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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 7:00 pm and 7 every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- * West Texas Native American Association: Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- * Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- * West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- * The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Kant Elementary School.
- * Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Elementary Cafeteria.

Did President Obama 'Trick Americans?' Millions To Pay Health Insurance Penalty

WASHINGTON — Nearly 4 million Americans — the vast majority of them middle class — will have to pay the new penalty for not getting health insurance when President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law kicks in, according to congressional estimates released Thursday.

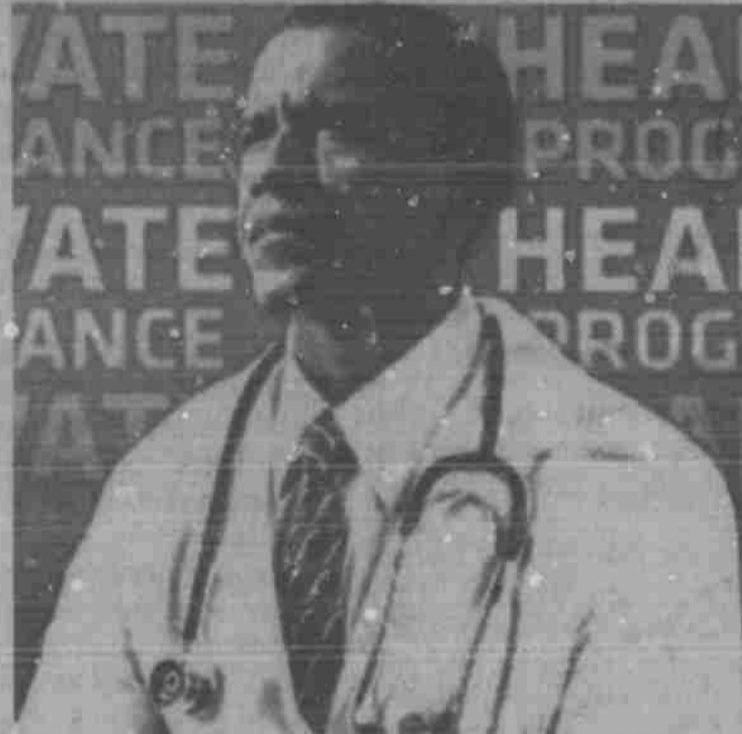
The penalties will average a little more than \$1,000 apiece in 2016, the Congressional Budget Office said in a report.

Most of the people paying the fine will be middle class. Obama pledged in 2008 not to raise taxes on individuals making less than \$200,000 a year and couples making less than \$250,000.

Republicans have criticized the penalties, even though the idea for a mandate was originally proposed by the GOP in the 1990s and is part of the Massachusetts health care plan signed into law in 2006 by then Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican. Attorneys general in more than a dozen states are working to challenge the mandate in federal court as unconstitutional.

"The individual mandate tax will fall hardest on Americans who can least afford to pay it, many of whom were promised subsidies by the Democrats and who the president has promised would not pay higher taxes," said Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, the top Republican on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

Democrats argue the mandate and the penalties are a necessary part of a massive overhaul designed to expand coverage to millions who now lack it. They point out that getting young, healthy Americans in the insur-



President Barack Obama

ance pool will reduce costs for others.

Americans who don't get qualified health insurance will be required to pay penalties starting in 2014, unless they are exempt because of low income, religious beliefs, or because they are members of American Indian tribes. The penalties will be fully phased in by 2016.

About 21 million nonelderly residents will be uninsured in 2016, according to projections by the CBO and the Joint Committee on Taxation. Most of those people will be exempt from the penalties.

Under the new law, the penalties will be phased in starting in 2014. By 2016, those who must get insurance but don't will be fined \$695 or 2.5 percent of their household income, whichever is greater.

After 2016, the penalties will

be increased by annual cost-of-living adjustments. People will not be required to get coverage if the cheapest plan available costs more than 8 percent of their income.

The penalties will be collected by the Internal Revenue Service through tax returns. However, the IRS will not have the authority to bring criminal charges or file liens against those who don't pay.

About 3 million of those required to pay fines in 2016 will have incomes below \$59,000 for individuals and \$120,000 for families of four, according to the CBO projections. The other 900,000 people who must pay the fine will have higher incomes.

The government will collect about \$4 billion a year in fines from 2017 through 2019, according to the report.



FIRST TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE — Zakaral Wadley is the first to graduate from his family. He will graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in History from Texas Tech University on Saturday, May 15, 2010, 1:30 p. m. at United Spirit Arena. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Wadley of Lubbock. His goal is to teach in the Lubbock Public School System. He will tell you "he wants to help young people." The Southwest Digest wishes him the very best!

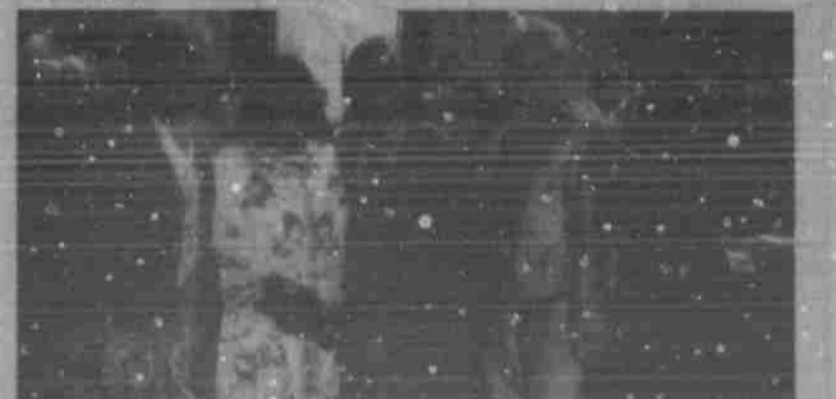
U. S. Senator Cornyn Visits With Lubbock Chamber



U. S. Senator John Cornyn met with members of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, April 27, in his Washington office. They discussed a number of shared concerns, such as the implications of the new health care law, as well as priorities on the federal level to benefit Lubbock residents including: efforts to make Texas Tech a Tier 1 university, reauthorization of the elementary and secondary education act, and boosting infrastructure.

Among those who attended the meeting were Joe Rapier, Chairman of the Lubbock Chamber, George Bradley, Director at Large and Board member of the Texas Association of Railroad Passengers, and Eddie McBride, President/CFO of the Chamber.

Judge Hatchett Shown With Lubbock Women



Among those in attendance of the Texas Tech Mentor Tech Banquet where the guest speaker was Judge Glenda Hatchett of Atlanta, Georgia, were Billie Caviel, Vivian Cooke, Mae Phea, and Mary Hill. Judge Hatchett is shown in center.

Dunbar Middle School Students of the Month April, 2010

The faculty and staff of Dunbar Middle School are proud to announce the following students a "Students of the Month" for April 2010.

Sixth grade members are Ariel Moreno and Joe Rios. Seventh grade members are Adrianna Zaragosa and Isreal Espinoza.

The eight grade members are Tori Hatchett-Cooper and Daniel Mitchell.

We are extremely of these young people, and what they have accomplished at Dunbar Middle School.

The Southwest Digest is proud of their accomplishments, and wish them well!



Ariel Moreno - 6th Grade



Joe Rios - 6th Grade



Isreal Espinoza - 7th Grade



Adrianna Zaragosa - 7th Grade



Tori Cooper-Hatchett
8th Grade



Dante Mitchell
8th Grade

Relocation of pre-kindergarten programs

For the first time in at least 50 years, the Lubbock ISD Board of Trustees and administration launched an in-depth analysis of the school district facilities and systems in preparation for the development of a long-range facilities plan. A citizens' group was formed, Lubbock ISD 2020, to assist in developing the plan, which will include standards for the district in safety, security, technology and facilities.

One area of concern has been the ability of the district to continue to provide free full-day pre-kindergarten classes. Currently, LISD provides free pre-kindergarten classes for qualifying students, primarily low-income and non-English. Continue on Page 8

Dunbar High School Panthers During UIL Day in Austin, Texas 1985



MEMBERS OF 1957 DUNBAR PANTHERS STATE TEAM — This trio of former Dunbar High School Panthers who were undefeated in 1957. The Panthers won 32 games without a loss. These Panthers are: from left to right: Joe Middleton, Don McCormick and Arthur Kinney. This special presentation was made in Austin, Texas during UIL Recognition Day. The Dunbar Panthers were recognized for their undefeated season in 1957. This was history for Lubbock, Texas!

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Amin at Brenda.Amin@ttu.edu. (2) \$1000 Scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship deadline is May 21, 2010.

If you have questions, please contact Emma Jackson at (806) 762-3350.

Let us continue to pray for

our sick and shut in citizens. Among them include Brother Willie Blocker who is recuperating nicely at his residence.

Services were well attended last Sunday morning, May 2, 2010, at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev. B.R. Moton.

Come & Go Community Ice Cream Social Set Saturday

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church will host a Community Ice Cream Social at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, 2304 Cedar Avenue, Saturday, May 15, 2010, from 2:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m.

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prints down one leg, rhinestones that appear in elaborate swirls down the front, this is to give your jeans a glitzy little kick, and ladies we all know that when you are kicking, it's kicking! Jeans are opened down both sides in face circles. WE'RE TALKING SEXY SEXY JEANS. REMEMBER LADIES YOU CAN WEAR A PAIR OF JEANS ANYWHERE. DRESS THEM UP OR DRESS THEM DOWN. HEAD TURNERS FOR SURE! WHERE EVER UP SCALE



DENIM ARE SOLD. Fashion tip...always wear a smile Fashion...just for the fun of it.

New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday morning, May 2, 2010, church services got started at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jackson teaching the lesson for the adults entitled: "Understanding And Living Truth." and the scripture was its printed in Colossians 1:1-14. Sis. Rochelette Hood taught the lesson for the youth. Breakfast was prepared by the Ushers and served to all that was in attendance.

Morning Worship started at 11:00 a.m. with the Praise Team leading the way.

Rev. L. C. Lee led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir went in the choir stand singing

"O, I Want To See Him" The responsive reading was read by Rev. Lee and it came from 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. The altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "My Soul Loves Jesus."

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

The Senior Choir sang "Because He Lives" and "I Know It Was The Blood" "Amazing Grace" was sung before the sermon. Rev. Jackson preached the sermon entitled: "Mountains, Get Out Of My Way!" with the scripture text coming from Matthew 17:20. A song was sung after the sermon.

There was the invitation to discipleship that was extended and the lord continue to add to the church as he sees fit. All visitors that was in attendance was acknowledged by an usher.

Pray that God uses our infirmities we complain about to wake us up and save us. pray that no matter how big or small our prayers is all we need is the Lord.

MAY 16, 2010, OUR 2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY WILL BE HELD AT NEW LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH. THE PROGRAM IS ALL DAY WITH A GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE MORNING WORSHIP MINISTER LAVERNE CLARK AND BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED AFTERWARD. AT 3:30 PM. SIS. ALVERA JOHNSON & OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER SIS.

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100 Years of Community Service

Churches throughout the Northwest Texas Conference are celebrating with a Day of Service, ministering in the community through a variety of acts of service.

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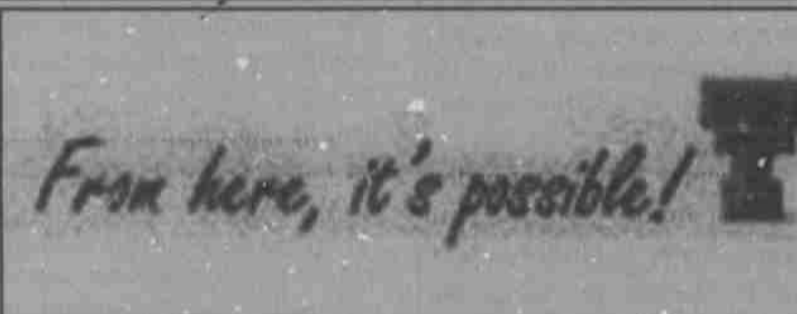
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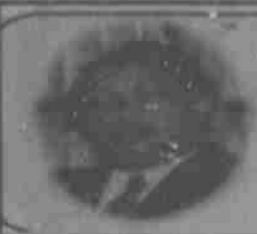
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From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith
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We Thank God for Jesus
"Hell Ain't Full Yet!"

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

It is sobering to know there are humans in Lubbock who have the ability to think for themselves and not be led like sheep to slaughter by Tea Party Radicals.

The other day while surfing the web I discovered something very important on blogs.lubbockon-line.com.

Lubbock is blessed with people who care for others and the growth and development of all segments of society including those who are afraid that with the current environment Lubbock will be taking a back seat to Midland and Amarillo because of the racist and foolish acts of Tea Party radicals.

Kenny Keiner posted the following on April 14, 2010: Here are my thoughts on the Republican Primary runoffs for HD83 and HD84. I think it's a shame that Lubbock lost its legislative clout by losing Delwin Jones in HD83.

It's even more of a shame that Delwin lost to a lie designed (no doubt by Perry's downstate consultants) to appeal to racism. (So Perry does not care for Hispan-

ics as well as African Americans) The lie was that Jones voted for a bill to give scholarships to illegal aliens. It's not true, but it got people who respond to that sort of racist code language to the polls. You can see the spike in early vote numbers between last Monday (when the story broke) and Tuesday.

The Jones campaign didn't handle their response to the lie well at all—they got down in the mud with Charles Perry and flung ridiculous charges. (No one would believe that Perry is a liberal, for example.) Those that blame the loss on the Jones campaign are also right, to a point.

It only took around 9,000 voters to send Delwin Jones packing in the runoff. Because of this, lots of folks have been asking me about the possibility of a Democratic or Independent candidate this year in HD83. Neither is possible, because they would have had to file in January, and no one did. A write-in candidacy may still be option, and I'm looking into the law

around that issue.

This thought of Ketter is important as it relates to HD84. As far as the HD84 race between Mark Griffin and John Frullo, this image pretty much sums up my opinion about that: An image with Pratt holding Frullo on a string like a puppet and the words: FRUITO EXTREME WINGNUT.

Ketter continues Pratt's Puppet John Frullo won thanks to the organizational help and publicity—not only from Pratt's far-right talk show, but also from the i-didn't-sent-it-but-wrote-the-content "poison pen" mail piece—from his #1 fan.

Now the HD84 campaign between the wackiest Republican option and Democratic Party candidate Carol Morgan promises to be an exciting one.

In short, I believe the combination of shady campaigning and Tea Party activism put the most extreme-right wing candidates forward in HD83 and HD84. Moderate Republicans, and perhaps even some conservatives' ones, are not happy right now.
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Matthew 25:10-12 -- Jesus said, while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready with in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the others virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. But he answered and said " Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Lord, someone's knocking on your door and ringing your BELL.

Will you let them into HEAVEN OR TELL'EM TO GO TO HELL???

Look! There's a PREACHER out there, in his long flowing ROBE.

He says, he's PREACHED TO THE PEOPLE; AND COLLECTED THEIR GOLD!!!

Luke 20:46,47 -- Jesus said, beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greeting in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts: Which devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

Lord, someone's knocking on your door and ringing YOUR BELL.

Will you let them into HEAVEN; OR TELL'EM TO GO TO HELL???

LOOK! There's a MISSIONARY out there, with a BIBLE IN HAND.

She said she and the CHILDREN IN THE FOREIGN LANDS.

(CHARITY BEGANS AT HOME; then it spread abroad. AMERICA is the SICKEST COUNTRY UNDER THE SUN. and we want to teach other COUNTRIES HOW TO LIVE!!! In CHINA where the WHIPPING CANE is a tool use to keep CRIME DOWN, it changed the MINDS of people commit them.

They have 80% less CRIME than AMERICA. And America want to say: THE CANE IS CRUEL. WE NEED THAT CANE!!! WE HAVE THE MOST MURDERS, RAPES, ROBBERYS, CHILD MOLESTATIONS, TEEN

DRUGS DEALERS, TEEN PREGNANCY, AND TEEN , AND MANY, MANY MORE)

Matthew 23:15 -- Jesus said, Woe (Cursed) unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, you make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Lord, someone's knocking on your door and ringing your BELL.

Will you let them into HEAVEN; OR TELL'EM TO GO TO HELL???

Look! There's a DEACON out there, STANDING TALL AND PROUD.

Says, He's been waiting Church Tables 20 Years, AND NOT A PENNY TAKEN OUT!!!

(BUT OWES THE BROTHER IN CHURCH \$50.00, AND WON'T PAY HIM!!!)

Matthew 23:28 -- Jesus said, even so you also outwardly

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St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, May 2, 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 "Understanding And Living Truth." The scripture text was Colossians 1:1-14. The Unifying Topic was "A Faithful Community."

The teacher of the morning

lesson was First Lady Sister Shirley Canady. The review was given by Pastor Canady. What a wonderful lesson for all to hear.

The main thought of our lesson was:

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." Colossians 1:9

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

Mission meets on Wednes-

day evenings at 5:00 p. m.

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

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

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

The Brotherhood meets at 12:00 Noon on Saturdays.

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

Please let us not forget the sick and shut-in our community.

Sister Barbara Nealy is home from the hospital. Let us continue to pray for Sister Annie Onasanya and Sister George A. Hereford's husband who is a patient at the University Medical Center.

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

Since this priceless gift God gave us, must from us one day depart.

Lavish her with love and kindness.

Real true laws, with all your heart.

Thought For The Week:
"God bless my Mother; all I am or hope to be I owe to her!"

Happy Mother's Day!

This participation required death. Sin separates one from God (Romans 3:23). There is the need to move from being dead in sin to being dead from sin. Dying to one's sins is part of participating in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

All have much to be buried behind them, all kinds of sins. Sins of commission are often recognized and acknowledged easier than sins of omission. Both must be buried.

Resurrection requires rising—rising to "walk in newness of life" and rising "that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Romans 6:4, 6, King James Version). Paul's message to the Christian community is very logical yet very simple: If one died like Jesus, if one was raised like Jesus, then one should live like Jesus.

Outreach Prayer Breakfast

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast members and friends met in the home of Delbert and Dorothy Hood last Saturday morning, May 1, 2010. All were so blessed to have Deacon Fulson and wife, Gracie, present as well as Sister Wilma to meet with our group.

The Outreach Prayer Breakfast especially prayed for those of us who are having problems and go over the scriptures which have promised so many of them. Mark 11:22 and II Chronicles 7:14. If you have faith. Precious People, you can move mountains also he will heal our land. That is, if will pray and seek the face of God.

We are in warfare, Saints! We have to be careful what we are listening to, faith cometh by hearing. We are being challenged today by the enemy on all sides. Faith is something you can't see with your eyes, but you continue to wait fervently praying until the drug dealer and user throw down their needle.

The prison loose our boys who are not guilty. Robbers stop breaking in houses. Diseases will be history; law officers will be truthful, also judges, to do these things. We can't have the Mall on our mind while praying that's not fervent praying, Saints! Fervent prayers reach Heaven. Our Lord will cause the Boys to pull up their pants, and respect their Elders. God's word is true and his Promises will work today just like it's written in the word. Try it!

Thanks for reading, Saints!
Thought For The Week:

"To all hurting people, let the word of God be a reality in your life, no matter what the condition you're experiencing, we're praying for you. We don't have to know your problem. God knows!"

An Established Community

A "PK" (preacher's kid) who becomes a preacher probably has had the opportunity to live in many communities. These locales might range from rural, small villages with quaint names like Chicken Bristle, Lick Skillet, or Rooster Run, to small towns, to major cities that have their own suburbs. But all these find their identity in rules and laws and boundaries (however vague) that hold their populations together.

Within these communities hopefully there is another community—the community of Christ, usually known as the church. A beloved title often used is "the family of God." Nevertheless it is, and is to be, a community of believers with identity—sharing beliefs, guide-

lines, and even boundaries that hold them together.

It is this community that concerns the apostle Paul in our text. Even though Paul hasn't met many who have joined the church at Colosse and the church at Laodicea, he is concerned about these brothers and sisters in Christ. His absence from them compels him to write this Holy Spirit inspired letter.

The Desire

Simply stated, Paul's desire is for them to know and be in Jesus. Jesus is the answer to their needs. Jesus is all-powerful and will make them complete in him (vv. 10, 11). He will comfort them as only he can. This partially will come from the love they share, not only for each other but for him (vv. 2, 3). A love that is the natural response when one realizes and understands how much Jesus loves him or her (John 3:16, 17; 1 John 4:9, 10). It is a love based in a faith that keeps you grounded, steadfast, and rooted. It is a faith that will grow as you are taught more of the mystery of the love of God the Father and

God the Son for you. It is a joy for Paul to know of their faith in Jesus (vv. 5, 7).

The Danger

Paul's joy for this church community is tempered by the realization of how easily one can be pulled away from the truth. He wrote this from inspiration and personal experience. When known as Saul of Tarsus, Paul had been exposed to the best of mankind's philosophy. He could hold his own before the great Greek philosophers of Athens (Acts 17:15ff). As a Pharisee he was such an expert in the Jewish traditions that he became the chief persecutor of the early church (Acts 7:54-8:3). He longed that those in Colosse and Laodicea would not be led away from God and into the false wisdom of the world, which had happened to him (vv. 6, 8).

This danger for the community of Christ's church looms as

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great in the 21st century as in the first. The danger of secular humanism threatens Christianity every bit as much as it did 25 years ago, and as much as communism threatened it 50 years ago. These are just two examples down through history. Their fundamental tenets basically come down to the same false belief:

man is equal to God. That is also the false concept that led to sin entering the Garden of Eden. The danger warning must continue to be proclaimed.

Sister Dorothy Hood, president; Sister Christene Burleson, vice president; and Sister Einora Jones, teacher.
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Medical Home Outreach Program
City of Lubbock Health Department
806.775.3000

Obsequies

Henry McDade

Funeral services for Henry McDade were held Friday, April 30, 2010 at St. Matthews Baptist Church, with Rev. Edward Canady.

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

McDade, 93, of Lubbock, passed away on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at his residence.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1917 to Earnest and Effie McDade in Millican, Texas. He worked for the Railroad in Bryant, Texas, and later moved to Lubbock in 1996.

He leaves to cherish his memory three brothers, Rassic L. McDade, James McDade and



Barron McDade; four sons, Joe Woodard, Nathaniel "Coky" McDade, Jerry McDade and Earnest McDade; two daughters, Vera Robinson and Joyce Holmes; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 25 great-great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Tommie Joe Cage

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Sonia J. Scott, pastor, officiating.

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

Cage, 67, of Lubbock passed away Saturday, April 24, 2010 at his residence.

He was born December 12, 1942. He was the 6th child of the late Nelson, Sr. and Clara Cage. He attended Lubbock Public Schools and retired from Methodist (Covenant) Hospital after 20 years of service as a cook.

Tommie was an avid cook, golfer, singer and jokester. He united with Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church and was a faithful member with the Chancel Choir until his health failed him. He often led a song entitled "I've Got To Tell It!"

He is preceded in death by his father, Nelson, Sr.; mother,



Clara; and four brothers, Willie, Iris, Nelson, Jr., and Farris.

He leaves to cherish his memory two sons, Donovan and Gregory; four grandsons and two granddaughters; three sisters, Ollie Coleman, Beulah (Lester) Winters, and Lovie Cage; two brothers, Clemmie (Jessie) Cage and Nathan (JaNette) Cage; one aunt, Frances McDade; children that were special to him, Barbara, Jill, Faye, Terry, Curtis, and the late Gary Williams; several nieces, nephews, and one great-niece; and a host of other relatives and friends.

John Ware, former Dallas city manager, dies at 62

Dallas, Texas -- Former Dallas City Manager John Ware died Sunday morning at his Dallas home after a 16-year battle with multiple myeloma, said his wife, Shirley. He was 62.

Mr. Ware served as city manager from December 1993 to August 1998.

He was diagnosed with the disease, a blood cancer, in 1994.

While city manager, Mr. Ware negotiated on behalf of the city with a group of investors headed by Tom Hicks over what became American Airlines Center and related development.

Ron Kirk, the U.S. trade representative and former Dallas mayor, remembered Mr. Ware as a friend as well as a colleague.

"I'm heartbroken," he said. "Our relationship so transcended that of mayor and city manager. John became one of my closest friends. We spoke off and on over the last couple of months."

Also while city manager, Mr. Ware promoted Mary Suhm to assistant city manager. She now serves as city manager.

"He was a smart, energetic and committed city manager who taught us a lot of things and contributed to the community as city manager and as a business leader," Ms. Suhm said.

Mr. Kirk said Mr. Ware strived to maintain privacy in his personal life and didn't want people to worry about his illness. Nonetheless, friends couldn't help but worry when he became unable to attend meetings of the Dallas Citizens Council, an influential civic group that he chaired.

He called Mr. Ware talented and gifted with the foresight to help prepare the city for future challenges.

"I think he continued the level of excellence and professionalism that we have come to take for granted in Dallas city managers," Mr. Kirk said. "He certainly helped steer the city through some of our most troubling times."

After leaving City Hall in 1998, Mr. Ware co-founded 21st



Century Group with partners of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst, now known as HM Capital.

Some raised ethics concerns after he left the city to work with Mr. Hicks, with whom he negotiated the arena deal. But both men had said there was nothing improper in the arrangement.

As a private citizen, Mr. Ware remained active in politics and public service.

Mr. Ware was an Army veteran, and in 2007 he chaired the Texas Resources for Iraq-Afghanistan Deployment Fund to help North Texas military members and their families.

"When we are deploying troops, it's more than those individuals who are being impacted," he said. "The family members they leave behind are being impacted."

Mr. Ware was a co-chairman of the Greater Dallas Chamber Bond Program Task Force in 2006. He also served as campaign treasurer for Max Wells, whose bid to be Dallas mayor fell short in 2007.

Mr. Ware received a bachelor of arts degree from Our Chita Baptist University and a masters of public administration from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons Jawn and Brandon, and a grandson, Porter.

Registration For Night Out In Lubbock

Tuesday, June 1, 2010, Lubbock: United Neighborhood Association (LUNA) and Lubbock Police Department's Neighborhood Services Unit will host a registration meeting for National Night Out. The registration meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church in the Garden Room at 1500 University Avenue. Local sponsors for this year's National Night Out are: Target Stores and Duncan Heating & Air Conditioning. LUNA's Registration meeting is open to anyone interested in having a National Night Out event.

Registration for this year's National Night Out event will provide a unique opportunity for anyone who is planning to host a National Night Out event, whether large or small to register National Night Out event and request City officials to attend or

Participate in their event. Participants may register their event and request City officials such as the Mayor and City Council members, Lubbock Police Chief, Lubbock Police officers, Lubbock Firemen and others to attend and speak at their National Night Out event in August. Participants will be required to complete a registration form and this will be the only chance to request City officials to attend their National Night Out event.

Registration forms, contact names, phone numbers and additional information will be given to each individual or group hosting a National Night Out event. Participants are asked to provide specific details regarding their National Night Out event during registration to help expedite the registration process.

Celebrating its 27th year, National Night Out was created to get citizens involved in "Giving Crime and Drugs A Going Away Party." National Night Out was designed to: 1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; 2) generate support for, and participation in local anticrime programs; 3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and 4) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Scheduled annually on the first Tuesday, in August, this year's National Night Out will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 from 7 to 9 p.m. Residents in neighborhoods throughout Lubbock and across the nation are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Each year neighborhoods throughout Lubbock host a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from local police and fire departments, carnivals, ice cream socials, and the like. The benefits derived from National Night Out continue to benefit the commu-

nity well beyond that one night.

Take this first step in fighting crime in your neighborhood. Make your plans to host a National Night Out event and attend the registration meeting on Tuesday evening, June 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church located at 1500 University Avenue. Get involved and become aware of things going on in your neighborhood and be a part of the solution in fighting crime. Getting to know your neighbors is a step in the right direction in helping to fight crime. Crime knows no boundaries.

Lubbock United Neighborhood Association (LUNA) is an independent, community-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to organize, promote and support neighborhood associations throughout the City of Lubbock. LUNA does not seek to do for the neighborhood associations what they can do for themselves, but provides assistance so that they can more effectively address the issues that affect their neighborhoods. Its goal is to help each association become self-sustaining, resourceful and proactive in problem solving.

Women's Revial Set At Mount Olive Baptist Church

The New Zeal District Women's Revival will be held May 10-12, 2010, starting at 7:30 pm each night. The meeting will be at the Mount Olive Missionary First Baptist Church, Slaton, Texas. Rev. C. C. Peoples, Host Pastor.

Monday night, May 10, Minister Lisa Culver will be the speaker, on Tuesday night, May

11th, the speaker will be Minister Joyce Devro, and closing out on Wednesday night, May 12th, will be Minister Deborah Hutchinson.

Ladies are invited to attend this Revival. Please come out and help us celebrate and praise the Lord.

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EDITORIALS-COMMENTS-OPINIONS

THE STRENGTH OF A WOMAN

By
BROTHER ASKARI

First of all, I want to apologize to all the readers of the Southwest Digest for being absent for so long. My reason was due to my mother having a stroke. This woman's strength is the reason I have a life to live. This woman's prayers were answered for me to be free to express myself through T.J. Patterson and Eddie Richardson's News Paper of which both these men have been mentors to me also. In this woman's example of strength: even during her recovery, I have had to take a much deeper look at the depth of how The Strength of a Woman is made available to the rest of us breathing God's air. This woman, Mama Frankie, Aunt Frankie to some, Sister Hooper to others Granny to her grand babies and great grand babies, is part of a long line of women who God blessed, to give birth



to this Nation and the rest of the world we live in. Women are the WOMB-OF-MANKIND therefore we must show REVERENCE to the womb that BORE us. I have often said that men need to learn how to love like a MOTHER. IF indeed for some of us and WHEN indeed for others of us we accomplish this expertise, then we will gain an understanding of STRENGTH in a very strong and compassionate way. The Life of Jesus taught by Christian Theologist is a example of QUNITESSENCE

OF THE STRENGTH OF A WOMAN. My mother like many mothers and women in general around the globe have been HUMAN SACRIFICES in an attempt to spare the lives of somebody else sin. Many of our women have been sold out for the silver and gold. Our women have also been CRUCIFIED and they still asked God to forgive us for our callousness and IGNORANCE. (This writer's meaning for IGNORANCE in this context means IGNORING THE TRUTH!) So during this MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION SPIRIT I'm asking all the seeds that have passed through GOD'S RITE OF PASSAGE "THE WOMB OF A WOMAN" to reflect that THE GRACE, COMPASSION, PASSION AND PATIENCE OF ALL WOMEN are ATTRIBUTES OF A FEW WAYS THAT WE ALL EXPERIENCE "THE STRENGTH

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THINK ABOUT IT!

Lubbock Do Not Need This Kind Of Action!

By
Eddie P. Richardson

This is a three part series written by George E Curry, a former editor of Emerge Magazine and the National Newspaper Publishers Association, is a keynote speaker, moderator, and media coach. This is Eddie P Richardson's space. For the next three weeks it will be donated to Right-Wing Republicans Masquerade AS Tea Baggers.

Despite efforts to depict the so called protesters as part of an independent political movement, new polling data reveal that approximately three-quarters of them are Republicans New Orleans toward the GOP and 77% of them voted for John McCain in 2008.

Those are the findings of a poll conducted by Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.

"The tea party movement is mostly made up of people who consider themselves Republicans," Pete A Brown, assistant director of the university's Polling Institute, said in a statement.

"They are less educated but more interested in politics than the average Joe and Jane Six-Pack and are not in a traditional swing vote pattern." While only 33 percent of voters have a favorable opinion of Sarah Palin 72 percent of tea party members are impressed by McCain's former running mate. Eighty-eight percent of those polled said if their congressional electoral were held today they would vote for the Republican candidate. According to the poll, 88 percent of the tea baggers are White.

Because GOP leaders and tea bag protesters are joined at the hip. Republicans can't credibly distance themselves from what New York Times columnist Frank Rich called a "tsunami of anger" and venom spewed by the right-wingers. It was during a recent led protest led on Capitol Hill that African Americans congressmen were called the n...word and one, Emanuel Cleaver, II of Kansas City, Mo. was spit on by a protester. GOP leaders issued perfunctory disclaimers intended to give the impression that they frown on such behavior. However, Republican national chairman Michael couldn't bring himself to call the actions what they were -- racist and homophobic.

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Lubbock Public Libraries Participate in Texas Library Snapshot Day

The Lubbock Public Libraries are joining libraries across the state in participating in "Texas Library Snapshot Day" on May 6, 2010 to show how important academic, public, school, and special libraries are to the state of Texas.

On May 6, the Lubbock Public Libraries will compile statistics, customer comments, photographs, and other data chronicling a typical library day. The results collected at the Lubbock Public Libraries will be added to those of other libraries

across Texas to show how libraries provide invaluable services to Texans.

Jane Clausen, Director of the Lubbock Public Libraries said, "Library Snapshot Day is a wonderful way to showcase how important the library is in the community, showcasing the diverse citizens that we serve, and the great return on investment libraries represent."

"Texas Library Snapshot Day" is a project of the Texas Library Association and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Left-To-Right Book Discussion Group

The Left-To-Right Discussion Group will meet at the Patterson Branch Library Saturday May 22, 2010 at 2:00pm.

The group will discuss "The Last Woman Standing" by Tia McCoilors

Copies are available for checkout at the library.

New members always welcome!

Thank God For Jesus

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appear righteous unto men, but within you are full of Hypocrisy and Iniquity.

Lord, someone is knocking on our door and ringing your BELL.

Will you let them into HEAVEN; OR TELL'EM TO GO TO HELL???

Look! There's a CHURCH MEMBER out there; IN HIS FANCY FIND CLOTHES.

HE SAID, he's paid his TITHES; AND WANT TO SAVE HIS SOUL!!!

Luke 11:42 -- Jesus said, Woe (Cursed) unto you, Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pall over judgment and love of God, these ought you to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Lord, someone's Knocking on your door and ringing your BELL.

Will you let them into HEAVEN; OR TELL'EM TO GO TO HELL???

LOOK! There is a CHOIR MEMBER out there; in his CHOIR ROBE.

HE SING ZION SONGS ON SUNDAY; BUT SATURDAY NIGHTS; HIS ROCK AND ROLL!!!

Luke 14:34-35 -- Jesus said, Salt is good; but if the salt have lost his Saviour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Alpha Phi Alpha To Boycott Arizona; Moving Annual Convention To Las Vegas



Herman "Skip" Mason, Jr. (national) general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the oldest integrated and historically black Greek-lettered organization in the world, today announced that it's moving its 104th Anniversary Convention from Phoenix, Arizona.

"Late Thursday, April 29, our national Board of Directors voted unanimously to rescind the location of Phoenix, Arizona as our meeting location of the 104th Anniversary/90th General Convention in July, and to denounce the egregious immigration act signed recently by the governor of Arizona," said Herman "Skip" Mason, Jr., the fraternity's national general president.

"It was the full opinion of the

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JOHNNIE JAMES FROM DALLAS TEXAS, ASSIST DIRECTOR OF THE WMU OF THE BGC. WE APE ASKING ALL LADIES TO WEAR WHITE AND A CONTRIBUTION OF \$10.00.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK: "So rid yr. self of all wickedness, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, desire the unadulterated spiritual milk so that you may grow by it in salvation."

1 Peter 2:1

Black Group: 'Obama Not Interested in Enforcing Immigration Laws'

LOS ANGELES, May 3 /Christian Newswire/ -- BOND Action, a cultural action organization, which exists to educate, motivate and rally Americans to greater involvement in the moral, cultural and political issues that threaten this country, has come out in full support of Arizona's immigration law, SB1070.

President Barack Obama has criticized the bill. Left-wing black activists Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson have compared the state to "Nazi Germany" and the law as equivalent to a form of "terrorism."

"President Obama and his race-hustling friends oppose SB1070 because they want amnesty for the more than 12-million illegal aliens in the U.S. which would create another Democratic Party voting-bloc and help them attain their goal of permanent power," said BOND Action Founder and President, Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson. "This Arizona law is a direct result of the Obama administration's failure to enforce existing federal immigration laws. Those injecting race into the debate are left-

wing-ideologues motivated by a political agenda."

The Arizona law mirrors federal law, which requires non-citizens to register and carry their identification with them and says that violating federal immigration law is now a state crime as well. It allows police to only ask about immigration status in the normal course of lawful contact with a person, such as a traffic stop or if they have committed a crime. According to federal government estimates Arizona has had one of the fastest growing illegal immigration populations in the country increasing from 330,000 in 2000 to 560,000 by 2008.

"Sharpton, Jackson and Obama administration officials are misleading the public about this law in hopes of preventing other states from following Arizona's lead. Seventy-percent of Arizona's citizens support the law. It's not designed to racially profile or discriminate. I commend the lawmakers and citizens for taking the necessary course of action on this issue," Rev. Peterson said.

board that we could not host a meeting in a state that has sanctioned a law which we believe will lead to racial profiling and discrimination, and a law that could put the civil rights and the very dignity of our members at risk during their stay in Phoenix Arizona."

The event, which was scheduled to take place from July 21 to 25, will be moved to Las Vegas, Nevada. The convention, and the fraternity's special Summit on the African-American Male, was expected to draw up to 10,000 visitors to Arizona adding hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue to the Phoenix economy.

The fraternity, formed in 1906, at the Ivy-League Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., is considered one of the most influential groups in the United States. It includes among its membership: civil rights leader and former U.S. Ambassador to the UN Andrew Young; McDonald's Presi-

dent and COO Don Thompson; National Urban League President and former mayor of New Orleans Marc H. Morial; CNN Political Analyst Roland Martin; White House Deputy Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Michael Blake; and several high-ranking members of the U.S. House and Senate.

It is also the fraternity of the late Martin Luther King Jr. and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. President Ronald Reagan named several members to key posts during his presidency as did former Presidents George Bush, Bill Clinton and President Barack Obama.

"Our late Alpha brother the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, in a letter he wrote while sitting in the Birmingham Jail, 'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' Alpha Phi Alpha's decision to boycott Arizona continues that same fight, fought during the Civil Rights era."

In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

anything can tell you that cut the Medicare cost

There are mixed messages being sent to the public each day about the economy. Some days, things are looking up and prosperity is ahead. Other days, the message is that things are not as bad as they are going to be. It appears that things are bad enough, but for some of us, it is much worse than for others. Our very own situations must be analyzed to get a general idea of how things are, with us and the world.

Some of us are indeed lucky to still have a job and regular income. Some of us are lucky that we have retired and have a fixed but steady income. We may be underpaid and overworked, but still able to survive from day to day, month to month. While there are many of us who by no means can miss a payday and survive another month, there are those who are still trying to make sure that they are able to 'get over' on us through swindle and other means or deceit. It is by the grace of God that we can continue to strive in an uncertain market and atmosphere of futility.

Futility does not have to mark the way in which we live, regardless of the economy. As long as there is a piece of ground which we can put a seed into, we should not be hungry. If we strive to help our fellowman, we should not be without shelter. Love begets love. Somehow, the message is not finding its way to our younger generations. Many of them feel that the right way to do anything takes too long and they are constantly looking for a shortcut to success. This is the real reason why we are in the state of being in which we find ourselves, surviving without all that we deserve.



Those groups and individuals, who would rob the world, scheming and stealing from these of us who trust them, are the reason for our eroded economy. The 'get rich quick' schemes by money magicians on Wall Street and in the various big banks of America are responsible for what we endure now. Big Business and 'no money' are our pitfalls. We do not need to think small, but get 'in cinque' and think and act honestly.

One of the best ways to think and act honestly is for all unemployed young people and older people who are not eligible for Medicare, is to learn a saleable skill. There are plenty of jobs that do no call for a college degree, but for some skill that can be learned in a school which teaches that skill. Many junior colleges teach skills such as welding, auto mechanics, nursing skills, office practices, beauty techniques, barbering and other areas to help one to become employed or an entrepreneur, rather than to become a schemer for 'beating the system.' Everyone suffers when the greedy rob the needy, as we all must help where help is needed.

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Malcolm X Assassin Freed, 45 Years After Civil Rights Leader's Death

NEW YORK — The only man ever to admit involvement in the assassination of Malcolm X was freed on parole Tuesday, 45 years after he helped gun down the civil rights leader.

Thomas Hagan was the last man still serving time in the 1965 killing, part of the slaying of violence that wound through the cultural and political upheaval of the 1960s. He was freed from a Manhattan prison where he spent two days a week under a work-release program.

Hagan, 69, has repeatedly expressed sorrow for being one of the gunmen who fired on Malcolm X, killing one of the civil rights era's most polarizing and compelling figures. One of the groups dedicated to Malcolm X's memory condemned Hagan's parole.

Hagan declined to comment after his release.

"I really haven't had any time to gather my thoughts on anything," he told The Associated Press by telephone.

Hagan acknowledged that he was one of three men who shot Malcolm X in front of a crowd of hundreds — including several of his young children — as the civil rights leader began a speech at Harlem's Audubon Ballroom on Feb. 21, 1965. Two other accomplices created a distraction in the audience, Hagan has said.

But he said the two men convicted with him were not involved. They, too, maintained their innocence and were paroled in the 1980s. No one else has ever been charged, a

fact that has perpetuated debate and theories surrounding the slaying.

The Manhattan District Attorney's office, which prosecuted Hagan and his co-defendants, declined to comment on Hagan's release or his account of the killing.

Hagan tried 17 times before being approved last month for parole. He had been sentenced to up to life in prison for what he described in a 2008 court filing as the deed of a young man who "acted out of rage on impulse and loyalty" to religious leaders.

The assassins gunned down Malcolm X out of anger at his split with the leadership of the Nation of Islam, the black Muslim movement for which he had once served as a prominent spokesman, said Hagan, then known as Talmadge X Hayer. Malcolm X had spoken out against its leader, Elijah Muhammad, in comments that some of Muhammad's followers denounced as slander.

At the time, "I thought I was fighting for truth and right," Hagan said in a 1977 sworn statement that aimed, unsuccessfully, to get his co-defendants' convictions overturned.

Over the years since the assassination, "I've had a lot of time, a heck of a lot of time, to think about it," Hagan told a parole board last month, according to a transcript of the interview.

"I understand a lot better the dynamics of movements and what can happen inside movements, and conflicts that can come up, but I have deep regrets about my participation in that," said Hagan, adding that he had earned a master's degree in sociology since his conviction. He said he was still a Muslim but no longer a Nation of Islam member.

The Malcolm X & Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center, an organization founded by the civil rights leader's late widow, hasn't taken a position on Hagan's parole, board chairman Zeid Ramadan said.

"We just don't think it's ours to decide the fate of this man. We allowed the laws of this nation to develop that," Ramadan said.

Members of the Shabazz family didn't immediately respond to a request for comment made through the center.

Another group, the Malcolm

X Commemoration Committee, decried Hagan's parole at a press conference earlier this month, saying the crime was too serious to allow for his release.

"(Malcolm X) was and still is an enormous international figure and revolutionary hero," spokesman Zayid Muhammad said in a release. The committee holds essay contests and other events in his memory.

Malcolm X rose to fame as an uncompromising voice for black empowerment who urged African-Americans to claim civil rights "by any means necessary" and called white people "blue-eyed devils." But after breaking with the Nation of Islam in 1964 and making an Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, he began renouncing racial separatism.

After he was killed at 39, a

New York Times editorial called him a "twisted man." Time magazine described him as a demagogue whose "gospel was hatred." But his stature grew after his death with sales of "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," written with Alex Haley, and later with Spike Lee's 1992 film

"Malcolm X," said Manning Marable, the director of Columbia University's Center for Contemporary Black History and the author of a forthcoming biography of Malcolm X.

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Other officials participating in graduation ceremonies include Secretary Robert Gates, Department of Defense (More-

house College), Secretary Arne Duncan, Department of Education (Xavier University), Administrator Charles Bolden, NASA (Huston-Tillotson University), Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President (Morgan State University), Melody Barnes, Director, White House Domestic Policy Council (Virginia Union University), and Ambassador Susan Rice, United Nations (Spellman College). In addition, John Wilson, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, is scheduled to speak to Wilberforce University, Wiley College, and Harris-Stowe State University.

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Movie Review: Death At A Funeral

Death at a Funeral sounds like a classic case of a production that probably sounded like a "can't miss" when its assorted elements were being pitched to studio execs. First of all, it's a remake of a recent British hit which quintupled its \$9 million budget at the box office.

The fact that the original was just released in 2007 wouldn't be a problem, theoretically, because they'd be going after a different demographic, as this version would feature a predominantly African-American cast. Furthermore, not just any black actors would be asked to execute this dark comedy, but a trio of A-list comedians in Chris Rock, Tracy Morgan and Martin Lawrence, plus a bevy of accomplished thespians like Keith David, Zoe Saldana, Danny Glover and Loretta Devine.

And the icing on the cake that got it greenlighted involved attaching art house crowd darling Neil LaBute to the project, the director of such critically-acclaimed indies as In the Company of Men and Your Friends & Neighbors. Unfortunately, while all of the above must've looked great on the drawing board, this blackface variation on the theme adds up to far less than the sum of its parts.

Here's why. Rather than overhaul the screenplay to appeal to an African-American sense of humor, LaBute opted to recycle one designed to tickle British fancies. Consequently, Messrs.



Rock, Morgan and Lawrence seem almost shackled sticking to a script which allowed them little room to improvise or to horse around in their trademark styles.

Instead, what's served up here is a farce reminiscent of an extended episode of Benny Hill, Mr. Bean, Fawlty Towers or one of those other slapstick BBC-TV sitcoms. I know what you're thinking: that's pretty good company. Yeah, until you get a load of a bunch of black folks attempting to behave in identical fashion.

Anyhow, Death at a Funeral revolves around a very eventful day in the lives of an extended family gathering to mourn the passing of a beloved patriarch. Edward (Frank Minor) is survived by his wife, Cynthia (Devine), siblings, Russell (Danny Glover) and Duncan (Ron Glass), and their assorted

offspring.

The picture's everything but the kitchen sink plotline wastes little time to thicken, beginning with the arrival of a gay dwarf (Peter Dinklage) who demands a share of the inheritance as the deceased's ex-lover. Since the grieving widow had no idea her hubby was on the down-low, her protective sons (Rock and Martin) agree to try to hide the evidence from their mom. This, of course, proves easier said than done.

Then there's niece Elaine's (Saldana) jittery boyfriend Oscar (James Marsden) who's accidentally slipped several tabs of LSD from a vial marked "Valium," a running joke which is repeated with a couple of other guests. Eventually, Oscar pulls a Full Monty on the roof in front of all the open-mouthed mourners. Later, Uncle Russell pulls the

same prank on the same roof under the influence of the same hallucinogen. A scene so hilarious you just had to shoot it twice, I guess. Everything comes to a head when you'll never guess who (actually, yes you will) dies unexpectedly and is hidden in the coffin in the 69 position with his late lover's corpse.

For me, the basic test of a comedy is how often it made me laugh out loud. This one? Not at all, not even the sight of Tracy Morgan with feces smeared all over his face. I suppose the best that can be said about this movie is that none of these terribly foulmouthed characters ever resorts to the N-word, although that's ostensibly only because they had to recite their lines verbatim.

What will creatively-bankrupt Hollywood think of next? How about a remake of Slumdog Millionaire, only set in an L.A. barrio with an all-Chicano cast? I shouldn't give them any ideas.

William Lawrence Bolden Retires From U. S. Air Force

William Lawrence Bolden, son of Ida Austin of Lubbock, graduated from Estacado High School, retired as Master Sergeant from the U. S. Air Force as of March 1, 2010.

He served in various locations within the United States, Korea and England.

He worked in the inventory management career field, and his last assignment was Superintendent 01 Aircraft Parts Store, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.

He has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, Outstanding Unit Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War On



William Lawrence Bolden

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Schedule of Activities for Dunbar All-Class Reunion July 8 - 11, 2010

The Schedule of Activities for the Dunbar All-Class Reunion is being made possible by the Southwest Digest. This Reunion will be held July 8 - 11, 2010. Deadline for the class reunion fees is June 19, 2010.

For more information call Ms. Bennie Sims at (806) 763-8370.

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Thursday, July 8, 2010
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Registration @ Dunbar Middle School (see ad for sale)
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Late registration @ Four Seasons Party House
9:00 pm 4815 Interstate 27 (806) 799-5374
Reception @ Four Seasons Party House (Sponsored by the Class of '227)

Friday, July 9, 2010
7:00 am Golf
9:00 am - 12 noon Late registration @ Dunbar Middle School
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Jam Session/Talent Show @ Dunbar Middle School
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4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Bar-B-Q @ Lubbock Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Drive (Additional cost for child plate, pay at registration)

9:00 pm - 1:00 am Dance & Casino Night Critton Club Theater/Civic Center
• Soul Train Line with prizes
• 40s or 50s attire or casual dress
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Saturday, July 10, 2010
7:00 am Golf
9:00 am - 12 noon Free time to visit with Jassmates and friends
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7:00 pm - 1:00 am Banquet/Dance (semi formal, coat & tie), Lubbock Civic Center (Power will start promptly at 7:30 pm and ending at 6:30 am)

- Hall of Fame/Dedicated to Coach Ernest Mallory
- Dance Contest sponsored by the Class of '63 with prizes
- Soul Train Line with prizes

(Please, no children. Thank you!)

Sunday, July 11, 2010
8:30 am - 10:45 am Farewell breakfast @ Lubbock Civic Center
Memorial Service (Additional cost for child plate, please call @ registration)

11:00 am Attend the church of your choice

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Former Digest Reporter Conger Interviews Sugar Shane Mosley

Saturday evening, May 1, 2010, Sugar Shane Mosley took on Floyd "Money" Mayweather in a bout in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was the first real test for "Money" Mayweather since coming out of retirement after vacating his title to Manny Pacquiao.

Elton Conger, a former Southwest Digest reporter, had an opportunity to interview Sugar Shane at KCOH radio station in Houston, Texas. Sugar Shane was in Houston promoting the Golden Boy Productions.

Sugar Shane assured Conger he would have no problem with the 40-0 undefeated Mayweather. In fact, he assured Conger that there would be a knock an early knock-out.

Mosley grew up like many kids on the streets of Lubbock. He (Mosley) went on to talk about how it was to go from rags to riches from the streets of California to being a millionaire.

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Chicote comments: The sad fact is that if these two Republicans candidates become Lubbock's representatives in Austin, Lubbock will just NOT have clout in Austin it will have NEGATIVE clout.

What I mean is that these extremist radical right-wingers will cause revulsion in both Republicans and Democratic representatives from around the state. Racism is not popular among most Republicans and Democrats who hold office in Texas.

Neither is extremist wingnut talk and thought. That will make our representatives pariahs in Austin. With redistricting, what can people elsewhere do to protect themselves from these maniacs? Well, take redistricting. You can split up Lubbock three, four, five ways to dilute the strength of the city.

After all, that's what Tom Delay did to Austin in 2003. But there's another solution. We can refuse to send one nutcase far-right loonie and one violent, vicious racist to Austin. We can elect Carol Morgan instead of Frullo, and we can elect a write-in candidate against the cheerleader of virtual genocide, Charles Perry.

Another writer suggest that maybe Mr. "babykiller" Neugebauer's home town can be split up five ways into five different congressional district



Elton Conger & Sugar Shane Mosley

several times over.

Though under educated in school, but overly educated on the streets, Mosley went on to talk about how it was to be hungry and walking -- so being able to drive anything he wanted, and eating anything he wanted, whenever he wanted.

Thanks to Eddie Richardson and T. J. Patterson for giving me, Conger, the launching pad to both writing and broadcasting. "I have had no problems to adapting one from the other, thanks to those two West Texas giants, Patterson and Richardson," said Conger.

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