



# GOD BLESS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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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 Merket Alumni Center.
- \* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.
- \* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.
- \* Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library, every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- \* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Parkway Neighborhood Center.
- \* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.
- \* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

## Local Pastors & Educators Working With Dr. Tony Evans Ministeries



Pictured above are local Pastors and educators working with the Dr. Tony Evans Ministeries. They are from left to right: Mr. Rich Baker, Supt. W. David Haynes, Rev. Charles Hankson, Mr. George Love, Jr., Mr. Paul Fraizer, Supt. W. Watson, Jr., Mr. Toisie Bass, Rev. Daryl Collins, and Bishop W. H. Watson.

A coalition of men from different organizations in Lubbock, which included ministers from various religious organizations teamed with LISD and the 100 Black Men of West Texas chapter, which traveled to Dallas to meet with Dr. Tony Evans and his staff to discuss "The Na-

tional Church Adopt-A-School Initiative". This initiative is designed to train men to become mentors in the schools and in the community; it is also designed to encourage churches to take part in mentoring our youth "Rebuilding Communities from the Inside Out"

Dr. Tony Evens pastor's Oak cliff Baptist Church in the Dallas area, currently this program is being used in Duncanville High School and training has been completed in over 30 states and 5 countries. The mentoring program is set up help both males and females.

## SPC to host Black History Month Banquet Thursday

LEVELLAND - South Plains College's Multicultural/Diversity Office and Black Student Organization will host the African American Banquet - Holding on To The Dream at 6:30 p.m. Thursday (February 25) in the Sundown Room. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The program starts at 7 p.m. The Spirit of MLK award recipients, Willie Jones and Darrell Grimes, will be honored

during the event. Jones is a Levelland businessman and owner of the Monarch Marble & Granite. He also serves as the president of the Juneteenth Committee. Grimes is the vice president of Academic Affairs at SPC. The evening will feature poetry reading, monologues and music. Historian and storyteller Eric Emerson Strong will deliver the keynote address. "This annual celebration is a way to remember the legacy of

Dr. King as well as an opportunity to recognize the contributions of people in the community who exemplify the spirit of MLK," said Maria Lopez-Strong, Diversity Coordinator for SPC.

For more information, call Helen Daniels, BSO adviser, at 806-897-5244.

**Second Big Town Hall Meeting Set For Sunday, February 28, 2010 7:00 P. M. The Bridge, 1301 Redbud Avenue!**



Roslyn M. Brock

## BROCK YOUNGEST EVER, FOURTH WOMAN TO SERVE AS NAACP BOARD CHAIR

NEW YORK, NY - The NAACP named Roslyn M. Brock as Chair of the Board of Directors at its Annual Board Meeting on February 20 at the New York Hilton. Brock, 44, became the youngest ever and fourth woman to serve as Chair of the NAACP's Board of Directors. A highly qualified candidate, her NAACP resumé boasts more than 25 years of service to the NAACP in many capacities, including as a youth board member, Youth and College State Conference President, board member, and Vice Chair to the Board of Directors. Brock also created the annual NAACP Leadership 500 Summit, and has served as Chair of the Board Convention Planning Committee.

"The time has come for me to step down as Chairman of the Board and I cannot think of a better person to pass the torch to than Roslyn M. Brock. Ms. Brock understands first-hand how important youth are to the success of the NAACP. She was introduced to the NAACP 25 years ago when she served the NAACP as a youth board member and Youth and College Division State Conference President. She represents the next generation of civil rights leaders," said NAACP Chairman Emeritus Julian Bond.

"As the NAACP ushers in a new generation, it is a great honor to be elected Chairman of the Board of this esteemed Association," said NAACP Chairman Roslyn M. Brock. "We are blessed with the opportunity to lead the fight for civil and human rights into another century, and I am honored to help the NAACP issue the clarion call while ensuring the future legacy of this great organization."

"I am proud to be standing with Roslyn M. Brock as the new Chairman of the NAACP Board, and I thank Julian Bond for his twelve years of service," stated NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous. "Today we have elected the youngest Chairman in the history of the NAACP. This historic election, at the beginning of our second century marks a generational shift in the civil and human rights movement. Ms. Brock is fierce advocate for social justice, who is squarely focused on addressing the crises of today and winning the victories of tomorrow."

"We're looking at a generational shift in our communities," continued Brock. "We have a 48 year old President in the White House, an NAACP President who was 35 at the time of his election, and a 44 year old Board Chair. The wisdom of those who stood the test of time got us to this point, and the youth will lead the future success of our movement."

In addition to her service with the NAACP, Brock serves as Vice President at Bon Secours Health Care in Marriottsville, MD. She is the chief spokesperson for Bon Secours on government relations, advocacy and public policy. Prior to working at Bon Secours, Brock worked 10 years in health programs at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan.

She officially announced her candidacy last August after her predecessor Julian Bond declared his retirement from the Chairman position. Bond endorsed Brock's candidacy, citing her experience in many facets of the Association as well as her youth as assets she will bring to the Chair position.

She graduated magna cum laude from Virginia Union University; earned a master's degree

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## Meet The Alderson Lady Hornets 8th Grade



Here the members of the Alderson Lady Hornets 8th Grade: From left to right: Ambrasia Brantley, Semaja Johnson, Jhantasia Aey, Jhantana Turner, Hope Mancada, Raven Thurman, Kiara Stevens, Keirra Tubbs, Kyanna Walton, and Vanessa Johnson.

The Alderson Middle School Lady Hornets 8th grade basketball team had another stellar year with an undefeated regular season for the second year in row. This year, the Hornets had another undefeated regular season, but lost the 8th Grade Girls basketball City Championship in

a heart breaking 7 point loss. These girls are not perfect, but when they came out on the court, they leave it all there.

Despite not having a lot of fan support, these girls continue to dominate and play ball. However, Alderson is proud to say they have a core group of par-

ents who have attended every game for the past two years, and together Alderson has motivated various people in the community to come out and support the Hornets.

The Hornets have very generous support from Alderson's

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## First Woman Licensed To Practice Law Succumbs



Charlye Farris

Wichita Falls, Texas - A woman who made history in Wichita Falls, in Texas and across the South died Thursday, February 18, 2010.

She was Charlye Farris who graduated from Brooker T

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## Estacado Matadors' Teens of the Month



Lashonda Ray Senior



Ty Mitchell Senior



Kevin Wagner Junior



J. Cuellar Junior

Congratulations To These Teens Of The Month At Estacado High School! Keep Working!

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The 21st Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon is just weeks away. This year's luncheon will take place on Friday, March 5 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. As usual, the fundraiser is hosted by area mayors from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The luncheon continues to be the largest fundraiser of the year for Hospice of Lubbock.

Covenant Health System and the Junior League of Lubbock will host the annual Kids in the Kitchen event Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. - noon at the Covenant Kniping Education Conference Center. The event, for children ranging from 2 to 11 years of age, is free and open to the public. The theme for the 2010 Kids in the Kitchen event is "Healthy Kids are Dinomite!"

The Texas Northwest State Women's Convention Musical will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2010, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Agape State Temple Church of God in Christ, 4510 Avenue Q.

Special Guests will include the James Sisters, King Sisters, Legna W. Collins, a special guest from Fort Worth, Texas, Psalmist, and Glenda Shumate. A Musical Drama will be directed by Sister Cecily Alexander, Visions of Light, Agape Temple Sanctuary Choir.

The public is invited to come out and help the Convention attending this Pre-Musical.

Sister Barbara Jackson is State Minister of Music of the Northwest.

Four of Lubbock's finest storytellers will appear in a special

program at Barnes & Nobles Booksellers. They are R Rene Coleman, Shawnda King, Margaret Randle, and Eric Strong.

With the theme "Incredible Journey," it will be held Saturday morning, February 27, 2010, at Barnes & Noble at the South Plains Mall, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Come and be inspired!

**Lady Hornets**  
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Teaching Staff! Last but not least, they have the unweaving support of their Assistant Coach, Ms. Jennifer Casas, and the coordinator, Coach Denise Caraway.

They could not have done any of this without all of them. These young ladies face many hardships and challenges in their young lives and against all odds. They have prevailed. We have made history together, and Coach Le'Coya Bagley has been glad to have coached these young ladies for two years! She said, "I am very sad to see them go, but I know that they can only go up from here! I love my girls with all my heart," she continued.

**Farris Succumbs**  
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Washington High School in 1953 and became the first Black woman in Texas to earn a license to practice law.

She had to go to the University of Denver Law School because a Black woman could not gain entrance to Texas schools at that time.

She came back to Wichita Falls and became the first woman to practice law in Wichita County.

Funeral services were held for her Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Robert Castle, Jr., pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, as eulogist.

**NAACP Board Chair**  
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in health services administration from George Washington University, an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Theology at Virginia Union University.

"I have enjoyed my time as Chairman of the Board and the people with whom I have worked with over the past decade. I will continue to treasure this as a singular experience and continue to be active in the NAACP as a member of the National Board of Directors," concluded Bond.

"There will never be another Julian Bond, and there will never be another Myrlie Evers-Williams. Those of that stature in the civil rights movement

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**NOW YOU TELL ME LADIES, HOW GREAT**



**IS THAT.**  
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**New Light Baptist Church News**

On Sunday morning, February 21, 2010 church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Church School started at 9:45a.m. with Sis. Alvera Johnson teaching the lesson entitled "Mountain Experience" with the printed scripture text coming from Matthew 17:1-12, or the adults. Sister Angela Mosley and Sister Rochelette Hood taught the lesson for the youth. Breakfast was served for those in attendance afterward.

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

Rev. Jackson led the pulpit devotion. The Senior Choir marched in the choir stand singing "Bye & Bye". The responsive reading was read by Rev. Jackson, and it came from

Psalm 95:1-11. The altar call prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "Come Unto Jesus."

Sis. Rochelette Hood read all the morning announcements and told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. All birthdays were also acknowledged.

There was **A MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY** presented by **THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT** and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sung "I Shall Not" and "Trust In The Lord" and "Guide Me O; Thou Great Jehovah" was sung before the sermon.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon titled: "Are You Willing To Go All The Way?" with the scripture text coming from Isaiah 5:11-16; 6:7 & 8. "I'll Go, I'll Go" was sung after the ser-

mon. by Sis. Angela Mosley.

There was the invitation to discipleship and a couple of people went up for prayer

There was a Mission program held here at the church at 3:30p.m. and the theme was "Women Of The Bible." We had three guest speakers and each one did a fantastic job. The spirit was in the house and those in attendance had a good time.

Pray for all those overseas and those who are having a difficult times in this society. Pray that God will continue to bless and direct his childrens in the right direction.

**SCRIPTURE FOR WEEK:**  
"The one who trusts himself is a fool but one who walks in wisdom will be safe." **Proverbs 28:26**

May God continue to bless each of you!

**The Concerned Citizens Assistance Information**

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borhood House at (806) 741-0459 to see if you qualify for assistance.

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Nothing beats a failure, but a try. **CHECK INTO THIS.**

D. Pierce, President of The Concerned Citizens.

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**OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDS US TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT!**

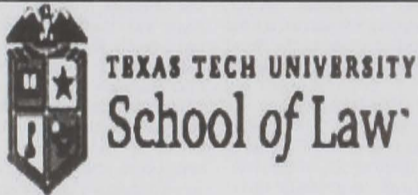
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have made untold contributions, sacrificed and invested in us, and it is up to us to take it the rest of the way," concluded Brock. "We need to lead and leave it better than we found it... that's the huge challenge."

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# Church News



## From the Desk of Parson D.A. Smith "Justice Clarence Thomas"

One of my Anglo-American attorney friends is very fond of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. She reminded me in a conversation that African-Americans should not be negative about Justice Thomas because he stands out as a great American and for justice for all Americans. My response was "we as humans have our own opinion and as African Americans we may perceive life differently as justice relates to African-Americans."

However, to my chagrin (relating to the non-action of Justice Thomas) I was totally surprised at a news story caption: "Clarence Thomas To Other Supreme Court Justices: Be Quiet".

Jay Reeve wrote: Clarence Thomas, the justice long known as the silent member of the Supreme Court, criticized his colleagues Friday (October 23, 2009) for badgering attorneys rather than letting them speak during oral arguments. Thomas - who hasn't asked a lawyer a question during arguments in nearly four years - said he and the other eight justices virtually

always know where they stand on a case by reading legal briefs before oral arguments.

"So why do you beat up on people if you already know? I don't know, because I don't beat up on 'em. I refuse to participate. I don't like it, so I don't do it," Thomas said during an appearance before law students at the University of Alabama.

Thomas didn't name names, but fellow conservative Justice Antonin Scalia is generally considered the court's most aggressive questioner during oral arguments. President Barack Obama's lone nominee so far, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, isn't afraid to ask questions either. Thomas scoffed at the idea that the justices try to use questions to influence the opinions of fellow member of the court. "All nine of us are in the same building," he said. "If we want to sway each other we know where we are. We don't need oral arguments to do that. It doesn't make any sense to me."

Reeves noted that Thomas compared Senate confirmation to selecting the referees for a college football game in hopes

of getting favorable calls for one team or the other. "That's all based on a particular outcome you want. That is the antithesis of judging. You're corrupting your process. I think the conformation process is both unnecessary, it's uniformed with respect to what the court actually does and it's very dangerous."

Thomas also noted "the court is too dominated by Ivy League lawyers and lacks regional diversity. People constantly worry about racial, gender and ethnic diversity and home states matter, too."

I am happy to know that parts of Justice Thomas are likened to brass. When he apply his thoughts to action (and quit acting like he is afraid of white males) black women may respect him and he just might become another Thurgood Marshall.

**Big Second  
Town Hall Meeting  
Set For Sunday,  
February 28, 2010  
7:00 p. m.  
The Bridge!**



## We Thank God for Jesus "Black History - The Morrisons" Part 2

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

**Psalm 18:1-2** - I WILL love you, O LORD, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and MY fortress, and MY deliverer. MY God. MY strength, in whom I will trust, MY buckler, and the horn of MY salvation, and MY high tower.

(The Lord Blessed Rev. Bill & Mama Susie Morrison with 7 Children: Dessie Mae, Clenton, Corine, Billy II, Mason, Henry, Wheatherford, and Purinia Mae. They took 350 acres of the worse timber land, two old black mules and their Backs and went to work).

The Lord Blessed them to cut and burn the trees down. Planted Cotton, Wheat, Hay, Potatoes, Fruit Trees, and other things from the GROUND.

**Philippians 4:13** - I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

\*\*\*\* GOD IS ABLE!!! \*\*\*\*  
(You see today's Generation is ALWAYS asking the White Man for something: **MR. WHITE MAN GIVES ME THIS AND GIVES ME THAT. GOD GAVE EVERYBODY A MIND AND A BACK**

**USING IT; IS WHERE THE BLESSINGS AT. PAPA BILL AND MAMA SUSIE DIDN'T WAIT AROUND FOR THE WHITE MAN'S 40 ACRES AND A MULE.** They only wanted a piece of **THE AMERICA DREAM-- A PIECE OF AMERICA'S PIE!!! SAYING, LORD OPEN THAT DOOR; AND WE'LL GET IT OURSELVES).**

The Lord Blessed that land with Cows, Hogs, Chicken, Horses, Mules, and a Turkey,

**THEY KEPT HIS WORD; SAYING, I M THE ONE WHO WILL PLEASE!!!**

**Psalm 37:4-5** - Delight yourself in the Lord; and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way unto the Lord; Trust in Him; and he will bring it to pass.

Rev. Morrison would say: people say: I was a very hard man.

But I thank God; no Robbers, Thieves, Jailbirds, nor shedding Blood of another man!!!

**Proverb 23:13-14** -- Withhold not correction from the child; for if you beat him with the rod, he

shall not die. You shall beat him with, and shall deliver his soul from hell.

The Lord Blessed in 1922, Papa's Bank account, was **\$295.87; BIG MONEY IN THAT DAY.**

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**Psalm 34:1-2** -- I WILL bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

Even In the 1930's, The Lord Blessed them to bring to the Gin: **A BAILA DAY.**

They kept the **FAITH; AND THE GLORY IN THE LORD; DIDN'T GO AWAY!!!**

( In Papa's own writing he said, in 1928, the land brought in 28 bales that year.)

**\*\*\* TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!\*\*\***

**Psalm 23:5**, you have prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: you anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely good-

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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services got underway at 10:00 a. m. last Sunday morning, February 21, 2010, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud past or 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 "Mountaintop Experiences." The scripture text was Matthew 17:1-12. The Unifying Topic was "Witnessed By Disciples."

The teacher of the morning

lesson was Sister Annie Onasanya. The review was given by Pastor Canady. What a wonderful lesson it was.

The main thought of our Sunday School lesson was:

*"And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light."* **Matthew 17:2.**

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The morning worship hour begun at 11:00 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 "Loose Him, And Let Him Go." His scripture text was John 11:40-44.

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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 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 Sat Saturday mornings.

Brotherhood meets at 12:00 Noon on Saturdays.

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The morning announcements were read last Sunday morning by First Lady Sister Shirley Canady.

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Let us remember February is Black History Month. Sister Ethel Williams read the Biography of Satchel Paige.

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The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir's Annual will be held Sunday afternoon, March

6, 2010, beginning at 3:30 p. m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

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

Let us continue to pray for the families tomorrow, it could be one of us.

**"A Prayer"**

*Lord, teach us to be humble. May our desire be that you be known, honored, loved, and exalted in every thought and action above ourselves. AMEN"*

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**Thought For The Week:**  
*"The great Christian is one who*

*is small enough to let God be great in his life."*

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If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and visit with us at the St. Matthew Baptist Church. Come and take part of our worship services. We know, you will be glad you did so.

Remember, the doors are always open for you at St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

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

God Bless each of You!

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### Strength Today, Hope For Tomorrow

Article written by Gerald some years ago.

Question:

I have read some Christian who say that playing the lottery is a sin. Is that true???

Answer:

Playing the lottery would fall under the category of gambling. Gambling is defined as a game of chance for money or to take a risk in order to gain some advantage. The lottery is designed to offer the fortune of a lifetime in exchange for a small amount of money it advertises the potential for riches if you are willing to give your hard earned money for it. The temptation is to give more money in order that you will increase your chances to win. There are several problems that playing the lottery poses.

Firstly, the lottery is usually supported by those who can least afford it. The data is well documented that the poorest of our people are the ones who play the lottery beyond their ability. Again, the temptation to acquire riches with little.

Investment -- they get rich quick scheme. The poorest people of our communities have the least disposable income and consequently playing the lottery will affect what funds they have to support their families. If money is spent on playing the lottery could be used to better care for our families. Then playing the lottery becomes poor stewardship. Consider the parable of the steward in Luke 12:41-48.

Jesus expects us to be good

stewards of the things he entrusts us with, also in I Corinthians 4:1-2. We learn that it is required of a steward to be faithful.

Secondly, winning the battle would give us the financial resources that would take care of us for the rest of our lives. We would have no need to pray for daily bread; as we are instructed to pray in Matthew 6:18. It has

been my experience that God always gives us what we need. He chooses not to afflict us with excessive resources.

Recall the times when the children of Israel were in the wilderness and the needed food God gave them enough for the day's need. If any amount of manna was gathered for future consumption (except for the Sabbath) it was found to be with

worms or it was foul. Exodus 16. If we believe God to be faithful. Then he will take care of all our needs. (Matthew 6:24). Having excess has the potential of causing us to become dependent upon ourselves, and not dependent upon God. We should do what God has given us the ability to do, but with the understanding that it is God who provides our jobs, our abilities to

get jobs and the health with which we are able to perform our jobs.

We have noticed in observing the history of African Americans in this country that the more educated and prosperous we become, the less dependent upon God we become. We suspect it is because we have forgotten who blessed us to succeed. We're not speaking against having riches or having an education.

In fact, we do advocate that riches and education are obtain-

able and are not sinful in themselves. The problem is not possessing riches. The problem arises when riches possess us riches that have been diligently worked for and not gamble for well be a tool in the hand of a faithful steward to be used by God.

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# Obsequies

## Mary Francis Favors

Funeral services were held for Mary Francis Favors, Saturday morning, February 20, 2010 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, officiating.

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

Favors (Mae), 59, of Lubbock passed away Monday, February 15, 2010, at University Medical Center.

She was born to the parentage of George and Gladys Favors on March 9, 1950 in Tahoka, Texas.

She leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Andrea Favors; one special granddaughter, Aniyah; two sisters, Glenda Sires (Curtis) and Wanda Favors (Leroy); three brothers, Odell Favors (Sylvia), Roland Favors (Debra), and Billy Favors; four nieces; eight nephews; and a



host of other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents.

## Dorothy Lee Hillman Foster

Wichita Falls, Texas – Funeral services were held for Dorothy Lee Hillman Foster Saturday afternoon, January 23, 2010, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church with Rev. Doris Smith, pastor, Rev. Bobby Wade officiated.

Interment was held in East

## Walter D. Jackson

Funeral services for Walter Jackson, 55, of Lubbock were held last Saturday afternoon, February 20, 2010 at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Burial followed at Peaceful Gardens in Woodrow under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He passed away on February 17, 2010 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Born and raised in Lubbock, Walter Jackson was the son of Jesse and Annie Jackson. He graduated from Estacado High School and started his ministry at a young age.

He worked for Rojo Distributor for 15 years.

He is survived by his mother,



Annie Stanley; three brothers, Gerald Jackson, Kevin Jackson, and Marcus Jackson; three sisters, Maxine McKinnie, Alberta Jackson, and Erin Kennard.

## Social Security Office Opens New Location

The Lubbock Social Security Office will open at a new location on Monday, March 8, 2010.

The new location is at 5825 16th Street, Lubbock, Texas, provides a full range of Social Security services. The office is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a. m. until 4 p. m., except on federal holidays. The new location is behind Academy Sports and can be reached from West 19th by turning north on Frankford and then west on 16th Street.

"We look forward to providing service to the people of Lubbock and the surrounding area," said Ruth Wilson, district manager.

Wilson reminded the public that many of the services associated with a Social Security Office are available either by telephone or online at the Social Security website, www.socialsecurity.gov. The Social Security toll-free number is 1-800-772-1213.

Carolina, Harriett Edwards of Wichita Falls; sons: Marvin (Dale) Jackson, Lewis (Butch) Edwards of Wichita Falls; step-children: Jimmy Joe Foster of Houston, Texas, Debra Thompson of Wichita Falls falls, Wayne Foster of Fort Worth, Texas, a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, many close relatives and friends.

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**MAYA ANGELOU'S PRESENTATION POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL**  
Due to illness, Maya Angelou will not be able to appear at UTPB on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. However, her visit has been tentatively rescheduled for April 12-13, 2010.  
If you are holding a ticket to this free event, please hang on to it. It will be honored on the new date for "An Evening with Maya Angelou." Please stay tuned to the newspapers, radio, and TV for the exact date and time. We regret the inconvenience

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## THIS 'N' THAT

by T.J. Patterson

**CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER ISSUES FOLLOWING STATEMENT ABOUT T. J. PATTERSON: THIS N THAT** ..... **CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER** ..... issued the following statement last Friday afternoon, February 19, 2010 ...after honoring .... **T. J. PATTERSON** ..... for years of service to the community and his leadership on the issue of Black History Month in Lubbock: "In celebration of Black History Month, I am honored to recognize T.J. Patterson for his dedication to the 19th Congressional District of Texas, as well as his leadership in honoring Black History Month in Lubbock."It is a privilege to know T.J. and to have served with him

on the City Council. T.J.'s many accomplishments and active role in Lubbock's fight against illegal drugs have made him a pillar in the community and a role model for young people.

"His message to us is that Black History is every day, not just one month out of the year. T.J. is a hero, a public servant, a man of character and a faithful man of God. On behalf of the 19th Congressional District, including myself, I thank T.J. for all he has given and continues to give our community."

**THANKS FOR ALL OF US! THIS N T HAT** ..... wants to ..... **THANK** ..... everyone for attending the .... **BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM** ..... at the Patterson Library ..... last Friday morning.....Also ... a special

thanks to .... **CONGRESSMAN RANDY NEUGEBAUER** ..... for his efforts... As usual ..... the works of the .... **BOBBIE GEAN & T. J. PATTERSON LIBRARY** ..... for their dedicated work for this program..... **THIS N T HAT** ... is most appreciative of what has taken place ..... and it reminds all of us of what ..... **WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER OVER THE YEARS!!**

**VERY GOOD EXHIBIT OF PHOTOGRAPHER EUGENE ROQUEMORE! THIS N THAT** ... wants to say ..... **CONGRATS** ..... to the .... **ROOTS HISTORICAL ARTS COUNCIL AND THE SOUTHWEST COLLECTION** ..... featuring the photographs by the late ..... **AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN** ..... during the 1950's and 1960's..... The exhibit ..... has been a part of the city's ..... **AFRICAN AMERICAN CAN HISTORY MONTH**.... The exhibit is still being shown at the .... Formby Room of the .... **SOUTHWEST COLLECTION LIBRARIES**.... The theme is .... **"WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN."**

**FRANK STURZL RETIRING! THIS N THAT** ..... learned that a very good friend ..... **FRANK STURZL** ..... executive director of the Texas Municipal League ..... will retire ..... effective October 31, 2010. "After 22 years, it is simply time to do this and move on," he said in a memo... He has been a member of the TML staff for 31 years.... He has done much for Texas and TML!!

## THINK ABOUT IT!

"It's True In 2010 Even In Lubbock, Texas!"

by Eddie P. Richardson

This is Black History Month February 2010 in Lubbock, Texas it would Be a lot more precious if a lot of things were different and in good taste we have some problems that could and should be different. We have to face and accept things as they presently are and put all of our efforts into making things better now and even better as time goes by, by having a positive mental attitude and taking as our personal creed if it is to be it is up to me and live by it with our total body and soul.

There is still a lot of work to be done still and live by this legacy individually and collectively I want to be remembered as a person who stood up to injustice, who wanted a better world for young people; and most of all, I wanted to be free and wanted others to be free, and my fight will continue as long as people are being oppressed. There still can be a

day when we will true freedom; a day when people "will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character" to quote Dr King:

"A day when we can all get a long regardless of our race. This is not a dream. It is alive within the ability of all of us."

In Lubbock Texas a multi-cultural, multi-racial city in 2010 we have a lily white all middle aged middle and upper class White male charter study committee committee in this day with the population make up of this city this it taxation without representation even thou there are females, of various races and creeds also males of different races religions and creeds imagine what this will look like many years in the future and the impression it will reflect on Lubbock with generations to come. It is not to late to rectify this problem by expanding the study committee to make it give a true picture of the real

Lubbock collectively reflecting the real Lubbock.

In this day and time our sources reveal to us a real bad problem in Lubbock close to our office these reports has been come down for a long time they have all been bad down at the Ponderosa tenants being mistreated, in many ways truck loads of furniture etc filling all the trash containers in the neighborhoods our sources inform us of modern day slavery situations down at the Ponderosa its alleged that people work out their rent for years and still do not know much back rent they owe it's alleged that renters furniture is taken to furnish others apartment one thing the Digest knows is there are many problems from the many reports we have received over the years one thing for sure is when you hear the same story the same version over and over the same way as the old story goes where there is smoke there is fire.



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## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard

anything can tell you that



It appears that we are not only living in a technological age, but a very negative age. It is difficult any day of the week to listen to people talk, look at the television or internet and maybe one out of ten items of supposed interest is positive. Even the weather has been in the negative vein lately; snow in forty-nine states on the same day. Only Hawaii had no snow on that particular day.

Snow for one thing should remind us of that old saying about "...as pure as driven snow." It reminds me of Jesus Christ. There is no one else on this earth that comes to mind when I think of purity. There have been some great and precious people whom I have known in my lifetime who came close, but I know of none whom have been pure. All of God's human children have flaws. We were all born with some, though some of us seem to have some that are worse than others. Be that as it may, very few of us are qualified to 'cast the first stone.' Yet, everyday, some person in the 'fishbowl of public opinion' is attacked by the media and John Doe.

Going to jail and serving time for a crime is not seen in the eye of the public in any way as hav-

ing been rehabilitated. Poor Michael Vick served his time and came back to play in the sport which had earned him fame, fortune and notoriety. He was rehabilitated enough to be signed up with a professional football team and earn that team's honor as player of the year. The media and John Doe are upset because he has the ability to earn a fortune, again. What would have happened if it had been human beings who were being hurt and sacrificed in fighting instead of dogs? Humans fight to the death sometimes and some die as a result of

figths. Is there anyone crying out to stop the figths and wrestling where humans are maimed and too often die or suffer debilitating ailments from fighting? Where are the protesters? Are dogs more valuable than human beings?

Then there is Tiger Woods. He cheated on his wife. One would get the impression that he is the first man to cheat on his wife. History says that a President of the United cheated on his wife. He was impeached and kept his office until he was not eligible to keep it any longer because the people loved him.

## TWO OF LUBBOCK'S GREAT MEN

by BROTHER ASKARI



**T.J. PATTERSON** was Honored by Congressman Randy Neugebauer, Mayor Tom Martin, Councilman Floyd Price and others who appreciate integrity and sincere commitment to human excellence and opportunity. T.J. Patterson a **TRUE SERVANT and MODEL** for all of us in the service of being a gateway for human progress. This man is one of my mentors. My other mentor is his partner and friend for over 35 years Mr. Eddie Richardson. These two men have **MOD-**

Tiger Woods has taken leave from his job because his following was only with his job. The world has not shown him the kind of empathy that it showed the President who cheated. He flaunted his wealth and power to do as he pleased, which was his natural right to do. This is a case of attitude deciding the altitude at which you soar. As soon as the word was out, the advertising dollars came to a squeaking halt. His ability to earn money on the golf course has probably not been diminished, but his image has been tarnished for the long haul, though he made an apologetic public gesture on this past Friday. The media has decided that it was not sincere. We must all get 'in cinque' and look into our hearts and not be the first to 'cast the stone.'

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for us to live better lives as a people in this city. The way these two great men run the **SOUTHWEST DIGEST** makes it more than just a **NEWSPAPER.** These two men find places for people to live. They reach in their pockets and help people financially. They help people with city officials. They run ads in their paper for community events and they write articles for people in our community at the expense of not being paid just because of the great big hearts they have. They even run ads for people who only come to them when they want something for nothing. In fact some of the people who take advantage of these two **GREAT MEN'S** good nature and hearts didn't even show up to Mr. Patterson moral support when a White congressman came all the way from Washington D.C. to acknowledge one of this strong team of **GREAT Black MEN.** I know that Mr. Patterson and Mr. Richardson both appreciate all of conscious minded people who did show up but I can not even print what I think about the fakes who only show up when they want to **MIS-USE** these two **LIVING GREAT BLACK MEN!!!!**

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The nightly worship will begin at 8:00 p. m.

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### Thank God For Jesus Continued from Page 3

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Ephesians 5:20 --Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Two of Lubbock's Men Continued from Page 5

These two men being my mentors have often told me that THE GOOD, BAD, AND THE UGLY AMONG US ALL WILL GET WHAT THEY ALL GOT COMING. They have continued to encourage me to continue working for the betterment of our living condition **MENTALLY, MORALLY AND HUMANLY.** I am always humbled by their wisdom and that is why I will always encourage the readers of my article to **CELEBRATE THE GREAT PEOPLE LIVING AMONG US!** EDDIE RICHARDSON AND T.J. PATTERSON ARE

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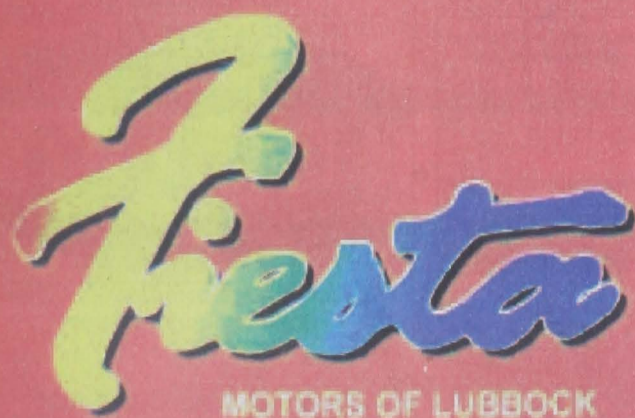
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