House Transportation Oversight Committee is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus. When are they going to get it?

Please, please note that this is just the contracting numbers. When we finally get the employment data it will be ten times worse. Here is where we can make a big change. Highway or Flat construction is the simplest form of construction. The only requirements is an eighth grade education.

Outreach Prayer

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prayers that avail much for all men and women everywhere. Lord, we desire to see rivers of healing released in our city and especially in our communities. In the name of Jesus. AMEN.

Sister Christene Burleson is doing much better. Keep praying for her.

We will meet Saturday morning, October 3, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the home of Sister Annie Mae McBride, 402 Walnut Avenue.

Also, the Prayer Group of Sister Luella Spence. This comes as an open invitation. Hopefully, we will see you there on Saturday morning. (I promise, you will enjoy yourself!)

Sister Dorothy Hood, President; Sister Christene Burleson, Vice President; and Sister Elmore Jones, Teacher.

Praise God, for He is good all the time!

Thought for the Day

Love is a fruit in season at all times and within reach of every hand.

Mother Teresa

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9

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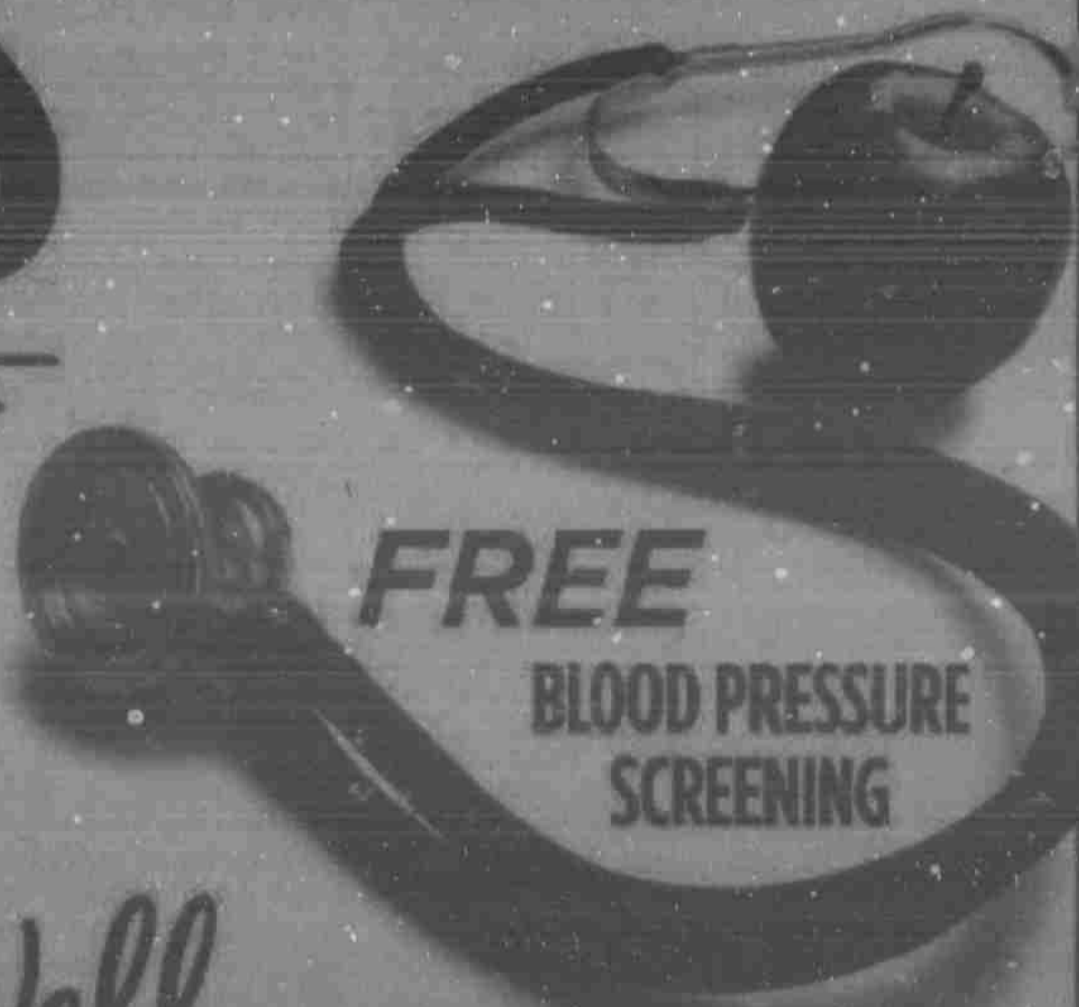
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