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Community Meetings

- * African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm at the Chatman Hill Restaurant, 512 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 Yellow-house 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 alternate months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- * Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

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Judge Tom Head Seeks Another Term As Lubbock County Judge



Judge Tom Head

Lubbock County Judge Tom Head is seeking another term as subject to the Lubbock County March 4th Primary. He has served in this capacity since 1999, with his present

term ending December, 2010. A graduate of Texas Tech University, he has served in law enforcement which included serving for 6 1/2 years as a Texas Tech Police from 1976 until 1982, and the City of Lubbock, City Marshal's Office for 8 1/2 years, from 1984 through 1998. Some of the professional associations he has been involved includes, Chair, C.A.R.E., SPAG Board Member; Chair, CCAV; Chair, LEPC; Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation; Licensed Court Interpreters Advisory Board Member. He married a Lubbock girl, Cherrie Smith, and are parents of three children. He has two opponents.



Linda DeLeon

Linda DeLeon Resigns From City Council

KCBD — For the last 24 years Linda DeLeon has devoted her life to public service with the Lubbock Independent School Board and the Lubbock City Council.

"I think 24 years as a public servant is more than enough to give back to the community and its time for me to step down and let someone much younger step forward," said DeLeon. On Monday DeLeon announced she will not run for re-election of district one. For the last 6 years DeLeon has been a part of the dais and for 18 years before that, she was on the school board. During her service, she was always known as someone who wasn't afraid to speak her mind. "When I believe in something, I am going to speak up. I can't be intimidated, and I think that's why I had the support from my community and my district and have won by large margins because that's what they want they want someone that's not afraid," said DeLeon. Last month DeLeon and her business All American Concrete were sued for an outstanding balance with another concrete company. DeLeon's business closed last year, due to the inability to collect debts. She says this is one of the reasons for stepping down.

"Those are priorities that I have that I had to consider of all that, I have to look at things that have happened partially because of my politics here so that's part of it," said DeLeon. But now DeLeon says it is time for someone else to step up and be the voice of district one. Councilman Floyd Price says DeLeon is not only a co-worker, but one of his very close friends. "It's bitter sweet for me, I do not want to see her leave at this time, but I can understand 24 years in public life is a long time," said Price. And now DeLeon says she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, and even though she is stepping down from elected office, she says she is not done working for Lubbock. "She will be missed in the city council, she'll be missed in the district, too and people don't understand what you have until it's gone," said Price. "Public service has been my life, so I'm hoping someone will have the passion that I've had for 24 years," said DeLeon. Monday started the filing deadline for city council. Right now no one has filed for DeLeon's seat, but former district one council member Victor Hernandez says he is running and will make it official soon.

Tom McLin - T-Mac Displays His Western Products In Lubbock For Cowboys & Others

"With early memory of my childhood days, cowboys were heroes, and boots were stage," said Tom McLin, also known as T-Mack. "I have always been fascinate with cowboy boots. The seed was planted decades ago, subconscious in my mind of buried treasures of the old West by my art and history teacher, Mrs. Vivian Cooke," he said. "She praised some of my stich work I did," he continued.



Pictured above is Tom McLin, also known as T-Mack, with some of the products designed by Millennium Designer. "We are moving into a new area of developing western boots," said McLin.

Mr. Kelly had our whole class to think of something to read we could use that we could improve on." At this time, he said, "That's when I heard of Bill Pickett and what he did." His first design was a clown face on a plain towel in the 7th grade art class. His next design was a pair of high top bootie shoes. As a self taught designer, McLin wanted to make something a little bit different. The thought of boots began to grow one slow step at a time. "I have designed shoes, boots, suits, pillows, designer jeans, and auto interior," said McLin. Millennium Designer was designed and made in honor and memory of Jesus, Bill Pickett, and Lubbock citizens Arther Cooper and Mr. Boston as well as legendary boot maker Willie Lusk. Millennium Designer illus-

trates a stoical history of Lubbock. From the 1800's, cowboy boots have changed over time with a new approach, new attitude. He will tell you he thought this was the perfect time for it to have some physical, tangible changes. "An idea whose time has come! From caterpillar to butterfly," he makes known. "Millennium Designer is taking western boots to a new level. Trend setting and street fashion of today and tomorrow, taking the western look ... from the corral to the country club," says

McLin. "The rugged western apparel will melt into a romantic, nostalgic look, but it will definitely keep the pioneer spirit. For more information, contact T-Mack at (806) 744-8044. This is a New Millennium, A New Future - Western Boots! "If there are anyone who are interested in seeing our Millennium Designer products, then give us a call today," says McLin. "Millennium Designer is moving, but we want to move with all of those who are interested," he continued.

An Open Letter To East Lubbock Residents

by John Cervantez

Dear Mr. Alan Henry, David Langston, Bill Bates, Dustin Burrows, Judge Jim Duljin, Mike Epps, and George Carpenter. With the greatest respect and sincerity, I am writing to you as members of the Charter Review Board to ask the perennial question about North and East Lubbock each time a city-wide initiative is proposed by City Hall. The law-abiding tax-paying citizens of North and East Lubbock have found it necessary to raise these questions precisely because each time we are left out altogether or we are included as an afterthought. Therefore it is essential for the citizens of the long-neglected side of town to ask again, "Will the Charter include provisions for proportional distribution of operations and maintenance dollars?" If so, the City Charter should require 16.5% allocation of city resources in each City Council District. We believe the city is ill-served when one side of town is given preference over the other



John P. Cervantez, stands at East 16th Street. After 12 years of lobbying City Hall, he was successful in getting the street improved. The street serves Saint Patrick Church in East Lubbock. Cervantez is proud of this accomplishment. He says, "Let'er give up!"

side. Each year brings more urban decay to the neglected areas until they become blighted and eventually abandoned. Regardless of the final revisions, North and East Lubbock must be treated equally not because it is good for Lubbock but because it is the right thing to do. A case in point is United Supermarkets AMIGO store. When

we go to Amigo's we get first rate service and are made to feel that we truly are Amigos in its purest sense. Will the 7 members of the Charter Review board be as sincere? I hope this letter will inspire each of you to see Lubbock as one community. Since we are about the task of modernizing the Charter, let us not make it a quick revision but a well thought out process. I

commend the Chairman for his desire to involve the citizens and for starting the whole process without preconceived notions. I believe the people of Lubbock are best served when community coalitions work together to accomplish common goals. I urge the Hispanic Division of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and LULAC to take an active role in the public hearings.

Second Big Community Meeting Set February 21st

The second Big Community Meeting will be held Sunday evening, February 21, 2010, at the Bridge, 1301 Redbud Avenue, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be about the increase in the number of burglaries, robberies and other crimes in east Lubbock as well as other parts of the city. The last Big Community had more than 100 citizens present.

MLK Little League Baseball Sign-up Set

The Martin Luther King (MLK) Little League Baseball Sign-up will be held Saturday, February 13, 2010, at the United Supermarket, 2630 Parkway Drive. Sign-up will be from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This will be for ages 4 years through 12 years (Little League), 13 years through 15 years (Junior League). According to MLK officials, copies of birth certificates and three (3) proof of residence required. For more information, contact either: Charles Curry, (806) 577-1373 or Ron Sanders (806) 535-3937. Volunteers are also needed to help the MLK Little League. Those needed are: Coaches & Assistant Coaches Press Box Announcers, Concessions, Team Moms, and Field Maintenance. "If there are those interested, please give us a call and advise what you would be interested in doing," says Mr. Curry. "The kids will be the winners."

SUPPORT BLACK HISTORY!

Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

The R. B. Thompson Lincoln Douglass Scholarship Annual Event is scheduled for February 14, 2010 from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Guest performers will be Dr. DeeCee Cornish and James Frakes. Tickets, which include dinner and entertainment, are \$20.00.

An added attraction to this year's event is the availability of various vendors. If you have a variety of Arts & Crafts you

would like to sell or, information you would like to distribute, please contact the R. B. Thompson Lincoln Douglass Scholarship Committee at (806) 762-3350 to rent a booth. Booth spaces are \$25.00.

For ticket information and/or booth rental, please contact the R. B. Thompson Lincoln Douglass Scholarship Committee at (806) 762-3350, Norma Pike at (806) 559-9795 or, email Brenda Amin at Brenda.Amin@ttu.edu.

Left-to-Right Book Discussion Group will meet Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 2:00pm. We will be discussing, "Feminista" by Erica Kennedy. The group welcomes new members or those who would like to drop-in from time to time to discuss the monthly selection. Titles for discussion are made available for free checkout at the library. For more details, please call Helen Viser-Fitzgerald at 767-3303 or email at: hviser@my-lubbock.us.

Bid and out bid as Hodges Community Center again plays host to their 15th Annual Silent Auction on Monday, February 8 through Thursday, February 11. This event is in its 15th year, and over 150 items (see below) and gift packs will be available to bid on during this year's silent auction. Come by Hodges 4011 University between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily (they will be open during lunch) and bid on your favorite items. Auction items include clothing, jewelry, automotive needs, beauty products and services, and gift certificates to local restaurants, businesses, entertainment venues, and more! There's something for everyone with gift packs for your sweetheart, your kids, and your family. The community has been very supportive of this program in the past with all of the proceeds going to support the youth programs at Hodges Community Center.

Church services were very inspirational last Sunday morning, February 7, 2010, at the New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, where the proud pastor is Rev. B. R. Moton.

The Praise team did a splendid job singing out of their hearts. After the morning scripture and prayer, the New Hope Choir sang several selections, namely: "In The name of Jesus" and "Every Step I take."

Pastor Moton delivered a dynamic sermon entitled "When God Is Silent, Stand Still!" His scripture text was I Samuel 28:5-7, 12-25. What a sermon!

After the invitation to discipleship, the morning announcements were read by Sister Gienda Mooney-Tobe. All visitors were welcomed by Sister Anna Chatman.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in citizens.

Among them include the brother of Brother Floyd Price. He is Brother Clyde Price of Arlington, Texas. He suffered a heart attack, and was operated on in Fort Worth last week. He is reported to be doing nicely at this report.

The Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church will honor their Pastor and Wife, Rev. & Mrs. Ray McCoy on their 5th Anniversary.

With the theme, "He Will Work It Out," 2nd Corinthians

FASHION FUN with Shirley Roberson CAPRI JUMPSUITS

Now that the holidays have gone, pin stripe jumpsuits with rhinestone accents on front scrunch legs. Sexy halter top with large belt. Ladies this

jumpsuit was designed to fit like a glove, displaying your curves with each step you make. It's not for everyone, just the ladies that love attention, believe me it's a head turner for sure. Three beautiful colors for anytime, red, white and, of course black. If you are looking for something different, this is your out fit., looks great with high heels or boots. There's only one place you can find this jumpsuit, at NATIONAL FLEA MARKET, CLOVIS ROAD...ask for Shirley. (barn)



Fashion...always wear a smile
Fashion...just for the fun of it

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, February 7, 2009, service got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the Pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Deacon David Chiles teaching the lesson entitled: "Hope For Healing" with the printed scripture text coming from Matthew, 15:21-28 for the Adults Sister Angela Mosley & Sister Rochelette Hood taught the Youths. Afterward breakfast was served for those that were in attendance.

Morning Worship started at 11a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir singing "Down By The Riverside." The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson and it came from I Corinthians. The Altar Prayer was led by Rev. Henry Edom, with the Senior Choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus."

Sister Jade Price told of all the morning announcements and all the upcoming events that would be taking place.

There was A MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY that was presented by The Usher Department and The Brotherhood Department. The offering was taken up next.

The Senior Choir sang "Got A Robe" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" "Amazing

Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "There's Still Room". His scripture text was Luke 14:16-24. "Plenty Good Room" was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended and several went up for prayer.

Pray for the assurance of knowing that our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood & righteousness.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: "Teach a youth about the way he should go even when he's old he'll not depart from it". Proverbs 22:6

NEW LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH is where the pastor is Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson., 3013 Idalou Road (806) 744-9496.

FREE LUNCHEES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL from 3:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m. each Wednesday afternoon. All present will receive a FREE SNACK LUNCH.

If you know of anyone who is need of a meal to eat, please advise them of this program every Wednesday afternoon.

If you look around, there are any in need, but some will allow pride to enter. So if you know of anyone, please advise them. God loves them too!

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"Our residents need to live without the fear of being a victim of crime. I'm no politician. I am a law enforcement officer. That's been my career for 17 years. I'm here to protect and serve. I need your support and your vote in this important election."
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Church News

From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith Political Oculoglandular Synodrome

There is a new racist political disease today rising out of racial hatred from the past that appears to be affecting the mindset of many of our white brothers and sisters. This disease of a racist herpes simplex virus of the mind and soul's eye could be labeled as "Political Oculoglandular Synodrome". This disease appears to affect those who are associated with movements like the "Tea Party" and the like who appears to lack the intelligence or have the ability to think for themselves and need a leader to market their brand of hatred toward their fellow black and Hispanic Americans.

Case in point: Several weeks ago former Congressman and 2008 Republican presidential candidate Tom Tancredo delivered the keynote speech at a Tea Party Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. In Tancredo speech he noted "that people who could not even spell the word 'vote,' or say it in English, put a committed socialist ideologue in the White House." "His name," Tancredo said, "is Barack Hussein Obama."

Tancredo continued: "So the race for America is on right now. The president and his left-wing allied in Congress are going to look at every opportunity to destroy the Constitution before we have a change to save it... So put your running shoes on. Because I'll tell you, I've heard we need a revolution. My friends, we already had it. We lost. I mean, what happened to us in that last election was a revolution."

Tancredo also said it was a good thing John McCain was not elected because Obama has "mobilized an uprising." Tancredo is best known for his stance against Mexicans. He has frequently been criticized for his comments on the topic of illegal Mexicans crossing the border and babies born in America. Tancredo also told people at the convention that a civics literacy test should be required to be allowed to vote. This was a slap at the "Voting Rights Act" for all led by African Americans. One has to wonder, could he and those whom he was giving the address to be suffering from

racist "political oculoglandular syndrome?"

If this is not enough, there is a radical conspiracy theory that President Obama has Secret Police that has travel from the Tea Party movement to the United States Congress as reported by Stephanie Mencimer from Mother Jones.

Mencimer of Mother Jones writes for months, much of the right-wing blogosphere has been fuming about Executive Order 12425, which Obama amended in mid-December. The one-paragraph document grants Interpol, the international law enforcement agency based in France, special privileges within the United States—mainly immunity from the Freedom of Information Act and from lawsuits over activity considered part of its official duties. It's no secret police conspiracy.

But thanks to Glenn Beck, the National Review, Newt Gingrich and others, this obscure directive has fueled a firestorm of right-wing paranoia. Conservative activists warn that Obama intend
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We Thank God for Jesus "An Angel Of God's Gone Home"

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



Psalm 1:1-2 -- Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and he meditates day and night.

1-30-10 was the homecoming of **Donnie Mary Williams Graves**. She answered God's call. Donnie Mary was a woman of God, and she loved, respected by all.

God allowed her over 76 years to share her love with you and me, and she did just that just as God Almighty wanted to be.

Psalm 90:10 -- The days of our years are three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they are fourscore

years. Yet is their strength labour, and sorrow. For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Donnie Mary was a woman about 5'5 inches. Her big heart made her ten feet tall. God put into that body of hers enough love to share with us all!!!

Mother Graves was a good wife, and a loving and kind Mother. She loved all of her family, her sisters and her brothers.

****** IN GOD, DONNIE MARY DID TRUST!!! ******

Mother Graves had one daughter, LaDonna; and 4 grandchildren. With 30 years in the School System, she had many other children!!!

Mother Graves was a true woman. Patience, sweet and so kind. She was good to all of God's people. Race and color were not on her mind!!!

God put his words in her spirit, and what many Christians don't have today. She would speak of Jesus, sun up to sun down, with her anytime was OK.

Psalm 119:10-11 -- With my whole heart, I sought thee: O' let me not wander from your com-

mandments. Your word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.

Every time we met, **Sister Graves** and I would talk about the Lord. We were only speaking of what God had put in our hearts!!!

Sister Donnie Graves said what she meant, and meant what she said. hat very same voice even now. I can hear it inside my head!!!

Proverb 10:7 -- The memory of the just (Christians) is blessed, but the name of the wicked (Unsaved) shall rot.

It is said, the best way to measure a tree is when it falls down. Now this **Little Angel** can be measured -- front, side, back, and all around.

Mother Graves didn't have any enemys, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again. Your reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the of the highest. For he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

You can't find many women like **Sister Graves** -- being hum
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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, February 7, 2010, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

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

The subject of the morning lesson was "Hope For Healing." The scripture text was Matthew 15:21-28. The Unifying Topic was "Recognized By A Canaanite Woman."

The teacher of the morning's

lesson was Rev. Edward Canady who also gave the dynamic review. What a wonderful lesson it was.

The main thought of our Sunday School lesson was:
"Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O' woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour."

It was good to have our Superintendent back with us!

The morning worship hour began at 11:15 a. m. The morning devotion was led by Deacon

Edward Williams and Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams.

The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir sung out of their hearts and souls. What a blessing to have these choir members sing God's Praises!

The morning message was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "Except You Abide In The Church You Can Not Be Saved." The scripture text was Acts 27:21.

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

Mission meets on Wednesday

evenings at 5:00 p. m.

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

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

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

The Brotherhood meets at 12 noon on Saturdays.

The Ushers' Annual will be held Sunday, February 14, 2010, at 3:00 p. m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Alvin Butler.

The morning announcements last Sunday morning were

read by Sister Barbara Johnson.

February is Black History Month: First Lady Sister Shirley Canady read the Biography of Althea Gibson.

Sister Barbara Johns is the Black History Chairman.

Let us not forget our sick and shut-in. Rev. Walter Jackson is still in Dallas at Baylor University.

Let us pray for Rev. Jackson as well as others on the shut-in list.

Sister Lola Byrd and Sister Bernice Hameed.

Also, there are many in the

community who are sick and shut-in. Today it may be them, and tomorrow it could either one of us.

*Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart o' mine;
Cast down every idol throne,
Reign supreme and reign also.*

Thought For The Week:
"If a troubled world gets you down, look up to Jesus!"

If you are looking for a Church Home, come and visit with us at The St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The members of the Outreach Prayer Breakfast met in the home of Patrick and Michelle Hunter last Saturday morning, February 6, 2010.

The devotion was led by Sister Luella Spence and others.

The morning scripture lesson was led by Brother Jeff L. Phillips. The scripture was Psalms. The subject was "What Ever You Do Don't Jump Over Board."

How good God is to Israel to those whose hearts are pure, but as for me, I come so close to the edges of the cliff. My feet were slipping and i was almost gone. For I was envision of the prosperity of the proud and wicked. Yes, all through life their road is smooth. They grew sleek and fat the aren't always in trouble and plaque-with problems like everyone else. So their pride sparkles like a jewel necklace.

Christians, get yourself together, because it seems the world's getting everything they need, and God's people have to scramble to live, but our God blesses the unjust as well as the just. He just says be a cheerful giver.

Some people pay their tithes. They don't go to church, but pay tithes, and they are given back pressed down running over. Pay tithes and see if he doesn't open a window and pour you out a blessing.

Saints, don't worry if it looks like evil is winning!

You should have been there to hear this young man speak. What a blessing he was to all who were present.

He's the grandson of the late Annie Mae Johnson. His name is Brother Jeff Phillips.

This young man is anointed and he speaks with power. He's the nephew of **President** Luella Spence, and Betty Willis.

Sister Luella Spence is the President of this group.

We are praying for all those who are sick and shut-in of this

city and beyond.

The Good Confession

"Some say you are Elijah." Jewish tradition held that Elijah would appear prior to the coming of the Messiah. Some were saying Jesus was Elijah—not the Messiah, but the one who would prepare the way for the Messiah.

"Some say you are one of the prophets come back to life." Ob-

viously Jesus was considered a powerful teacher—and only someone anointed by God could perform these miracles. Jesus must be a prophet. Nothing wrong with that—a good declaration of this man Jesus.

The Great Confession

Could he be the Messiah? The disciples pondered that possibility as Jesus pressed, "But

who do you say that I am?" What is this Messiah supposed to be like? He will teach like no other prophet or rabbi. The words that come from his mouth will be the very words of God.

He will perform many signs and wonders. He will be able to do miracles. He will heal the sick. He will cause the lame to walk. He will make the blind see. He will have the power of God in his fingertips.

He will deliver his people from their oppression. The disciples,

no doubt, sighed at this last thought. In their time they felt it meant they would no longer be under the rule of the tyranny of the Roman Empire. What must it take to overthrow the forces of Rome? The Messiah will need to be a mighty warrior. He will raise armies and restore the grandeur of David's kingdom.

Sister Luella Spence, President.

PS: Thanks Southwest Digest for story last week's edition.



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Obsequies

Audrey Marie Hodge

Funeral services were held Friday morning, February 5, 2010 at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

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

Hodge, 79, of Lubbock, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Covenant Hospital.

She was born on May 1, 1930 to Marshall and Ruby Dickson in Bastrop, Texas. She was baptized at an early age at Craft Prairie Baptist Church in Bastrop. Audrey was also educated in Bastrop School System. After moving to Lubbock, she joined Bethel A.M.E. Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. A.W. Wilson. Later she joined the First Progressive Baptist Church, under the late Rev. Homer Avery. Audrey was united in marriage to Johnnie Lee Hodge on Oct. 17, 1949 and to this union nine children were born; five sons and four daughters. Audrey worked for LISD in



food services for 23 years, where she loved all the students she encountered, and the students loved her as well.

Audrey leaves to cherish her precious memory, her husband, Johnnie Hodge; five sons, Milton Hodge (Nancy), Ronnie Hodge (Renee), Bobby Hodge (Shelia), Tommy Hodge (Shedina) and Reginald Hodge (Tasha); four daughters, Helen Newman (Mac), Audrey Hodge (Eddie), Barbara Griffin (Willie) and Shirley Hodge (Tim); two very special granddaughters, LaKeshia Bills and LaKendra Bills; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Carol Jean Broadnax

Lamesa, Texas Funeral services were held Carol Jean Broadnax Thursday morning, February 4, 2010 at Greater Johnson Memorial C.O.G.I.C.

Interment followed at Lamesa

Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Hargrove Broadnax, 74, of Lamesa, passed away on Friday, Jan. 29, 2010 at her residence.

Mary Helen Ervin-Ridge

Funeral services for Mary Helen Ervin-Ridge were held at Wednesday morning, February 10, 2010 at St. James Baptist Church.

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

Ridge, 66, of Lubbock, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 at Covenant Specialty Hospital.

Mary Helen Ervin-Ridge was born on Sep. 26, 1943, in Lubbock, Texas, to the parentage of Willie P. Ervin and Mattie Lou Martin. She attended school at Dunbar High School. Mary Helen was dedicated and loved serving the clients at the Lubbock State School and MHR facilities, retiring in 2004 after serving more than 30 years.

She was a member of the Na-



tional Association of Colored Women's Club since 1974, and currently was the President of the Stokes Parker District Soul Sisters Social Club. She was also an original Charter Member of the True Daughters of Solomon Chapter #11, currently holding a position as Treasurer.

She leaves to cherish her memories, one daughter, Shelia Mitchell (Willie) of Lubbock; three sons, Billy J. Johnson, Jr. of Coalinga, Calif., Darnell R. Johnson and Cedric D. Johnson (Rebecca) of Lubbock; 16 grandchildren; two maternal aunts, Ruby Walker of Tatum, N.M. and Erna Coleman (Tartar) of Odessa; one uncle, John Martin (Mercy) of Brownfield; and many more loving relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, son, parents, two brothers and one sister.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Karlene Maxwell; two grandsons, Coleman Maxwell and Braxton Maxwell; Greater Johnson Memorial Church Family and Evans Chapel; and a host of other relatives and friends.



She was born on Aug. 24, 1935 to the parentage of Mr. M. F. Hargrove and Mrs. Ruby Bell Bryant Hargrove in Bastrop, Texas. Sister Carol attended school there. She met and married Shirley Broadnax and to this union one son was born, Shirley Broadnax, Jr. She later moved to Lamesa, Texas, in 1972. She was a member of Greater Johnson Memorial C.O.G.I.C., where she was a faithful member for 22 years. She served under the pastorate of Supt. H. C. Johnson, later Elder Wayne Allen, and presently under Supt. Johnnie Evans, Sr. She was the Sunday School and Church Secretary.

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SPC to host debate for District 83 Republican candidates

LEVELLAND - The South Plains College Student Government Association will host a debate at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Sundown Room.

Republican candidates Zach Brady, incumbent Delwin Jones and Charles Perry all vying for Texas State House of Representatives District 83 will participate in the debate.

"We are trying to generate questions from the student body of SPC," said Stan Weathered, director of Student Activities.

Weathered said that members of the Student Government Association will be dispersed across campus canvassing students for questions for the candidates. He also will send an email to faculty and staff members to gather questions.

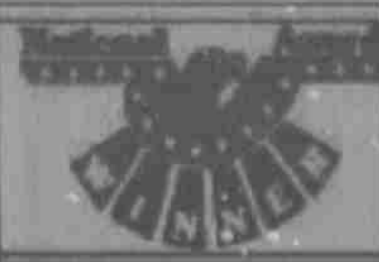
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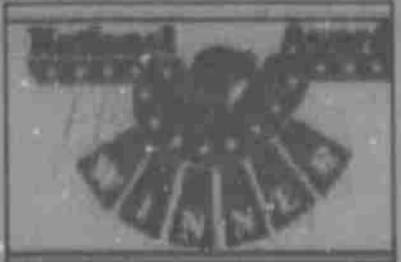
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THE COMMUNITY MEETING

by
BROTHER ASKARI

The first thing that I want to do is, Thank Everybody who took time from the normal activities and supported Our Community Meeting. Victory is our's!!!! Those of you who showed up represent the courage it takes to accomplish our intended goal, "STOP THESE BREAK-INS AND ROBBERIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES." Although other topics surfaced during our meeting our focus must be on one success at a time. The method and solution that we have introduced to the concern citizens, business owners, activists and city officials will work for our entire city. We are requesting the willing assistance of our city's radio and tv stations to help promote and implement this solution. We are requesting the willing assistance of the many houses of worship communities in our city to help promote and implement this so-



lution. We are requesting the willing assistance of the business communities in our city to help promote and implement this solution. We are requesting the willing assistance of our school system chancellors, deans, principals, teachers and students from elementary to the college and university levels in our city to help promote and implement this solution. We are requesting the willing assistance of our local government the mayor, the

city council, judges, lawyers politicians, law enforcement, and clerks to help promote and implement this solution. We are requesting the willing assistance of the Medical professionals Doctors, P.A.'s, nurses and technicians to help promote and implement this solutions. We are requesting all willing citizens in our city to assist us in promoting and implementing this solution. We want to produce 100,000 laminated signs to be distributed in each community that have been victims and /or supports this move against the break-ins and robberies happening in all our communities in our city. We want this effort broadcasted on radio and tv. We want participation encouraged and promoted in all the houses of worship in our city. We want the local government to make their cloud available to us as an endorsement of support for more safer and peaceful neighborhoods in our city. We want the politicians to make this apart of their campaign by endorsing and supporting this effort to make Lubbock and better place to live. We want to put the Good Neighborly atmosphere back into as many neighborhood as we can with this effort. We can do this by collectively supporting this effort to STOP COMMUNITY BREAK-INS AND ROBBERIES all over our city. ONE SOLUTION AND ONE VICTORY AT A TIME!!!! EACH ONE OF US CAN REACH ONE OF US. THIS WILL BRIDGES OUR LIVES ACROSS CULTURES, COMMUNITIES, COVENANTS AND CREED. SUPPORTING AND PARTICIPATING IN THIS GOOD FAITH DEED!!!! "GOD WILLING" If any of you are willing to contribute to this GREAT CAUSE in any capacity



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Presidents come and presidents go, but there is always something that stands out in each administration and for that thing or those things, we remember. We can remember when President William "Bill" Clinton was in office and the gridlock in Congress with the Health Care Reform Bill which he had so hoped would pass through Congress and become a landmark for correcting many of our country's medical woes. His wife had worked diligently to help to get the bill passed. It was killed by gridlock.

Of all the good that President Clinton did by leaving office with a budgetary surplus instead of a humongous deficit, especially in the Social Security and Medicare departments, his administration was beleaguered with socio-political investigations and impeachment procedures regarding his extra-marital sexual accusations. In spite of it all, had he been eligible to run for the office of President again, he probably would have won.

George W. Bush did enough on his own without media harassment to be remembered in ways which many citizens wish not to remember: entering into unnecessary wars, racking up a huge budget deficit and con-

stantly being accused of having an affair with one of his cabinet members as his wife threatened to divorce him while his daughters were accused of being alcoholics and drunken drivers. On the very day that he departed the White House, the media alleged that he and his wife were divorcing and he would return to Crawford, Texas to his ranch and she to a house which cost a million dollars less than he had agreed to buy her in a gated community in Dallas, Texas.

Currently, it seems that anything that President Barack

Obama says, or his Chief of Staff, or his wife, no matter how generic, something in what each of them says is criticized as being harmful to some group. President Obama suggested that people put their money away for education rather than go to Las Vegas, [to rest, gamble, or whatever] and he is no longer welcome in Las Vegas. Further, according to some, he had no business criticizing the Supreme Court. Someone forgot about the 'checks and balances!'

Chief of Staff Emanuel Rahm referred to a certain groups' way

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of thinking as 'retarded' and Sarah Palin and an organization representing mentally challenged individuals has called for his resignation, while Rush Limbaugh berates him for calling the "retarded, 'retarded.'" They say that we need to get rid of the "R" word.

Mrs. Obama wants to make America aware of the obesity of America's children, and she talked too much about her daughters' diet to keep them healthy, on the Today Show, and 'will cause them to have an eating disorder as they become older, according to her critics. All of this in ONE WEEK! It is

east 28th street Lubbock, Texas 79404. In conclusion let clean up this dirty SOAP OPERA with a clean expression. We only have "ONE LIFE TO LIVE" so let's live the best life we can for ourselves and "ALL OUR CHILDREN" with God and our best efforts as our "GUIDING LIGHT", so as great citizens of Lubbock, let's represent this Good Faith effort "BOLD & BEAUTIFUL!"

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time for us to get 'in cinque' and focus on what matters and forget the trivia of the media and politics and straighten out our economy and medical woes. Let those who represent us know this.



Sis. Deborah Hutchinson Speaking Sunday

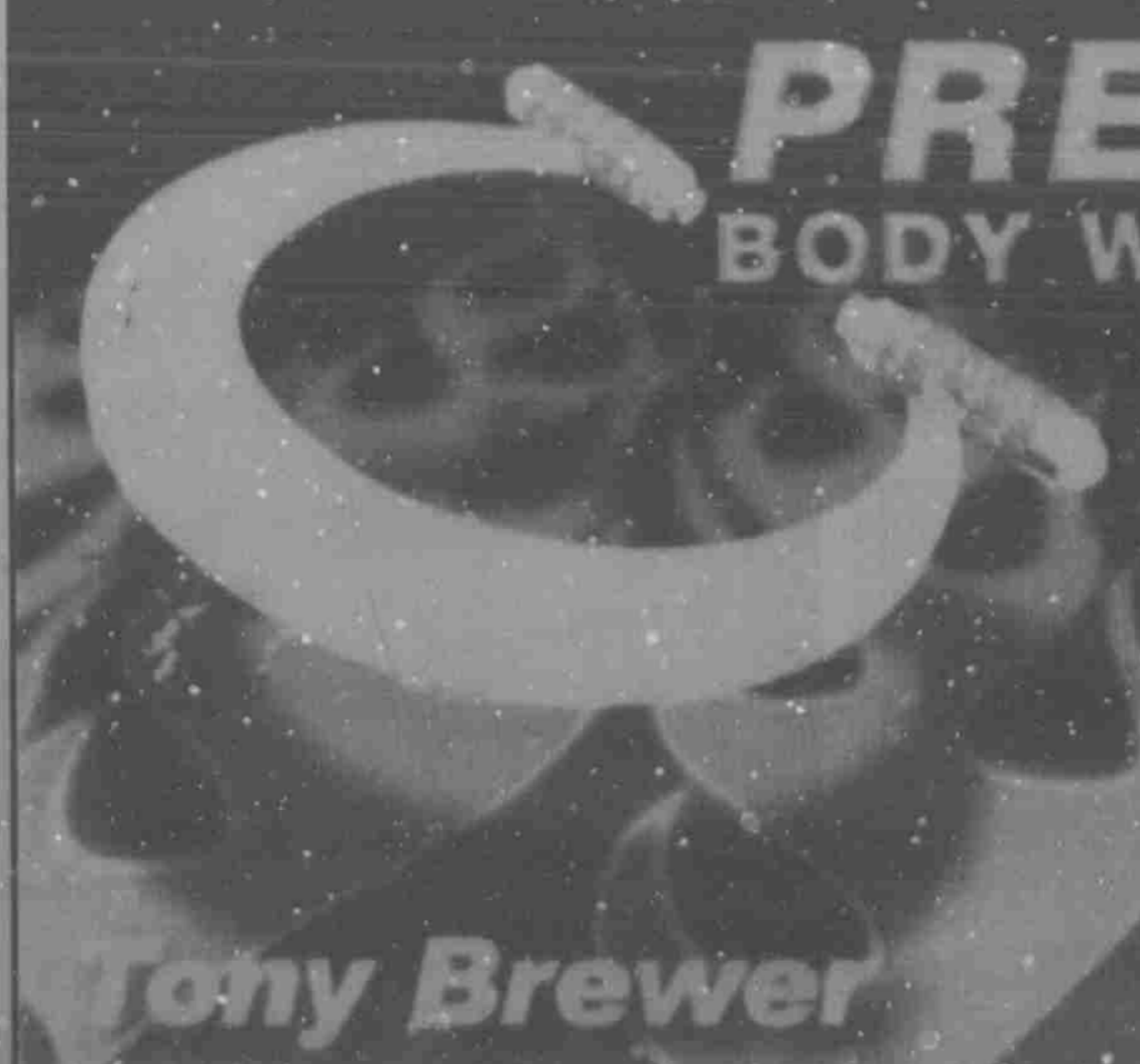
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Singer Beyonce Makes History At The Grammys

It's a tribute to the Grammys' success at becoming more a musical spectacle than an awards show that on the night she made history, Beyonce was just another face in the crowd. Pop's reigning diva earned six Grammys on Saturday, more than any woman on a single night of the 52-year-old awards show. Her anthem "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)" was song of the year. But she didn't come on-stage to accept that — her collaborators said she was prepping for a performance — and four of her other awards came during

the non-televised pre-show. The Grammys' four biggest awards were split four ways: 29-year-old country chanteuse Taylor Swift won album of the year; family rockers Kings of Leon won record of the year for "Use Somebody"; and the Zac Brown Band was named best new artist. The Grammys in recent years have tried to emphasize the music more than the awards, particularly by pairing younger performers with veterans. This year, producers nailed it, with a double album's worth of memorable performances.

Thank God For Jesus

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ble, and honest woman. You could trust in her, even putting your life savings in her hands!!! Mother Graves was telling us. Take my smiles, my handshakes, my hugs, they're all free, and the beauty of God's love. Will go around the world, and back to you and me!!! Oh!!! If you didn't get to enjoy Sister Graves, God's 76 years were plenty of time. You see you can't do it now, because God is saying she's all mine!!! I Corinthians 5:8 - We are confident, I say and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

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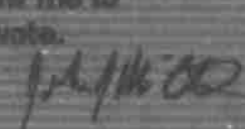

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to use Interpol as a "secret police" with the power to knock down doors and arrest law-abiding Americans citizens. No matter that Interpol agents don't even carry guns and have no rights to arrest people, or that its American office boasts all of five people. And the hysteria over the executive order is not confined to the Tea Party movement. It has also reached the highest levels of politics—that is, the US Congress.

... Nutty as this premise sounds, it's proven particularly popular among those who believe that Obama is not an American citizen or who are bitterly opposed to health care reform. The drumbeat has been so loud that a host of states legislators have introduced "state sovereignty" bills declaring their independence from the federal government under the 10th Amendment and threatening to secede in the event that martial law is declared. Sarah Palin even signed one such bill before quitting as governor of Alaska. (A favorite of states' rights proponents, the one-sentence 10th Amendment basically says that any power that isn't specifically granted to the federal government by the Constitution is reserved for the states.)

Why is it that in the former mentioned the name of Ricky Perry, Governor of the great state of Texas rings with the sound: "secede from the UNION, Barack the 'Magic Negro' is coming?" Could this be a form of "political ocolog-landular syndrome?"

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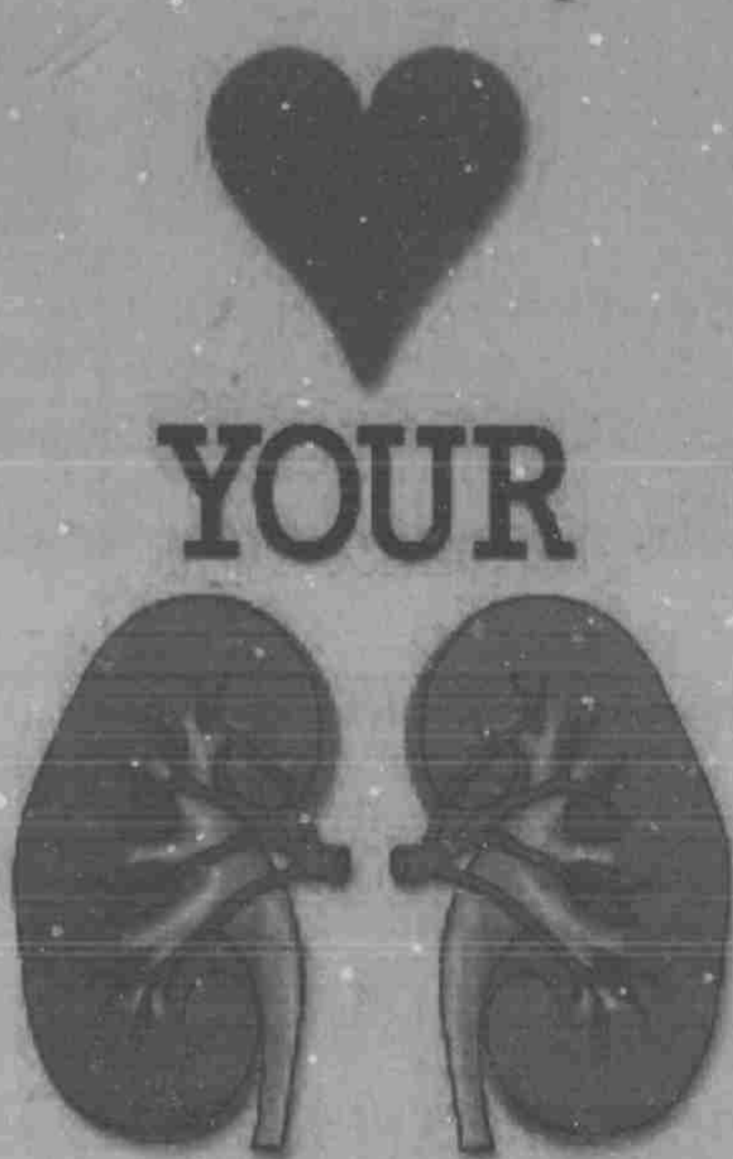
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